

JUGHEADS

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18th School Year=Record Numbers

Company nears 150 members

For years, **Director Paul Arneberg** has maintained a cap on enrollment for our various clubs (give or take). This year, even clubs with traditionally low enrollment are full (e.g., Thursday Rec.), so our company is officially larger than ever! Not to fear; the “quality control” is still in place with a healthy ratio of coaches & student leaders. Also, 77% of the membership has juggled in at least one Juggle Jam (our annual production in May), making for a high retention rate.

Here are some other demographical stats for this year:

2011-'12 JUGHEADS (JH) Company Stats At-a-Glance

2nd Graders:	1	8th Graders:	20
3rd Graders:	8	Freshmen:	11
4th Graders:	16	Sophomores:	17
5th Graders:	15	Juniors:	8
6th Graders:	22	Seniors:	10
7th Graders:	21	[Graduates:	39]

Total Current Jugheads: 149

Avg. Jughead Grade: 7th/8th; **Avg. Jughead Year:** 3rd/4th

Returning Jugheads: 115; **Rookie Jugheads:** 34*

*This includes those who have never been in a Juggle Jam.

Boys: 100 (67.1%); **Girls:** 49 (32.9%)

Sets of Siblings: 28 (totaling 62 Jugheads)

Edina Public Schools: 106 (71.1%); **Non-E.P.S.:** 43 (28.9%)

Cities of Residence: 16 (Bloomington, Burnsville, Chaska, Eden Prairie, Edina, Excelsior, Golden Valley, Hopkins, Minneapolis, Minnetonka, Plymouth, Richfield, Roseville, St. Louis Park, Savage, and Shorewood)

Coach Corner: Meet the Men

Two right-hand men (both JH Class of '07) and a specialist work alongside **Paul Arneberg** as the leaders of our clubs and supervisors of our 15 student leaders (8 Assistants and 7 Volunteers):

MULTI-DAY COACH SCOTT RICHTER started his juggling endeavors in 6th grade by learning from the book *Juggling for the Complete Klutz*. Scott became an older Jughead rookie in 8th grade and made U.C. in one year. During his five years as a member, Scott developed a keen interest in performing and teaching through his service as a student leader and his prolific character performances in solo and duet routines. In 2007, Scott became our first weekly coach, serving for three years before a sabbatical in 2010-'11.



MULTI-DAY COACH KELVIN YING began juggling with JH in 1998-'99 when we were still “The Wise Guys Jugglers.” After taking months to learn three balls, he advanced steadily and made U.C. by 7th grade. As a prominent student leader, Kelvin grew to love teaching by assisting at Girls' Elite (now Friday Rec.); spearheading the creation of the Winter Showcase; and co-student-directing U.C. (with former coach Billy Watson). Now as a weekly coach, Kelvin is passionate about promoting the JH mission: “Developing Youth Through Juggling.”

SPECIALIST COACH JON O'CONNOR is in his 7th year working with U.C. Teaming up with Coach Kelvin, Jon's focus is to build a new team of expert passers and performers. A pro juggler & actor, Jon toured for 25 years as one-third of The Flaming Idiots, and he's currently working with his new trio, The Mighty Hindenburgs. Jon has been married to Stephanie for 15 years.

Home-State IJA Festival Highlights

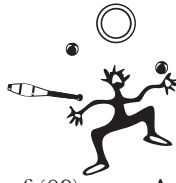
Rochester Rocked by the Jugheads in July

The 16th annual team of Jugheads traveled to the International Jugglers' Association (IJA) Festival. Rochester, MN was the site of many highlights, thanks to our chaperones: **Katherine Carney, Jennifer Collins, Rich Lovdal;** Coach **Billy Watson;** Director **Paul Arneberg;** and Trip Organizer **Wendy Arneberg.**

1. **JOGGLING:** The Jugheads members, grads, coaching staff, and even a mom had our strongest showing at IJA Juggling: 46 medals! Age group world records were set by the girls' relay team of **Maggie A., Grace B., Hannah B., and Sydney P.:** 1:17 in the 4x100, and 8:01 in the 4x400. Grace also set a girls' world record in the 800m: 2:47! **Chris L.** was part of the men's world record relay team with :55.82 in the 4x100, and **Coaches Billy and Paul** retained their age titles in the 1600 (5:42) and 800 (2:50), respectively.

2. **YOUTH SHOWCASE:** **Eli K., Forrest M., Las Chicas & El Chico,** and **Amaretto** all received appreciative reactions in the show Paul founded in '98. Las Chicas & El Chico and Amaretto also performed in the IJA Benefit Show to raise funds for The Boys & Girls Club of Rochester.

