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MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the AYYA is to provide a venue for players and collectors to come together in fellowship and to engage in the promotion of YO-YO playing as an art form and a sport, for both amateur and professional players. It is also to render assistance to fellow YO-YO players and collectors; to provide an accessible source of information about YO-YO people and events; to conduct as many competitions as possible across the nation; and to establish uniform standards for running AYYA sanctioned competitions for all levels of skill from the novice to the professional.

So you want to start a yo-yo club? Our success story.

By: David Brunner - AYYA Treasurer

I just wanted to share with everybody my experiences in starting a yo-yo club down here in Florida. In September of 1998, myself and a couple of friends, Josh van Dalen, and Gloria van Dalen, had been talking with each other about starting a yo-yo club for the area. I was really getting into yo-yoing and had just started touring with Yomega/Bandai on the KBee Toys Tour through HPK Marketing and was gaining skill fast.

It was these new tricks that I was learning that showed me that there is more than "Walk the Dog" and "Rock the Baby", which most people knew already but never had heard of such things as "Brain Twister" and "Split the Atom". So we set out to form a yo-yo club.

We first tried to get a room at a local church, but that was difficult getting a room we needed. So we then went to the local parks and recreation department, which has civic centers and community centers throughout the county. Each park had a large meeting room in which to hold our yoyo club. All I had to do was find an open time, and to sign a "hold harmless" agreement so that they would not be liable in case a kid got hit with a flying yo-yo or something. We were then set with a time and a room which was FREE to use !!

I then turned to Pat Miller, the regional director for HPK Marketing, about using the Yomega/Bandai Pro Spinner program at our club. They had levels set out to move up in rank and get onto Team Yomega and onto THP, so we went with their program and were off.

The first few weeks we started out with about 30 members, of which half were from our church friends that we invited. Of course, they then told their friends, and so on before we were up to 50 by 4 weeks. At that point, I called the local newspaper and told them of this great yo-yo club. Well, since nothing like that has ever been in this area, they came out with a reporter and a photographer to get shots of the action. Needless to say, after the article came out in the major Tampa paper, the students started coming in droves!

The club officially started in October of 1998 and by December of 1998 we had over 200 members.

At this point, the room we were meeting in only held 185 people so we had to find a larger room. I then went back to the county department and they moved us to the largest room in the county which holds 700 people. Well, for your information, a 700 person room translates into about 200 yo-yo players taking into consideration your yo-yo safety zone. So this room was just perfect for our needs and it had high ceilings too!

As our club grew and more people came, I would randomly do "bring a friend night". If they brought a friend who has never come before, I would give each free yo-yo string. These nights would usually pump up the numbers by 20-30 new members. I would also do fun nights where we would have freestyles to music, guest speakers such as Dennis McBride, Chris Ciosek, Alan Amaral, Alan Nagao, Rick Osborne, Al Hill, and many others including THP Player Dave Shulte. We also played games like 10 person drag racing where you would do runaway dog and the first one across the line won a prize. We also have done light up shows in the dark, mega team demonstrations, skits, any many other fun yo-yo nights to keep the interest up in the club.

Of course with the increasing numbers I had to delegate teaching over to the kids who were at a higher level of skill. The better players would teach the newer players and the cycle of teaching would continue. Currently we have formed 35 Team Yomega players and one THP Player from our club alone. My current membership is over 700 members, but we usually average about 100-125 per week in attendance, which is plenty !

We were fortunate enough to have Yomega/Bandai sponsor our club and give us the trick levels so that the members would have "goals" to achieve. However, there are other companies out there with similar programs. Spintastics has the "Team Spintastics" program in which you earn patches as your skill level increases. What's Next Mfg./BC Yo-yos has a 4 level program now as well where you can make your way onto the Extreme Team using classic wood yo-yos. So as you can see, there are many options for your club.

I encourage anyone who lives in an area where yo-yos are popular, but there is no club to give it a try. It doesn't cost you any money, just time and devotion to share you skills and knowledge with others and to give back what has been given to you.....the joy of yo-yoing.

"The Book of YO By Neil Feser"

A book review by Don "Captain YO" Watson - Charter AYYA Member

The Author: Neil Feser is a high school counselor and author of "Challenging College", a guide for students in planning their further education. Neil has also written creative material for the Smothers Brothers and other artists, and magazine and journal articles. At various times an actor, hypnotherapist, speaker, lecturer, and workshop leader, Mr. Feser is well qualified to write on philosophy, and especially to have created this unique work; The Book of YO.

In the late '80s, the Smothers Brothers did a second period of their television comedy shows.

In that series, Tom Smothers emerged as "Yo-Yo Man" with Dick Smothers (straight man extraordinaire) as "The Voice of YO". In that same period Tom Kuhn, well known to yo-yo players for his popular No-Jive 3-in-1 and other great yo-yos, and Tom Smothers came together as the foremost definers and practitioners of the philosophy of YO. Mr. Feser conceived the idea of using history-based fiction to cloak YO in the wisdom of ancient Chinese philosophy. He did that originally with a few pages which were used in a sketch for a Smothers Brothers TV special, again in the late '80s. And here, a decade later, we have the remarkable fruits of his work in his new book - a mind-expanding literary source for Yo-Yo players and all who choose to enjoy. Be aware, this is not a book of yo-yo tricks or yo-yo history.

Tom Smothers provides a Foreword giving us new ways to think about and enjoy "Yo-Yo Man" and

his thoughts about the yo-yo - its connections to fun, laughter, and living a happy and rewarding life. Tom Kuhn follows with an Introduction, his early days with the yo-yo, his fascination with the form-and-function beauty of wood in the creation of the toy. Much of the philosophy of YO and some beginning thoughts about the "State of YO" are provided here by Tom and Tom. They are joined on the cover with a few words by their YO friend Dale Myrberg, one of four living recognized National Yo-Yo Master Award recipients.

The body of the book intermixes three literary and graphic elements: sections of prose by the author, sections of verse by "Yo Tzu", and Chinese seals and calligraphy by Steven Jian Chen of the Purple Bamboo Studio, Cypress, CA. The presentation of the seals and calligraphy provide a pleasing environment for the prose and verse. Pleasing to the eye, pleasing to the mind; and so such a book should be.

In "Beautiful Beginnings", Neil presents many thoughts to introduce the "almost spiritual state known as YO" and the philosophy of YO. "What attracts people to stop and join in the fun and fascination of watching a yo-yo trick? Do they seek entertainment or sense something deeper, richer?" Elsewhere, it has been written that mentioning the yo-yo to others invariably brings a smile to the face of the listener. The thread of ancient Chinese wisdom is woven into our considering questions and circumstances of these kinds, and we are introduced to Yo Tzu who may have lived some 300 years B.C.E.; Before the Christian Era. Neil gives us a definition of The State of YO as "that balance point where everything seems to work, fit and flow." It is clear from his text that this applies to performing tricks with the yo-yo and in finding a similar balance point in the complexity of our lives. Powerful stuff. Yo Tzu, the philosopher Neil has created, speaks to us. Hear Yo Tzu's first words:

"In a mountain valley
a yo-yo leaves the hand of a child.
In a hut by the sea
one returns to wrinkled fingers."

In that simple word picture, we learn that the yo-yo brings together the widest range of ages. Child and elder may be apart in distance, but they are together in YO. Is there another toy that does that? Games maybe, but toy? It is in the natural power of the yo-yo to bring together all ages in yo-yo fun, friendship, and mutual learning. And so we begin with Neil Feser and Yo Tzu to learn of The State of YO and more broadly the philosophy of YO. You are invited to look for more. An example from Neil: "Every day, scientists happen upon newly discovered 'secrets' of the universe. These secrets were not created the day before the discovery. They have waited patiently for our understanding to grow to them." The philosophical point: educate yourself, train yourself, use your education, use your learned skills; solutions to problems will unfold before you, obstacles will disappear. Another example from Yo Tzu:

"The only thing to seek
at the top of a mountain is the
foot of a more beautiful mountain.
Enjoy your mountain."

