

JUGHEADS

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Hopkins HS: The Official Home of JJ!

JJ12 Key Dates: May 14-15 plus May 4, 12

A brief history of our Juggle Jam (JJ) locations: As the Wise Guys Jugglers in 1995, we held our first annual show in South View Middle School's Little Theatre in Edina; our next two annual Wise Guys Juggling Shows were held in the Edina Community Center (ECC) Auditorium. We took a year off in '98 to re-vamp our identity; we then held JJs 1-7 at ECC in '99-'05. After leaving the Edina school district due to construction, JJs 8, 9 & 10 were held at Richfield HS. JJ11 introduced our company to the best venue we've ever had: the Hopkins HS Auditorium. Not only is this theatre less than five years old with our biggest stage and lobby ever, but Hopkins allows us to reserve space for future JJs up to **16 months** in advance! Hence, after JJ11, we immediately reserved Hopkins for JJ12 in 2010, and we'll reserve JJ13 dates (probably May 13-14, 2011) as early as January 2010. **Our JJ12 key dates are: shows on Friday and Saturday, May 14-15, 2010 with mandatory all-cast dress rehearsals on the evenings of Tuesday, May 4 and Wednesday, May 12.** (For future years, families and fans can count on our targeting the weekend *after* Mother's Day; we hope to give you a year's notice for any changes.) For rookie families, JJ is our annual all-company, pull-out-the-stops variety show where every Jughead member performs with his or her weekly club as well as in two all-cast routines and an individual appearance in our Awards Slide Show. Please mark your calendars and reserve these four JJ12 dates for 2010, and pencil in JJ13 for May 2011 as well!

Coach Corner: Ricky Harr

Relationships key for 10-year Jughead

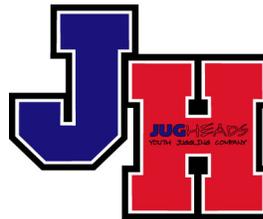
My name is Ricky Harr and I am a first year Coach for Thursday Rec. I was an assistant for this club for four years (9th-12th grades) and am blessed to have the opportunity to still be working with the children that I have grown to know and love. I am blessed to still be a member of the JH community that has been such a big part of my life for so many years (since 3rd grade). JH has been a place that has helped me physically and mentally. Physically, JH has helped my body pick up a skill that I was born without: depth perception. The doctors could not believe that I was able to juggle lacking this ability, but the people in JH were always there to push me further and to strive for excellence. This brings me to my next point, helping me mentally. I have always felt no matter what, JH was my home away from home. When



my father died on 9/30/08, I knew that the friends I have made in JH would be there for me and I was right—they always were and always will be there for me through both good times and bad. One thing that I believe is so important at JH is not being the best juggler but the relationships that are made. For example, I do not consider myself one of the better jugglers, but the one thing that I am so grateful for are the fantastic relationships that have been built over my 10 years as a Jughead and hopefully the many more that follow. This company will be a part of my life long after I am gone, and I know that the relationships that I have built will stay with me for life.

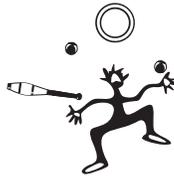
Ultimate Club Awards Banquet

6th annual dinner & awards ceremony



Majors Sports Cafe in Golden Valley hosted this year's Ultimate Club (U.C.) Banquet on Oct. 24. Highlights: formal recognition of Jugheads training for U.C.; U.C. rookies, members, and letter winners; participants in the IJA Youth Showcase; IJA medalists in Juggling,

Numbers, Juniors, and Teams. Live or emailed speeches to their prep. school peers by **Hanna S. Brett K. and Sarah Z.** (JH Class of '09); new U.C. **Coach Billy Watson** (JH Class of '07) addressed the crowd of 63 with a retrospective of his experience as a Jughead and as an international competitor; pro juggler and IJA videographer **Ivan Pecel** created a custom-made DVD of our IJA stage routines which were highlighted on the big screen; 5th year professional instructor and 2nd year U.C. **Coach Jon O'Connor** set up our viewing of the Teams gold medal routine, commenting on the preparations for and euphoria of the experience; and **Wendy Arneberg** once again demonstrated her gift of hospitality by organizing the entire event with **Paul** serving as the emcee. The evening culminated with Jon and Paul honoring each individual U.C. member, naming the letter winners last: 1st year letter winners **Sean C., Joey S. and Silas W.**; 2nd year letter winners **Jonny L., Jack L., Scott S., Hanna S. and Brenden Y.**; 3rd year letter winners **Amanda R. and David U.**; and 4th year letter winners **Ricky H. and Ben H.** Coach Jon received an honorary IJA gold medal as the coach and visionary for our JJ11/IJA routine, and all gold medalists and Jugheads who attended Winston-Salem with our group received a gift copy of the DVD by Ivan Pecel. It was an evening honoring the years-long commitment of our top Jugheads



CLUB SPOTLIGHT: Monday Rec.