3. **TEAMS: The Ultimate Club (aka “The Jugheads”)** won the bronze medal despite a 24-hour delay in the results. Originally ranked 4th, further scrutiny by IJA officials revealed a numerical tie (to the 4th decimal place!) with the Austrian duo **D & D Passing.** After throwing out the high & low judges' scores, our top team was named bronze medalists during The Cascade of Stars. The gold went to “our own” **Coaches**



Stefan Brancel (Class of '10) & **Ben Hestness** (Class of '09) as **Showy Motion**, juggling a highly technical and character-driven duet many have called the best routine they've ever seen!

4. **ROCK THIS TOWN:** 41 Jugheads were bussed down from Edina mid-week to juggle with our 37 full-week Jugheads to kick-off the IJA Welcome Show with the largest-ever performance of "Rock This Town" outside our annual Juggle Jam (JJ). The kids were treated like celebrities in many ways, including having our JJ13 cast photo made into an official 2011 "IJA Trading Card"!

5. **WORKSHOPS:** **Coach Paul** co-led two workshops: "Keeping Youth Motivated" and "How to Run a Juggling Club." Both featured mutual encouragement for youth juggling workers.

6. **NUMBERS:** **Sean & Brenden** won bronze with duo club passing (10 clubs, 183 catches); **Stefan, Sean & Ben** won gold in trio club passing, with a new IJA record: 15 clubs, 232 catches!

7. **GAMES:** A favorite IJA event, the Games winners aren't as well-documented, but the Jugheads' presence was felt as usual!

8. **THE CASCADE OF STARS:** **BS Squared** (Salt & Pepper + Showy Motion, or Brenden & Sean and Ben & Stefan) juggled a brand-new routine to an amazed audience during the final show.

Welcome Notes

• Welcome to 34 rookie Jugheads!

MONDAY REC. CLUB: **Mallory A.** (4th); **Will A.** (2nd); **William A.** (4th); **Eva D.** (3rd); **Nathan D.** (3rd); **Brady E.** (4th); **Ilsa F.** (3rd); **Cooper H.** (3rd); **Lily M.** (4th); **Nate P.** (3rd); **Simon R.** (3rd); **Holly S.** (5th); **Tony S.** (5th); **Cole S.** (3rd); **Ryan S.** (3rd); **Ian T.** (6th); **Joel T.** (6th); **Audrey W.** (4th); **Maddie W.** (5th).

THURSDAY REC. CLUB: **Mitchell A.** (6th); **Danny M.** (7th); **Grant M.** (12th); **Max S.** (8th).

FRIDAY REC.: **Linus B.** (6th); **Evan C.** (7th); **Emerson E.** (5th); **Christopher H.** (3rd); **Caleb K.** (8th); **Erik M.** (3rd); **Kayla M.** (4th); **Lauren M.** (6th); **Annie R.** (12th); **Simon T.** (8th); **Ben V.** (6th).

• **Congrats** to 11 Ultimate Club rookies! They are: 8th grader **Grant S.**; freshman **Forrest M.**; sophs **Jonah F.**, **Nick H.**, **Sydney P.**; juniors **Grace B.**, **Hannah B.**, **David K.**, **Jens St.**; and seniors **Maggie A.**, **Lauren S.**.

• **Student Leader Retreat:** 9/17, 9-3:30 @ Wooddale-EP.

• **Ultimate Club Banquet:** 10/8. Look for emailed invitations.

• **A Monday Night Performance Club** may be starting up in October led by **Coach Jon O'Connor**. Stay tuned for details.

• **Jingle Jam (JH Holiday Party) is 12/10.** Save the date!

• **School Release Day Camp forms** are attached to this newsletter. Dates: Oct. 20-21; Nov. 21-23; Jan. 16 & 30; Mar. 9.

Paul's Platform: "Make Your Time Count!"

Another year is upon us, and by virtually every measurement, we're riding on a wave of success and nostalgia seldom seen in our company's history. Juggle Jam 13 (and three seniors teaching juggling at gym classes in May) led to our most active summer camps ever, the biggest IJA trip ever, and now our biggest company ever. While we'll miss the large Class of '11 as well as the former coaches, we have a strong leadership team eager to continue reaching high and reaching out. To the 115 "veterans" returning from JJ13, as well as to the 34 rookies exploring their various niches as Jugheads, I say: make your time here *count!*

Whether you're a Jughead for a single year or a decade, the time will prove to fly by when all is said and done. *Take advantage* of every chance to be involved, from attending Jingle Jam to creating a routine for the Winter Showcase to going to camps & festivals as time (and money) allows. Every club day, every season, every year, and every individual career offers such promise. Learn to *initiate* your goals, ideas, involvement, progress, and friendships. Don't sit back and wait to be helped or to advance or to make friends; *ask* for help and *start* friendships. If you dream to be a student leader or a Juggle Jam soloist or to graduate as a Jughead, let the coaches, assistants & volunteers *help* you.

I've heard it said, "The world belongs to those who show up." Kids, "show up" this year. Whether you stop juggling by the end of middle school or you juggle through senior year, end with your heads held high—with no regrets.

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