The philosophical urging: In YO, having learned a new move, a new trick, move on to the next even better move, better trick. Grow. In life, having accomplished, move on to the next task, the next problem. Accomplish. Grow. YO! All the while, remember to grasp as much fun and enjoyment as you can with your friends and associates in what you do with life along the way.

These are among those thoughts the book has given me. There are many more for any reader to find.

The book has a prominent place in my library. I hope it finds its place in yours. Happy days!

The Book of YO

Neil Feser - Insight Presentations

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YO-YO Periodicals

By: John Stangle-AYYA President

There are several ways to learn about YO-YO's. One of the ways is to use the internet and search the search engines for YO-YO pages. Several years ago there were only a hand full and now a good search on the internet will return hundreds of hits.

I have always told people the easiest way to learn about YO-YO's is from a YO-Yoer. The second best way is from Instructional Videos and the hardest way (at least to learn tricks) is from a book.

Now many people do not have another Yoer around and some do not have video tape players. Then what? Books and magazines.

There are several Periodicals now available for the YO-YO Enthusiast. I will list them below:

YO-YO Times

YO-YO Times was around before me and many of the current players. It is a great newsletter that provides loads of information and new tricks. Always printed on Canary Yellow paper you know immediately when it arrives in your mail box. For more information contact:

YO-YO Times

Mr. Stuart Crump

Post Office Box 1519

Herndon, VA 20172

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Fiend Magazine

Fiend Magazine is dedicated to the promotion of YO-YOing and Juggling. The third issue is now available and it is packed with articles, tips and other YO-YO information. Also included are great advertisements in FULL COLOR from many of the YO-YO Manufacturers about their newest products.

Fiend Magazine, Inc.

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Tallahassee, FL 32303

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YO-YO World Magazine

This is the newest YO-YO Magazine to be released. The magazine is produced by H& S Media, Inc. who is very well known in the Magazine Industry. Lots of COLOR and photos. Great articles, tips, tricks and much more.

YO-YO World Magazine

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6 issues \$24.95

1999 World YO-YO Championships

Honolulu, Hawaii

August 20th to the 22nd 1999

By: John Stangle-AYYA President

No one really knew what to expect. The event was AYYA Sanctioned but the information available was hard to find and the information found was not very thorough. Flight to Hawaii, hotel and meals. Somewhat an expensive trip to go play with a YO-YO but we gave it a spin.

I traveled with my girlfriend and Vice President of my personal company YO-topia via United Airlines from San Francisco, CA. We got to Honolulu early Thursday afternoon so we could relax a little before all the contest things start on Friday.

As soon as I got in the hotel all I wanted to do was be a tourist. I wanted to go scuba diving, sailing, swimming, snorkeling and see lots of shows, not to mention a luau. Then Lauri reminded me that we only had two days for that kind of stuff the next week and that I was in Hawaii for the World YO-YO Championships. With a little cold water I was able to concentrate on the event.

First, I made contact with Bill deBoisblanc, Cliff Coleman and several others. Then we got directions and off we went to see Waikiki. It was not quite what I expected. This was my first trip to Hawaii and I saw more concrete than plants. In fact it was a bigger city than where I live. Kinda a bummer as I had hoped for more stereotypical type of a Hawaii.

Friday morning we went snorkeling then had to cut it short to set out AYYA Newsletters and Applications including helping Spintastics set their booth up at the event.

We got to the event several hours prior to the doors opening. It was held in the Honolulu Convention Center. Real nice new building with lots of Glass walls (always notice that when going somewhere to YO-YO). We were able to get a friend to let us in the still locked doors. As we entered we could see the check in counters ready to go (just like a toy convention), we went through the entrance doors which opened into a huge auditorium.

The first section of the auditorium was a large square pattern of Manufacturers and Sponsors booths. One side of their booths were for retail sales and the other side (inside the square) was for Commercial Customers.

High Performance Kites (event coordinators) had planned to make all the attendees pass by the Manufactures booths first then hold them in an area for the World Ranking Qualifications.

After getting by the booths the auditorium opened up to the stage area. WOW! Huge black stage with huge logos of all the manufacturers on the backdrop. Lots of colored lights and the sound system was cranking.

Centered in that area was a Video Camera attached to a huge mixing station for both sound and lighting and the video being shot. There was a short opening ceremony and the event was closed for the night.

Saturday was here. We got to the event an hour prior to it starting. Because we were helping Spintastics we had badges that allowed us in early. Everyone else was starting to gather at

the registration booths outside the now guarded entrance doors. A little late but the doors did finally open. In you went to an area that offered event shirts, pins, sweatshirts, string cutters and much more. As people started to fill this area up they opened the path to the Manufacturers booth.

Wow! What a YO-YO Sale! All the manufacturers had their newest items to show off and sell along with their current lines. Most of the owners of the companies were in the booth to answer questions and to support their products. YO-YO World was there giving away free issues of their magazine and several manufactures had special collectors models and event logo models for sale.

Also, most of the manufacturers Team Members were in the booths to sign autographs and explain about the different products they represented.

As the attendees made it by the Manufacturers they were guided into another area to try their skill in the World Ranking. Just about everyone gave it a try. Interesting concept and lots of giggles and smiles while trying to show off their stuff!

Finally to the stage area. This was the main area of gathering for the day. There were only about half the seating needed so many stood at the back and others found places on the floor everywhere else.

There was always something going on the main stage and the floor area was so crowded with players and their yo-yo bags it was almost crazy. YO-YO's flying everywhere, team shirts everywhere, trading and swapping going on and so much more.

FOX Kids TV showed up Sunday with a huge boom camera that was up and down and all around the stage and audience area. Rows of video cameras were running all day and finding a place to charge your battery also became a challenge.

The competition itself was so great. People we knew, many we did not, all having fun and YO-YOing. So many different countries and styles that you could not even keep it straight in your head.

Off the string, on the string, regeneration's, double crossover shoot the moon and so many cool YO-YO tricks. We mainly hung out at the Spintastics booth and watched the huge Television Screen they had focused on the action.

Sunday after the contest there was a dinner with all you could eat. Special prizes were awarded and you could have found out anything about YO-YO's in that room. It was upstairs from the event in the Convention Center so that was nice.

We had a good time and look forward to the 2000 World YO-YO Championships.

Tri-Flow Hysteria

By: Bill deBoisblanc -AYYA Board

(The following article does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the AYYA. The AYYA neither recommends nor promotes the use of potentially toxic substances for yo-yo lubrication)

I have done some limited research that convinces me that Tri-Flow Lubricants are as safe as most similar products. A review of the MSDS sheets for many other products you find around the house including your fluoride tooth paste, Joy liquid detergent, Liquid Paper and certainly most all other lubricants for automobiles and bikes would lead one to

believe these products should also be listed on the Il Yo-Yo Web news (ed. note: Infinite Illusions Web Board at

www.yoyoing.com/news/index.shtml) as toxic. If you want to get educated on the relative risks associated with common household items from aspirin to Castrol 10-50 motor oil go to some of

the MSDS web sites and check them out for yourself. However, don't get hysterical when you see that some things you ingest daily like toothpaste and soft drinks have known animal carcinogens in them.

When using any grease or oil lubricants and hundreds of other products it is certainly wise, if not good hygiene, to wash your hands after use. If you don't like the odor of Tri-Flow Grease or oil, because it makes you sick, by all means don't use the stuff. The oil is more volatile so it should be used in a well-ventilated space if you are concerned that even a short-term exposure while oiling a bearing is a danger to your health.

The hysteria over the "risk" associated with exposures to Tri-Flow Lubricants while lubing a yo-yo bearing is ridiculous and represents a classic example of well meaning but untrained people interpreting a document they don't fully understand. First of all the referenced MSDS (ref:) posted on the II Web Board is for another Tri-Flow product "Liquid, Formula M050727" and is not for either the grease or oil lubricant that are sold at bike shops. The correct MSDS for the TRI-FLOW SUPERIOR LUBRICATION with TEFLON oil that comes in the 2 oz. squeeze bottles can be found at: <http://www.siri.uvm.edu/msds/h/q360/q276.html>.