Young club continues to come of age

Coach Scott Richter has come full circle: he was an 8th grade rookie in Monday Rec. seven years ago, and now he brings fresh energy as a weekly coach in this entry-level (but maturing) club. This club ranges from 4th year Jugheads with all of the Advanced standards to rookies who can't yet qualify three balls, but all the kids seem equally happy with the co-ed, all-comers atmosphere. Two rookie boys separately observed, "I now *like* Mondays, because I get to come to JUDGEHEADS!" With strong assistants; an upgrade to warm-ups with clubs for qualified members; lots of goals for technical progress; and lots of ideas for both our JJ12 routine and specialty acts for the 5th annual EYJA Winter Showcase, Monday Rec. is a weekly taste of some of the best things this company has to offer.

JUGHEADS Community News

- **WELCOME TO NEW JUGHEADS!** **Andy O.** joined Thursday Rec. after MEA Camp, at which he had fun qualifying three rings even before three balls!
- **CLUBS HAVE BEEN PRODUCTIVE** lately, featuring warm-ups for all levels; nearly daily workshops; and a week of endurance contests in late October. Elite & Advanced Club each did a 5-Ball Endurance Contest; **Jack L.** beat his PR by achieving 23:28 with 5 balls (7:07 off of Ben Hestness' all-time JH record set one year ago).
- **MEA CAMP SKILL-SURGE:** Our MEA Camps had great focus and records at all levels. Rookie **Spencer P.** qualified three clubs after trying all day; 1st grader and future Jughead **Cole S.** qualified four balls; 3rd year Jughead **Gabriel B.** saw persistence pay off by qualifying five rings and four clubs; **Meagan N.**, honorary Jughead, qualified six rings and flashed eight balls; and 2nd year Jughead **John S.** qualified both five rings and six balls. See you at Thanksgiving week camps!

- **SPACE IN THANKSGIVING CAMPS!** Juggling camps for all levels are **Nov. 23-25** from 9-Noon and 1-4 pm.
- **THE ALL-JUGHEADS HOLIDAY PARTY** is on Friday, December 11 at **St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School in Edina.** See attached sheet; please RSVP by Dec. 10.
- **Extra copies of DVDs from JJs 6-11** are available for \$25 each. A great gift idea for people unfamiliar with our show or those looking to add to their JJ DVD collection!
- **MADFEST 2010:** All Elite & Ultimate Club Jugheads may attend with our group. See attached registration.
- **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:** **Silas Wallen-Friedman**, 18 on 11/6; **Kellen Stempel**, 18 on 11/7; **Eric May**, 13 on 11/10; **Matthew Douglas**, 15 on 11/12; **Stefan Brancel**, 18 on 11/14; **Brian Willenbring**, 14 on 11/14; **Alayna Bowlin**, 12 on 11/17; **Olivia Magnuson**, 10 on 11/18; **Ray Smith**, 11 on 11/23; **Shannon Hughes**, 17 on 11/27; **Christopher Olson**, 17 on 11/27; **Drew Sposeep**, 13 on 11/27; **Blake Otterlei**, 14 on 11/28.

Paul's Platform: "Winsome Humility"

I daresay that the virtue of humility is perhaps the most winsome human trait, yet its arch-enemy (pride) is the easiest human sin. Cousins (siblings?) of humility include gratitude, repentance, meekness, helpfulness, self-sacrifice, asking forgiveness, love, and thankfulness. Yes, it's the month of Thanksgiving, but the "family" of humility-related virtues should be practiced year-round. Greeting someone by their name rather than a grunt is a small act of humility (honoring the other person); no greater form of humility exists than laying down one's life for (also *living* one's life for) another person.

One of my favorite yet convicting Bible verses is "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble" (Proverbs, James, 1 Peter). Whether seeking favor from God or from people, humility is the key, and it's one of the key virtues we promote year-round at JH.

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