

JUGHEADS

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Ultimate Club Banquet

5th annual dinner & awards ceremony

Our 5th annual Ultimate Club Awards Banquet was held at Davanni's in Edina on 10/25/08. The banquet featured a formal recognition of Jugheads training for Ultimate Club; U.C. members; and letter winners.

Both of our 2008 high school grads (**Ryan Towey** and **Asher Wallen-Friedman**) delivered live or emailed speeches to their prep. school peers. 4th year professional instructor and newly named U.C. Coach **Jon O'Connor** addressed the crowd of 52 with his experience with and vision for the club; Wendy's video-editing skills were showcased by a 10-minute highlights reel from our trip to the IJA Festival to Lexington, KY in July; and we enjoyed highlights from stage competitors **Stefan B., Ben H., Billy Watson** (Friday Club Coach), and **David U.** The evening culminated with every U.C. member being honored, with the letter winners named last: 3rd year letter winners **Ricky H. & Ben H.**; 2nd year letter winner **Sarah Z.**; 1st year letter winners **Jonny L., Jack L., Colin R., Scott S., and Brenden Y.**; and 2nd year "JUGHEADS" letter winner **Amanda R.** Former JH parent **Darcy Wiklund** volunteered to help Wendy's role of planning & hosting the overall evening. It was an honorable evening for every Ultimate Club Jughead and their years of investment as Jugheads.



First-time juggling letter winners: **Scott S., Brenden Y., Jonny L., Colin R., and Jack L.**

Juggle Jam 11: Hopkins High School!

Neighboring HS to host us May 15-16

It's official! The location for **Juggle Jam 11 (JJ11)** is the **Hopkins High School Auditorium!** After a three-year run holding Juggle Jam at Richfield High School, scheduling conflicts at RHS forced us to explore another venue. The Hopkins HS Auditorium was available for the target weekend, so we jumped at the chance to hold Juggle Jam 11 in this beautiful new space. The dates for Juggle Jam 11 are **Friday and Saturday, May 15-16**, with mandatory all-cast dress rehearsals on the evenings of **Tuesday,**



May 5 and Wednesday, May 13. For rookie families, Juggle Jam is our annual all-company, pull-out-the-stops juggling performance where every Jughead member performs with his and her after school club as well as in two all-cast production numbers. Please mark your calendars and reserve these four dates!

U.S. Election 2008

Company, State, Nation

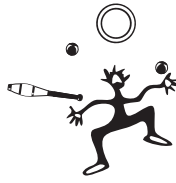
Patriotism and citizenship are among the values reinforced through JH. During the week of Oct. 27-31, we held our own election for U.S. President and U.S. Senator from Minnesota. Guidelines: every Jughead was eligible to vote once; the voting booth and ballot were designed for anonymity; each youth had the right to abstain from voting; and the coaches couldn't vote. 111 Jugheads cast votes for president; 104 for Senator. Compare the percentages below alongside the votes cast in Minnesota and nationwide:

U.S. President	Jugheads	MN	US
John McCain	41%	44%	46%
Barack Obama	50%	54%	53%
Other	9%	2%	1%
U.S. Senator (MN)	Jugheads	MN	US
Dean Barkley	6%	15%	N/A
Norm Coleman	45%	42%	N/A
Al Franken	43%	42%	N/A
Other	6%	1%	N/A

CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Monday Rec.

Most "popular" club increases focus

Monday is the new Wednesday! The focus, age range, and increasing standards for Monday Rec. Club is about where Wed. Advanced was just a few years ago. Being our youngest club, Monday Rec. naturally has the highest demand for membership, with rookies coming from summer juggling camps, recruitment by friends already in the club, or both. Due to an unprecedented five (5) veteran assistants, we expanded this roster from 30 to 35 members this year—with seven still on the waiting list! A good indication of the club's popularity is that total beginners through Elite-level members are equally challenged and fulfilled each week, making for a diverse and happy roster. The



club has already chosen their JJ11 routine theme: space aliens! Monday Rec. Jugheads are: 3rd graders **Holly B., Nathan C., Cole K., Becker M., Luca P., Christopher R., Paul S., Michael W.** and **Ellie Y.**; 4th graders **Noah B., Jonathan C., Cole D., Will J., Quinlan K., Elise J., Grant P., Emma S.** and **Josh W.**; 5th graders **Jordan B., Frankie B., Gabriel B., Daine G., Mac G., Megan H., Alexandre M., Riga M., Corrina P., Maddie R., Henry R.** and **Emma W.**; 6th graders **Bennett B., Elizabeth S.** and **Juliana S.**; 7th graders **Nick H.** and **Sally D.** Assistants: **Danielle S.*** (9th), **Scott S.** (10th), **Joey S.** (10th), **Hanna S.*** (12th), and **David.*** (12th). *JH Officer.

JUGHEADS Community News

- **WELCOME TO NEW JUGHEADS!** **Sophie C.** and **Mary H.** are new rookie 4th graders in Friday Juggling Club; 4th grader **Josh W.** is the first from the long Monday Rec. waiting list to become a rookie.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to the following Jugheads for achieving all of the Elite standards: **Mac G., Danny G., Griffin K., Mitchell K.,** and **Grant S.** They represent a wave of young, eager talent!
- **UPDATED CLUB STANDARDS** are now posted online. The levels are Rec., Advanced, Elite, Ultimate, and Super-Ultimate. No Jughead may claim boredom with these objective goals set out for their development and advancement!
- **THE ALL-JUGHEADS HOLIDAY PARTY** is on Friday, December 12 at **Wooddale Church—Eden Prairie.** See attached info. sheet; please RSVP by Dec. 11.
- **SPACE IN THANKSGIVING CAMPS!** Juggling camps for all levels are **Nov. 24-26** from 9-Noon and 1-4 pm.
- **CORRECTION:** In the October column on club assistants, **Scott S.** should have been listed as having lettered in the 2007-2008 school year. Conversely, **Brett K.** and **David U.** were mistakenly listed as having lettered.
- **NEXT OFFICER MEETING:** 11/15, 9-Noon at Levys'.
- **Juggle Jam 10 DVD:** If you pre-ordered a JJ10 DVD, we sincerely apologize for the delay in its release. **Jeff Sholsberg**, a former JH dad volunteering to edit & produce the DVD, has run into rendering issues that is hindering its completion. We hope to get it in your hands for the holidays.

- **MADFEST 2009:** All Elite & Ultimate Club Jugheads may attend with our group. See attached registration.

Paul's Platform

"Grassroots vs. Bureacracy"

Whatever one's political preferences, I hope we can all agree that grassroots community involvement is more effective than bureaucratic, distant leadership with masses of detached followers. This applies to government, academia, religious institutions, athletics, the arts, non-profits, recreational settings, and JUGHEADS—which in some ways is a combination of "all of the above." The beauty of JH being a single-site, director-led, roster-capped, virtue-teaching, athletic and artistic organization is that we try to maximize personable treatment of the Jugheads and their families while minimizing a distant, institutional feel that may inevitably accompany unchecked growth or impersonal ambition.

As I approach 40, I find myself relying more on my club assistants and paid coaches, but I have an enduring joy of being personally connected as much as possible to all 149 Jugheads of all ages, personalities, and ability levels. At the same time, the pervasive grassroots elements that make JH so special make the experience of each member and each family dependent on the community of the company *more than* the will of the director. Just as I believe that America can't be saved or destroyed by any one earthly leader, so JH itself thrives on the collective will and efforts of its membership (and a lot of grace). Let's keep "watering" grassroots involvement at all levels of company, municipality, state, and nation!

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