This product appears to be much less hazardous and the MSDS indicates the only route of entry that poses a health hazard is from "Ingestion". I could not find the MSDS for the Tri-Flow grease on the Internet so I contacted the manufacturer, Sherwin-Williams Minwax Division, and was faxed a copy. Although FLEX-T no longer markets the stuff now, its old web site is still up at . This site is worth visiting since it gives the part numbers for both the oil (21010) and grease (23001) that are helpful in figuring out which MSDS goes with what product. Sherwin-Williams has maintained these part numbers for these products. If you want copies of the MSDS's from Sherwin-Williams contact them directly at (216) 566-2902 or send me a self-address and stamped envelope and I will send you copies of each.

The purpose of a Material Data Safety Sheet (MSDS) is to evaluate the risks of exposure to this material in a worst case industrial setting such as manufacturing, cleaning up a spill or putting out a fire. For some of the items, it assumes exposures of 8 hours a day 40 hours a week. The level of risk reported is often is elevated whenever products are heated during manufacturing, mixing, blending or packaging since the vapors can be aspirated into the lungs. Since the Tri-Flow grease does not vaporize until it is heated to over 700 degrees F, dangerous

fumes should not be a problem while lubing your yo-yo. An MSDS document simply can not be used to determine the risk associated with the prudent use of a product by a consumer.

Although I'm not a toxicologist, I have worked with MSDS documents for over 25 years in my day job with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District in San Francisco and have used them to evaluate the relative toxicity of solvent formulations. This limited experience does not qualify me to interpret the details of these documents. However, I have a Ph.D. toxicologist on my staff who has reviewed the MSDS for Tri-Flow Lubricant-Liquid, Formula M050727 and she has concluded that in normal use this material is not very toxic and normal precautions should minimize any risk from its use. Note that I had her look at the MSDS for the wrong product, thanks to Steve's error, not the considerably less toxic product that is sold in stores.

The MSDS for both the oil and grease that are being used to lube bikes and yo-yos do not list any data for rat kills so let's assume, probably incorrectly, that all

the Tri-Flow products have a similar toxicity as does Formula M050727. The MSDS indicates that the LD50-LC50 (i.e. the lethal dose where more than half the rats die) is something greater than 5 grams per kilogram of body weight. This is a huge dose, according to the toxicologist, and the "greater than 5 grams" means, in her opinion, that few if any and certainly no where near half, of the rats died after being force fed the equivalent of a 110 pound (50 kg.) THP kid eating 2.5 tubes of Tri-Flow Grease at one sitting. For me it would be 4.25 tubes, yum yum.

Now lets compare the MSDS for Tri-Flow

product, Formula M050727, with those for Colgate Tooth Paste, Liquid Paper Correction Fluid and Windex Glass Cleaner. All of these products are listed as having a Chronic Hazard (long term); Slight Acute Hazards (short-term) and all recommend Eye, Skin and Respiratory protection while handling. So before you brush your teeth tonight be sure to wear your goggles, a long sleeve shirt, and a respirator. Obviously these MSDS warnings are for handling these products while they are hot and volatile, under pressure, on fire, or in some other adverse industrial situation. They are not evaluating the risk of applying a drop of the oil or a small dab of grease to a yo-yo bearing. Note that Colgate toothpaste not only contains fluoride but also sodium Saccharin, a listed animal carcinogen with a LD-LC50 of 0.886 grams and a kill rate of 94% of the rats exposed. Liquid paper contains Methyl Chloroform a suspected carcinogen. Tri-Flow lubricants contains no known carcinogens and have no known LD-LC50 level since they stopped at 5 grams per kilogram since it is inhumane to give the rats a higher dose. The primary odor of Tri-Flow grease and oil comes from the N-Amyl Acetate that is added. Sounds like pretty bad stuff but it is artificial banana oil and it is added to some food products for flavoring and to other common household products including fingernail polish and leather polishes as a fragrance.

If you can believe those MSDS sheets for the actual Tri-Flow products being used to lube yo-yo bearings: 1.) Part No. 23001 Tri-Flow High Performance Lithium Grease with Teflon, and 2.) Part No. 21010 Tri-Flow Superior Lubrication with Teflon they appear to be much less hazardous and pose only a minimal danger not unlike hundreds of other household and automotive products that are in everyday use.

In conclusion, since Tri-Flow lubricants are chemicals you should minimize your exposure to them by taking reasonable precautions such as washing your hands after use. When applying the Tri-Flow oil

do so in a well-ventilated place especially if you have a pre-existing respiratory problem that might be aggravated.

The only real danger presented by both the Tri-Flow grease and oil products would be from ingesting them. So don't lick your fingers after lubing your bearings, wash them thoroughly and by all means keep these products out of the reach of children who might like the taste. This goes for the Drano, Liquid Paper, toothpaste, Windex and possibly peanut butter. Another safety tip. Don't mix products that contain chlorine with ones that have ammonia in them. Unfortunately, this is done everyday in many households and is a much more serious health threat than any problem the prudent use of Tri-Flow lubricants could possibly cause. I like to think that yo-yo players aren't stupid and that they would take normal precautions when handling any product like Tri-Flow that admittedly contains some dangerous compounds. By the way, if Vaseline Lip Therapy works for you by all means don't use the Tri-Flow products. In my humble opinion, the Tri-Flow products not only work but also are relatively safe unless you insist on eating mass quantities of the stuff.

Please Help My Loops!

By: Dale Oliver

The question that I get most often from advanced players is "How do you do good consistent repetitive loops?" So see, you're not alone. I consider the 'simple' inside loop to be in the top five hardest tricks to master. OK, here we go;

#1. Practice only good loops. The instant they wander, stop and start over. When you get really good at them, then you can correct and recover, but until then, you need to train that hand and arm to do the same right thing over and over until it becomes automatic.

#2. The yo-yo should be tilted about 6% to the outside (that's just about like this /) .

(For the left hand, like this \.). This is a control tilt which keeps the string in contact with the side of the yo-yo. If the yo-yo is straight up and down, it can roll to one side or the other too easily. Start your first throw with this tilt and continue it.

#3, The loop is not a throw, it is a pull. When you start, the yo-yo should go down toward the floor, then out and then return toward your hand. Try just letting go of the yo-yo behind you as you bring your hand forward. This pulls the yo-yo forward. Then just stop your hand and watch what happens. Depending on the speed of the pull, the yo-yo should whip past (over) your hand and take off on another orbit but not quite make it back to your hand the second time. The only power you need to put into the loop is what is needed to complete the trip back (not very much at all). This is best accomplished by doing an inside wrist roll that starts BEFORE the yo-yo returns to the hand which gently PULLS the yo-yo around the hand while imparting that little extra power to keep it in orbit. Precise consistency is the key.

#4. Yo practice, Yo practice, Yo practice.

#5. See # 1.

Good luck, it took me six months.

FIXED AXLE - Old Skool Tips

Sweet side, Sour side

By: Dale Oliver - Charter Member

If you don't know what this refers to, read the Dec. '95 issue. For Transaxle players, the sweet side can have an effect too, but in reverse. One of the biggest problems in using a Transaxle yo-yo is getting it up at times. The sweet side that makes a standard yo-yo work better will make a Transaxle harder to get up....so.....if you are in a Transaxle competition, better to try the trick on the sour side (particularly on tricks like around the corner) so it will be more responsive on the return. Also in this vein, most transaxles can be adjusted to be more responsive by varying the number of wraps around the axle. The more wraps, the more responsive. You'll also give up some smoothness at the same time but for some tricks, it can be worth it.

New Products Update

By: John Tate

Since April of this year, quite a few yo-yos have come out. Various trends in design are becoming prominent; grip surfaces are becoming sturdy starbursts, Rubber Performance Rings, or Cork Break Pads. Interchangeable axles, additional rim weighting, and adjustable gaps are just a few more innovations.

The company that makes the Aerobie (Superflight) has introduced their first yo-yo, the Aerospin, a plastic ball-bearing yo-yo. it features a gap adjustment by twisting and rubber rings on the rims.

All Custom yo-yos now incorporate Performance Rings, a pair of rubber rings to grip the string better for excellent response. The smaller-than-usual Chain Reactor and Reactor both take advantage of this new system. The Chain reactors is in the modified shape and weighs 49.3g; the Reactor is a butterfly of 57.3g.

Duncan has entered the Transaxle world with the Trans-Axtion. Unlike any previous Duncan model, it is take-apart, made of polycarbonate plastic, and has a plastic sleeve transaxle for longer sleeps. The modified-butterfly shape allows for easy string tricks and more looping control than most butterflies. Duncan plans to introduce a new line of ball bearing yo-yos in the future. (Update: Duncan is also introducing a entirely new line of Ball Bearing YO-YO's. These are the Ballistic, which incorporates and new system of adding weight to the yo-yo via small metal balls, the Avenger, an open faced, rim-weighted yo-yo, and the ORB, a light-up model with multiple colors of LED's. All three are ball-bearing.)

Henry's has 4 new yo-yos coming out. All will have the adjustable gap and take all 4 axles of the Axys system: the Shockhead (wooden fixed), Slider (plastic trans), Woodoo (wooden trans), and Speed Explosion (ball-bearing trans). The Lizard will be plastic with rubber rim rings, and it will come with the Slider axle. The Cobra will be like the current Viper except for plastic hubs and the Slider axle. The new Viper will be changed to fit the axles also. The Tiger Snake will have plastic hubs, the Slider axle, and rubber cushioning rings on the outside. The Coral Snake will be the same but will carry the Speed Explosion axle and aluminum hubs. The Tiger and Coral Snakes are designed to loop and regenerate well.

Playmaxx has released the Profire (51.8g) and Profire GT, both which have a brass Transaxle and break pads. The Videyo will have all 4 axles (brass fixed, wooden fixed, brass trans, and ball-bearing trans) and feature side plates that show a Playmaxx demonstrator performing one of ten tricks. It will come in a plastic case; all other Playmaxx plastic yo-yos now come in hang card packaging.

Spintastics has now changed all of the yo-yos to starburst grips. The new SpinWizard is a ball-bearing auto-return yo-yo, allowing beginners to attempt tricks requiring longer sleep times. The Tornado 2, 60.3g, has rim weights like the Tigershark to increase sleep times. The Sidewinder Spin Top features polycarbonate plastic and a ring for added rim weight along with replaceable tips.

Super Yo has started to make many of their yo-yos with the Intelligap adjustable gap system. The Invader, Typhoon, new Sonic Spins, and the Nitro feature this new innovation. The Turbo Tread now has a wood axle, and the Nitro features the same shape but with a ball bearing. The Wildcat (55.6g) is a butterfly-shaped model with a wood axle; the Typhoon (47.5g), also butterfly, has a ball bearing and rim rings. The Invader (61.2g) is a glow version of the Sonic Spin. The Renegade (62.6g) is a ball-bearing version of the Triple Play, having the ability to change into 3 configurations as well as containing rim weights.

Team Losi has introduced two new lines in addition to their regular line. The A-line will have halves of a tough polycarbonate plastic; the Da Bomb weighs 57g and the Cherry Bomb 54.6. A-line colors are green, blue, and white. (ED Note: The A-Line colors are pearlescent, which gives them and added luminescence under sunlight or stage lighting.) The Silver Series involves a chrome coating of the plastic halves, making starburst wear virtually nonexistent and adding much class and style to the yo-yo. The SS Cherry Bomb weighs 52g; each pair of weight rings adds 2.9g. Replacement halves will be sold for the regular line for about \$3.50 a pair.

*(All weights were taken from Jim's Weight Chart online as www.altel.net/~fivestring/chart.htm)

Yo'ers Forum

(This is where we publish some of the various letters the AYYA receives and includes responses that were received to the question. Got something you'd like to tell the YO-YO World about or something you would like to see discussed? Write it in to the AYYA's Yo'ers Forum. If it stays in good taste, we'll print it).

Hi Folks,

I have a friend who says she has the first Duncan YO-YO ever made.

The Story: Her Grandfather was a friend of the founder of Duncan YO-YO and gave him the first one off the line. It has been in a safe deposit box for many years. She said it is walnut, about 3 inches across and has a small brass plate with her Grandfathers initials on it. She wants to sell it on eBAY and wonders what to ask for it.

Does this yo-yo have value to collectors? I'm 65 years old and yo-yo with the grand kids, who gave me a new yo-yo with a brain and a leather holster to keep it in for Christmas.

I placed second in my first contest in 1947 but could never begin to keep up with what these kids are doing today. Fantastic stuff. Anyway, she needs the money and I told her I would ask around and see if it was worth anything. Any suggestions?

Thanks and Kindest Regards

Del Lonnquist

fortune@mtsky.com

Lucky Meisenheimer responds:

This is an interesting story but I'm afraid would be not accepted by most collectors without firm documentation. Duncan did not have a factory which produced yo-yos until 1946, but he began selling yo-yos in 1929. Prior to 1946 the yo-yos (made of maple) were produced for them by wood turning companies so it would be unlikely that there would be a first off the line as described. If there was some documentation, like a letter from Duncan with the yo-yo, stating that it was the very first Duncan yo-yo then this would bring an extremely high price at auction. If there is no documentation, but a first model, then the yo-yo would still have some significant value. This would depend on the on the seal and the condition. The seal is the imprint on the side of the yo-yo. If you could email me a photo of the seal and the exact diameter of the yo-yo then I could give you a better idea of it's value. If there is only a brass plate and no seal then the yo-yo has virtually no value other than a fond memory for the owner.

Duncan did make an oversized walnut yo-yo in the late 50s and early 60s with a brass plate for engraving but this was 3 decades after his "first" yo-yo was produced.

Hi my name is Mikayla and I am doing a project on yo-yos in school. I was wondering if you can tell me the world champion for 1970, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, & 79 please. If you can't please e-mail me with a link I can use please. Thank You!!!

Lucky Meisenheimer responds:

I am not aware of a formal open world yo-yo championship being held during these years. Many individuals since the 1930s have claimed the title national or world yo-yo champion. Most never competed in any tournament it was just a title that the yo-yo company that they worked for bestowed upon them. In the 1930s almost all of Duncan's yo-yo demonstrators were called world champions. If two were working the same area one would be the national champ and the other the world champ.

If tournaments were conducted they were usually sponsored by a particular company and there

were often restrictions on who could enter and the brand of yo-yo used.

The American Yo-Yo Association is the only player oriented organization that does not have ties to any particular Yo-Yo company. We have standardized tricks and rules for running tournaments so that there is consistency in all areas of the country. We are considered the governing body for yo-yo competitions.

We have tracked AYYA world records and National and World Champions since 1993. Although others may claim National and World titles the only ones that we recognize are the ones listed by the AYYA. Plenty of individuals may claim titles but if the title is not an AYYA title it carries little clout in most players minds.

Hello, My name is Gordon Grant, and live in Malvern, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. There are currently no yo-yo clubs or societies anywhere near my place of residency. I would like to invite anyone living in my residential area to please contact me so that a club could be started. I am an avid, inveterate, and experienced yo-yoer. Any helpful information concerning my aspirations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you very much.

Surf331745@aol.com

Steve writes:

Thank you very much for the great listing on the page. Guess it is good to have a state that's first in the USA Alphabetically with a city that begins with "B". We are really excited about our kickoff meeting next week. We are already in contact with various pros in the South east to come perform at our quarterly meetings. This has all been made possible because of the AYYA. Thank you very much. STEVE MrPiano24@aol.com

Technical Tips

By: John Tate

A few days ago I discovered a way to increase the life of break pads by a long way. It isn't really my original idea (I'll explain later).

The spokes appear to be the only parts that wear, so I put little slips of card stock stuck to the underside of the spokes. The pad doesn't stick on really well, but an old pad will loops terrifically, saving you money. I had hear of a recommendation online to just apply more 2-sided tape, but the spokes are the only part that really needs to stick out.

Upcoming Events

September 25th 1999

Fresno, California

6th Annual West Coast Regional

YO-YO Championships

AYYA Sanctioned

YO-topia Toys and the Fashion Fair Shopping Center will be holding the 6th Annual West Coast Regional YO-YO Championships at the Fashion Fair Mall Center Stage 4841 North First Street, Fresno, CA 93726. The date of the event is September 25th 1999 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will follow the AYYA Tricks and Rules except for one change: A) Beginners Division: If we have a Tiebreaker we will ask for a Gravity Pull Off (most in one min.).

Also we will only have compulsories for Expert and Championship Divisions. There will be a Championship Freestyle Division open to everyone following the AYYA Tricks and Rules guidelines.

The event will start with Registration at 9:00 AM and Judges Introduction at 10:00. Beginners Division will start at 10:30 AM. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third Place

Finishers. You can also pre-register at any time at the Shop & Save Customer Service Center at Fashion Fair. For a cool flyer about the event contact the Fashion Fair Mall directly at (559) 224-1592.

Also the Fashion Fair Shopping Center is having a YO-YO Giveaway program for several weeks prior to the event offering Free Spintastics Custom Logo Technics for the event. See the Customer Service Counter at the Fashion Fair Mall for giveaway rules and information.

John Stangle - AYYA President will be Emcee of the event and will be providing demonstrations at Schools on Friday prior to the event. If you want your school in Fresno included please contact the Fashion Fair Mall at (559) 224-1592 right away as the schedule is booking up fast! You can also contact John Stangle yotopia@yotopia.com

September 25, 1999

Mesquite, Texas

Spin City II YO-YO Contest

The Spin City II Yo-Yo Contest will be held at the Town East Mall in Mesquite, Texas on September 25th, 1999 starting with Registration at 1:00 and contest starting at 2:00 PM. There is no Entrance Fee. For more information contact Val valerieyo@spintastics.com

September 25

Rockville, MD (DC Metro Area)

Bauer Drive Yo-Yo Show & Competition

The Inaugural Bauer Drive Yo-Yo Show & Competition will take place on Saturday, September 25, 1999 at the Bauer Drive Community Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville, MD 20853 (Washington, DC Metro Area). Registration opens at 10 a.m. Featuring: "That Yo-Yo Guy"--Dick Stohr, AYYA Board Member "Professor Yo-Yo"--Stuart Crump, Jr., Editor-in-Chief of Yo-Yo World Magazine and publisher of the Yo-Yo Times Newsletter. "Yo-Yo Sparky"--Lew Newmeyer, 1938 DC Metro Champion and 1996 National Yo-Yo Champion, Advanced Division

September 25th

Mesquite, Texas

Spin City II Yo-Yo Contest

AYYA SANCTIONED

Spintastics Skill Toys, Inc. has sponsored the Spin City II Yo-Yo Contest to be held on September 25th at the Town East Mall, Mesquite, Texas. Registration will begin at 1:00 PM with the contest starting at 2:00 PM. The event is free and there is no Entrance Fee. For more information contact Valerie valerieyo@spintastics.com

October 2nd 1999

Chico, California

National YO-YO Championships

(AYYA has requested to Sanction event)

October 2nd will be the day for the 1999 National YO-YO Championships (one of the best attended YO-YO Contests in the World). This event will be held in Chico Downtown Park in Chico, California. The best information is located at their web site at:

www.nationalyoyo.org/main/index_contest.html

Need a ride from Glendale, CA. to Chico? GREAT DEAL!

Steve and Kathy Hirsh have arranged for a Luxury Tour Bus to transport YO-YO Folks. The bus will be leaving on October 1st at 8:00 AM from the Eagle Rock Plaza (2 and 134 Freeways, Near Glendale, CA). They have arranged for Fast Food Lunch about noon then as an ADDED BONUS they

will visit the Hershey Chocolate Factory (en route) with arrival in Chico, CA (HOME OF THE NATIONALS) at 6:00 PM. They will leave at Midnight on the 2nd (Saturday) for a relaxing Luxury ride back to the Eagle Rock Plaza with arrival time at 8:00 am on Sunday October 3rd. For more information about this great trip contact Steve or Kathy at (323) 255-5515 IMMEDIATELY!!!!

October 6th 1999

Santa Rosa, California

10th Season Opener EXTRAVAGANZA! LBC VARIETY SHOW - Luther Burbank Center for the Arts - John Stangle will be providing a 5-10 min. YO-YO Demonstration (with Light Up's and Firefly's) on the Main Stage during this event. Celebrities like Tommy Smothers have been invited. Lots of fun.

Visit the Luther Burbank Center for the Arts Web Site at www.lbc.net/childrens.html (LBC Center for the Arts) or you can purchase your tickets from BASS Outlets Most Tower and Warehouse locations or (707) 546-BASS (415)762-BASS or Order online! On the Internet www.basstickets.net

AOL members: Keyword: BASS

October 9th 1999

Woodland Park, Colorado

Wrinkle in Time YO-YO Contest

John Higby of Team Pro-Yo will be at A Wrinkle in Time Toy Shoppe, 180 North Highway 67, Woodland Park, CO. You can call (719) 687-4409 or e-mail at A_wrinkleintime@yahoo.com. John will be doing a demo and then judging the contest with catagorie4s for all levels. The contest will be using Pro-Yo rules.

October 16th 1999

Colorado

Pikes Peak YO-YO Championships

Got this information and will have updated information soon. Sorry for the lack of state or actual address but you can contact the event promoter if you need.

Pike's Peak Yo-Yo Championships happening on October, 16 1999 at Colorado Kite & Ski at 10 am.

Yo-Yo pros WILL be there, although not completely sure which ones. I know we will have John Higby for sure, and possibly John Gates, Chris Neff, and/or Dale Myerberg. For more information, (trick lists, events, directions, hotel info., etc.) please contact me at Colorado Kite & Ski at 719-633-6227 or e-mail at Colorado Kite & Ski mountainbreeze@email.msn.com.

October 30th 1999

Morro Bay, California

Southern California Regional

YO-YO Competition

The Sky's the Limit, will be hosting the First Annual Southern California Regional YO-YO Competition on October 30th. 1999 at 601 Embarcadero, Morro Bay, California. There will be the following division: beginner 12 and under, beginner 13 and up, novice, intermediate and advanced division. There is also going to be an expert division but the tricks are still pending.

For more info. (i.e. prizes, trick list, location, etc.) contact Ellison Westling or Ted Shaw at (805) 772-3915 at The Sky's the Limit. The event promoter has been working very hard with the local kids so competition might be tough! This event is also sure to be fun as it is right in the heart of FUN, SUNNY Morro Bay, California. This event will be held outdoors at the Marina Square mall, at 601 Embarcadero, in front of the Blue Skyy cafe.

Ellison at the Sky's the Limit has WEIRD COOL flyers if you need so give him a call! He would love to tell you about the event and Lodging arrangements available in the area. Plan an extra day to shop and check out the town! Bring a Camera and tell them the AYYA sent you!

October 30th 1999

Münster/GERMANY

German Masters 1999

The German Masters 1999 YO-YO Competition will be held at Saturday October 30th in Münster/Germany. It is being held by the German YO-YO Association (GYA). For more information please contact: Friedrich Bachmair, c/o LUFTIKUS, Kurze Str. 8, D-48145 Münster or you can call at: phone ++49 251 47615 fax: ++49 251 46883. You can also contact e-mail Friedrich Bachmair dm99@luftikus.de or visit their web site at www.luftikus.de

July 8th 2000

Bakersfield, California

South West

Regional Yo-Yo

Championships

Yes, I know this sound unbelievable, but I am already setting up the South West Regional Yo-Yo Championships. I have already checked with Dale Oliver to judge, and we will hold the event on Saturday, July 8, 2000. Please mark your calendar!!!! I have already booked the ballroom at the Holiday Inn Select Hotel in Bakersfield, CA and if necessary, the Bakersfield Convention Center. The event is planning AYYA Sanctioning. For more information you can contact Jeannette at (661) 322-9874 or email Jeannette at Jtriscui@ci.bakersfield.ca.us

Results of Past Events

1999 Wilmington Delaware

YO-YO Competition

Wilmington, Delaware

A YO-YO Competition of Epic Proportions! WOW!! What a turnout! Hundreds of people traveled hundreds of miles to come and be a part of SUPER 'YO SATURDAY!! The winner of the Cold Fusion Yo-Yo was Kerry Dong-Clark from the NYU Yo-Yo Club who looped 174 times in the loop-off to outpace Dan Doran of Baltimore. The event was sponsored by Mitchell's Trains, Toys, and Hobby's.

ADVANCED (16 & UP)

1. Kerry Dong-Clark, New York, NY
2. Dan Doran, Baltimore,
3. Greg Beatty, Crofton, MD
4. Tomer Moscovich, New York, NY
5. Ken Franco, New York, NY
6. Tom Connolly, Springfield, VA
7. Maggie Krzywicka, New York, NY
7. Agnieszka Krajewska, New York, NY.

ADVANCED (15 & UNDER)

1. Matt Gillespie, Baltimore, MD
2. Brandon Meadows, Otego, NY
3. Greg Clarke, Mt. Airy, MD
4. Sean Kuhnke, Woodbridge, VA

5. Chase Smith, Baltimore, MD

6. Chris St. John, Newark, DE

7. Raleigh Booze, Wilmington, DE

NOVICE (13 & OLDER)

1. Luke Smith

2. Morgan Lightcap, Wilmington, DE

3. Jason Whiley

4. Kevin Ganc, Wilmington, DE

5. Kari Love, New York, NY

6. Chris Turner, Coatesville, PA

7. Justin Tanjuakio, Newark, DE

NOVICE (12 & UNDER)

1. Keith Geppi, Baltimore, MD

2. Jordan Geyer, Milford, DE

3. Chris Kontis, Wilmington, DE

4. John Tadler, Wilmington, DE

5. Tommy Cotter, Wilmington, DE

6. Carolyn Booze, Wilmington, DE

7. Zach Losco, Wilmington, DE

7. Robert Lynch, Claymont, DE

7. Casey Williams, Wilmington, DE

7. Laura James, Wilmington, DE - 23

BEGINNER (8 & UNDER)

(Participants in Alphabetical Order)

Ban Betteridge, Wilmington, DE

Robert Carpenter, Landenburg, PA

Evan DiMarzo, Pennsville, NJ

Daniel DiSanto, Wilmington, DE

Mark Kuhnke, Woodbridge, VA

Brian Malizia, Wilmington, DE

Andrew Mercante, Wilmington, DE

Peter Olsen, Kennett Square, PA

Jake Siekieron, Wilmington, DE

Josh Siekieron, Wilmington, DE

Devin Thomas, Bear, DE

Vista Ridge Mall, Lewisville, TX

The contest was held on February 20, 1999 at Vista Ridge Mall and sponsored by Yo-Yo Madness and Spintastics drew 56 contestants and was a great success.

Congratulations to the following winners:

BEGINNER - 8 & under

1st - Andy Heermans

2nd - Ryan Dansby

3rd - David Dansby

(all perfect scores and into tiebreaker)

NOVICE - 11 & under

1st - Bret Kenny - Perfect score

2nd - Luke Davie

3rd - Colton Davie

NOVICE - 12 & up

1st - Cyrus Bararian

2nd - Terry Price

3rd - Daniel Brown

ADVANCED - all ages

1st - Brad Kenny

2nd - Michael Carpenter

3rd - Jerrod Heemond

EXPERT - all ages

1st - Jason Serrenho

2nd - John Ando

3rd - Michael Cason

(Jason and John were tied in compulsories, then TIED in a loop-off with 148 loops...then moved on to tiebreaking tricks)

HOUSTON YO-YO CONTEST

Location was The Woodlands Mall, The Woodlands, Texas (Houston area) at 3:00p.m. Sponsored by Igor's Dugout and Spintastics Skill Toys, Inc. Judged by Dale Oliver and Valerie Krantz.

The Houston Yo-Yo Contest sponsored by Spintastics and held in conjunction with Igor's Dugout in The Woodlands, Texas was a great success. 45 contestants from the Houston area competed. The results were as follows:

Beginner - 9 & Under

1st - Cody Reichert - age 8

2nd - Sarahbeth Lester - age 9

3rd - Johnaton Weeks - age 7

Junior Novice - 12 & Under

1st - Nick Gilligan - age 11

2nd - Scott Smith - age 11

3rd - Marco Urioste - age 12

Senior Novice - 12 & Over

1st - Laith Kosa - PERFECT SCORE

2nd - Brant Huett - age 14

3rd - Ryan Gostic - age 12

Junior Advanced - 12 & Under

1st - Riley Lester - age 13

2nd - Brian Baumanis - age 14

3rd - Zachary Ralston - age 13

Senior Advanced - 13 & Over

1st - Tracy Jones

2nd - Justin Earnest - age 16

3rd - Doug Loven - age 15

SPIN CITY II YO-YO COMPETITION

Dallas, Texas/ Spin City II Yo-Yo Competition was held 12/19/98 at Spin City II in the Valley

View Mall. There were 45 contestants that entered the contest. The event was Judged by Valerie Krantz, Sponsored by Spintastics Skill Toys, Inc. and Spin City II, Dallas Texas. The results are as follows:

Beginner Division - 9 & under:

1st Bret Kenny - age 8

2nd - Andrew Navarro - age 7

3rd - Kristin Lopez - age 7

Jr. Novice - 12 & under

1st - Robery Yu - age 11 (Perfect score)

2nd - Michael Cason - age 12

3rd - Wesley Peart - age 12

Sr. Novice - 13 & over

1st - Brad Kenny - adult

2nd - Cody Saiz - age 14

3rd - Matt Porter - age 14

Advanced - all ages

1st - Austin Waung - age 14

2nd - Nathan Brunner - adult

3rd - Sawmon Shirazi - age 16

Expert - all ages

1st - Jason Serrenho - age 18

2nd - John Ando - age 12

3rd - Chris Larson - age 11

1999 Towneast Mall Competition, Dallas, Texas

May 22nd, Town East Mall, sponsored by Spin City II and Spintastics. AYYA sanctioned. 22 contestants entered.

BEGINNER

1st - Jonan Rigsbee

2nd - Josh Perkins

3rd - Sarah Carter

JR. NOVICE

1st - Adam Wolfe

2nd - Matthew Key

3rd - Rus McCollum

SR. NOVICE

1st - J.R. Albiar

2nd - Eric Hesterman

3rd - Ryan Martin

EXPERT

1st - John Ando

2nd - Mike Carpenter

3rd - Robert Yu

FREESTYLE

1st - John Ando

2nd - Robert Yu

3rd - Ryan Martin

1999 Valley View

Mall Competition

Dallas, Texas

April 11th, Valley View Mall

sponsored by Spin City II and Spintastics. AYYA sanctioned. 7 contestants entered.

BEGINNER

1st - Jonan Rigsbee

2nd - Ashley Davis

3rd - Ryan Pinter

JR. NOVICE

1st- Stephen Nguyen

2nd - Karis Douglas

3rd - Roger Khan

SR. NOVICE

1st - Derek Olale

2nd - Cyrus Bavarian

3rd - Hiro Kaieda

FREESTYLE

1st - John Ando

2nd - Robert Yu

3rd - Otis Gray

1999 YO-YO Madness

Lewisville, Texas

Yo-Yo Madness Yo-Yo Contest held in Lewisville, Texas on May 22. AYYA sanctioned. Judged by Valerie Krantz. Congratulations to the following winners!

BEGINNER - 8 & under

1. Corey Brown

2. Tim Solow

3. Michael Lyons

JR. NOVICE - 12 & under

1. Shane Bertrand

2. Tony Sahah

3. Taylor Reed

SR. NOVICE - 13 & up

1. Russ Davis

2. Paul Ogletree

3. Cyrus Bavarian

JR. ADVANCED - 12 & under

1. Jerrod Hermans - age 10

2. Bret Kenney - age 8

3. Michael - age 11

EXPERT

1. Riley Lester - Houston, TX

2. Robery Yu

3. Jake

FREESTYLE

1. Riley Lester - Houston, Texas

2. Robert Yu

3. Michael

Midwest Regional's

Held on Sunday May 16th, 1999

Novice Division

1st Place Daniel Balogh

2nd Place Taylor Sanders

3rd Place Ben Nichols

4th Place Justin Miske

5th Place Aaron Blowers

Junior Advanced

1st Place Ben Byers

2nd Place Ben Brotzler

3rd Place Jon Karsten

4th Place Joe Signn

5th Place Jake Maloney

Senior Advanced

1st Place Dave Wells

2nd Place Jason Colwell

3rd Place Dan Stanchfield

4th Place Brian Roberts

5th Place Matt Owen

Expert Division

1st Place Patrick Heinonen

2nd Place Joel Zink

3rd Place Aaron Pierson

4th Place Matt Price

5th Place Adam Seavey

Championship Division

1st Place Matt Harlow

2nd Place Dave Schulte

3rd Place Joey Skinta

4th Place Ryan McQuillan

5th Place Dustin Haning

1999 NW Regional YO-YO Championships

Held June 19th in Puyallup, Washington.

Novice 10 and under

1st - Andrew Alhajri

2nd - Ross Zonneveld

3rd - Jordan Heaverlo

4th - Jason Keller

11 to 15

1st - Timothy Fukuyama

2nd - Drake Adams

3rd - Angie Westmark

Advanced 15 and under

1st - Andrew Melville

2nd - Logan Hughes

3rd - Jonathon Menold

4th - Jon Davies

16 and over

1st - Stephen Stryker

2nd - Katie Davies

3rd - Scott Brittan

Expert

1st - Joel Zink

2nd - Kevin Zonneveld

3rd - Ryan Zink

Championship

1st - Matt Harlow

2nd - Bob Bowden

3rd - Rob Garrison

Freestyle

1st - Matt Harlow

2nd - Joel Zink

3rd - Ryan Zink

Total of 34 competitors and one sleeper record attempt (failed).

1999 Central Pennsylvania Yo-Yo Contest Results

Beginner (8 and under only)

1st - Daniel Clothianx

2nd- Krushna Estena

3rd - Chris Beckwith

Novice (Division 1)

1st - Michael DiRamis

2nd - Matt Beckwith

3rd - Wiltan Garcia

4th - Patrick Luninger

Novice (Division 2)

1st - Curt Mclusick

2nd - Lucas Prapcho

3rd - James Gerorge

4th - Jason Maddox

Advanced

1st - Roby Farmer

2nd - Greg Clark

25 people competed in the contest.

The contest was held in State College, PA at the 100th Anniversary Volunteer Firefighters

Carnival. There were a lot of people at the carnival and many other things to get involved with. We had good location a long the through way that allowed a lot of people to stop watch the yo-yo contest. Later in the day we moved to the main stage to finish the contest and have Greg Clark did a demo for us. Due to the lack of a sound system Greg had to do his demo without music. Greg is truly one of the best yo-yoers in the area. After the main part of the contest was over we were still getting requests to enter the contest by kids that had come to the carnival a little too late. Luckily we had planned ahead for this situation and decided it would be good idea to run another competition using the Novice Division trick list based on the skill level of the late coming competitors. I wanted to make sure that every kid at the carnival had a chance to compete. The local news papers where there taking pictures, but it looks like they all but ignored the carnival in today's paper. One picture of the antique fire trucks and a lonely captioned. ;-(

I have to give a special thanks to Greg Clark and Roby Farmer. They both drove along way to come to my little contest. Roby driving 8hrs from North Carolina. Greg was generous enough to show off some of his free style moves on the main stage even with no music. I wish I could have spent more time hanging out and talking to them, but I was busy running the contest and helping kids learn the tricks for their divisions with my wife's help. Greg and Roby both went home with Team Tarkin Signature Series Yo-yos and some cool prizes from the contest. Roby taking home the Killer Bee.

I would also like to thank Fiend Magazine, Team Losi, Playmaxx, Yomega, Spintastics, Nittany Line Hobbies, and Team Tarkin for donating and sponsoring prizes for the contest. They all came up with some cool prizes and did more than was ever expected to help out with the contest. Everyone that was interested in yo-yoing was able to go home with one very cool magazine. Yes, Team Tarkin (with my money) did really donate a few cool prizes for the contest.

The great thing was that many of the kids at the contest even those that did not place took the time to thank my wife or me for doing this contest for them. One kid even tried to give me back the copy of Fiend he was given because he had decided not to compete and thought we were only giving them to competitors. You just don't see that kind of appreciation these days.

If things go well, I hope to do this again next year. It was well worth the effort.

Be sure to check out the pictures of the contest winners on my web site at www.geocities.com/Area51/Nebula/4771

Thanks...to the competitors they are the ones that a good contest great...Tarkin

PACIFIC YO-YO CHAMPIONSHIP

Held in Bakersfield on July 10, 1999 by YO-topia Toys and the City of Bakersfield Recreation & Parks Division. It was over 100 degrees at the outside venue but everyone had fun.

BEGINNER DIVISION (12 AND UNDER)

1. Maddie Wong
2. Jeffrey Clement
3. Brandon Tillman

JUNIOR NOVICE

1. Talon Somera
2. Jimmy Peterson
3. Christopher Craig

SENIOR NOVICE (13 AND OVER)

1. Eddy Bae
2. Ryan Lewis
3. Ian Byers

JUNIOR ADVANCED (15 & YOUNGER)

1. Nicky Kodama
2. Farrah Siegal
3. Ben Nunez

SENIOR ADVANCED (16 AND OLDER)

1. Joe Siegel
2. Ambri Bizek
3. Verena Erbts

EXPERT

1. Adam Dennehy
2. Sam Genchi
3. Ed Giulietti

CHAMPIONSHIP

1. Matt Harlow
2. Ed Giulietti
3. Joey Skinta

BAKERSFIELD CITY CHAMPIONS

YOUTH

1. Jeffrey Clement
2. Chris Ruiz
3. Arrmund Neal

JUNIOR

1. Frank Hercules
2. Anthony Neal
3. Jason Scott

SENIOR

1. Ian Byers
2. Max Ventura
3. Clayton Jefferson

1999 Nebraska State Yo-Yo Championship

Held on July 10, 1999 at Mahoney State Park.

Beginner Division

- 1st Antheny Canada
- 2nd Alston Canada
- 3rd Honna Moore
- 4th John Bradford
- 5th Alex Monahan
- 6th Michael Knight

Intermediate Division

- 1st Will Hutchinson
- 2nd Bobby Bieber
- 3rd Michael Morgan

4th Tanner Bussey
5th Joey Paulick
6th Chris Reynoldson
Advanced Division
1st Philip Travalent
2nd Gabe Yost
3rd Paul Sanders
4th Kyle Maxwell
5th Chris Smith
6th Ryan Voss

Mississippi Gulf Coast Yo-Yo Competition

The results of the July 99 Mississippi Gulf Coast Yo-Yo Competition, held on July 31, 1999 at Minor's Toys, Ocean Springs, MS.

Beginner 8 & under

1st Tommy DeVries, Memphis, TN
2nd Michael Butler, Ocean Springs, MS
3rd Danica DeVries, Memphis, TN

Beginner 9 & over

1st Josh Gallardo, Biloxi, MS
2nd Corey McCarra, Hurley, MS
3rd Robbie Schuman, Ocean Springs, MS

Novice 12 & under

1st John Tims, Gulfport, MS
2nd Dylan Waldrep, Ocean Springs, MS
3rd Drew Bynum, Biloxi, MS

Novice 13 & over

1st Richard Furr (13) Ocean Springs, MS
2nd John Miner (13) Ocean Springs, MS

Advanced 15 & under

1st John Tate (15) Baton Rouge, LA
2nd John Tims (12) Gulfport, MS
3rd Drew Bynum (12) Biloxi, MS

Advanced 16 & over

1st Bob Benedict, Ocean Springs, MS
2nd John Miner, Ocean Springs, MS

1999 IJA International Yo-Yo Championship

AA-Two Handed Championship Division

- 1 - Matt Harlow
- 2 - Alex Garcia
- 3 - Jennifer Baybrook
- 4 - Masahiro Tanikawa
- 5 - Alfred Pacheco
- 6 - Philip Travalent
- 7 - Jon Gates
- 8 - Tim Scalland

9 - Joey Skinta

10 - Dave Bazan

11 - Brandon Smith

A-One Handed Championship Division

1 - Joel Zink

2 - Junji Nonaka

3 - Ross Pascual

4 - Paul Sanders

5 - Tomer Moscovich

6 - Hironori Mii

7 - Andrew Conde

8 - Eric Girardi

9 - Mark Rabanal

10 - Chris Neff

11 - Tyler Richenberger

12 - David Guttenplan

13 - Nathen Smith

14 - Merle Bump

15 - Craig Ross

16 - Gabe Yost

17 - Sean McGuire

18 - Charlie Windstorm

Recreational Division

1 - Ryan Zink

2 - Ray Cebula

3 - John Brennan

4 - Jake Maloney

5 - Jason Colwell

6 - Valerie Krantz

7 - Stuart Crump Jr.

8 - Katsuyuki Umegaki

9 - Monica Bump

10 - Vince DeLaughder

11 - Tim Crump

12 - Donald Beyette

13 - Tom Canon

1999 BanDai World Championships

DOUBLE "AA" DIVISION

1st Takumi Nagase

2nd Koji Yokoyama,

3rd Masaya Shimazaki

4th Paul Han

5th Alan Batangan

6th Keita Saito

7th Keita Maeda

8th Yuji Hattori
9th Hajime Fukuzawa
10th Masataka Umehara

SINGLE "A" DIVISION

1st Joel Zink
2nd Hironori Mii
3rd Keijiro Hasegawa
4th Keiichi Kura
5th Ross Pascual
6th Joshua Van Dalen
7th Matt Rose
8th Yu Kawada
9th Andrew Conde
10th Gary Longoria

RECREATIONAL DIVISION

1st Ryan Zink
2nd Junichi Morita
3rd Nemec Marcus
4th Tadahiro Hayakawa
5th Shunsuke Yasuda
6th Gani Macaraig
7th Kazuya Kanaoka
8th Mizuho Nakajima
9th Yoshiki Yasuda
10th David Lopez

PRECISION TEAM (4-5 PLAYERS)

1st Team Heimlich
2nd Gotemba Pinochio
3rd Team 4 Angels
4th Jikkuri Kotokoto Nikonda Team
5th Mirage Boys
6th Funz A Poppin
7th Funz A Poppin
8th Team Off String
9th Florida Suns
10th Funz A Poppin

MEGA TEAM (10-12 PLAYERS)

1st Place

"Hooters (THP Hawaii)" - Ryan Kono, Cody Kiyabu, Gabriel Cabagbag, Ryan Lai, Paul Han, Eric Masumori,

Ian Hoshino, Devin Yamada, Nana Sakamoto, Casey Kodama, Allan Leal, Alan Batagan, Yves Young

2nd Place

"Junk (THP Japan)" - Keijiro Hasegawa, Koji Yokoyama, Takumi Nagase, Masataka Umehara, Junpei Suzuki, Yuki Kudo, Yuji Imatuji, Masaya Shimazaki, Keita Saito, Kazuki Abe, Keiichi Kura, and Yuji Hattori

3rd Place

"Funz-A-Poppin" - Eric Mitz, Eric Twark, Dwane Forter, Jeff Medeiros, Matt Kubera, Matt Rose, Mike Carreiro, Jon McNulty, Jerry Yuan, Joey Lacerday, Brad Durnas, Chris Ciosek

4th Place

"One Long Fut (THP Hawaii)" - Takumi Sakamoto, Davis Aquino, Gavin Ako, Sky Kiyabu, Joshua Kozuma, Keita Fukushima, Mitsuru Sakamoto, Dan Masumori, Ian Hoshino, Devin Yamada, Evan Minnick, Cassey Kodama

5th Place

"Determinators (Team Yomega Hawaii)"- Iakona Mererios, Nelson Quen, Alex Poole, Richard Liao, Gavin, Richard Shular

6th Place

Surf City Spinners - Gorki Morey, Bea Yang, William Hubner, Randle Moos, Nick Lauer, John Mayhen, Jim McNulty, Bryant Chung, Charles Falzone, Ignacio Rivera

7th Place

The Nothings - Rick Wyatt, Jason Tracy, Chuck Short, Steve Brown, Jon Gates, Dave Bazan, Dave Schulte, David Keele, Chris Ciosek, James Appleby, Ben Lee, Paul Buethe

BC Challenge - Wood Axle & Wood Body Yo-Yo's

1st Dave Schulte

2nd Steve Brown

3rd Jeff Longoria

4th Yamauchi Satoshi

5th Andrew Conde

4th Annual California State YO-YO Championships

This event was held in Bakersfield, California on September 11th 1999 by YO-topia Toys and the City of Bakersfield Recreation & Parks Division. It was held at the Martin Luther King Community Center. The event was AYYA Sanctioned and judged by Dave Bazan, Don Harrison and Jason Tracy. John Stangle was the Emcee. Thanks to Jeannette of the Rec. & Parks for all of her help making this event fun for everyone!

Beginner

1 - Garrett Lewis (5 years old)

2 - Tevin Mitchell

3 - Arrmund Neal

Junior Novice

1 - Sterling Hirsh

2 - Ivan Rivera

3 - David Elayal

Senior Novice

1 - Brian McDiffett (perfect score)

2 - Collin Calderon

3 - Ian Byers

Junior Advanced

1 - Kenneth Carins

2 - Mark McDiffett

3 - Ryan Lewis

Senior Advanced

- 1 - Bill Liebowiz
- 2 - Donald Dorroh
- 3 - Peter Micu

Expert

- 1 - Brian Imbach
- 2 - Hiromi La Blasca
- 3 - Jeff Longoria

Championship - 2 Yo-Yo's

- 1 - Kento Nishikawa (perfect score)
- 2 - Joey Skinta
- 3 - Gary Longoria

Championship - Freestyle

- 1 - Joey Skinta
- 2 - Kento Nishikawa
- 3 - Jason Quirarte

YO-YO Clubs

(Alphabetically by city)

Alameda, California

Spin Doctors YO-YO Club is being formed by, David Capurro, Matthew Kirkendall, and Cynthia

"kiki" Petit. When: Tuesdays at 3

PM and Thursdays at 2:30 PM near the Basketball Courts at Encinal High School in Alameda, CA.

For more information call David

Capurro at (510) 720-3784 or e-mail him at yoyopro@rawbw for more info.

Bakersfield, California

What: Bakersfield YO-YO Club Activities include YO-YO demonstrations, tips, instructions, games, contests; as well as help with preparations for major contest routines, showmanship, and much more.

When: 2:30 to 4:30pm on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month Where: Greenacres Community Center,

2014 Calloway Dr. Who: Any one who wants to YO-For-It*, With or without a YO-YO; Including:

1997 Masters Class World Champion And 1997 California State Champion, Jason Tracy

* Children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult!

Why: Our purpose is to involve Bakersfield area youth and adults alike in a positive activity while promoting the art and sport of YO-YOing; not to mention just a having a good time.

For more information call Blake at: (805) 392-0978 or visit our web site at:

www.btownhomepage.com/yoyo

Bear, Delaware

This club is meeting twice a month at I Qubed, Fox Run Shopping Center, 140 Fox Hunt Drive, Bear, DE 19701. The club has been set up to foster each member's enjoyment and skill of the YO-YO Sport. All members are eligible to be part of "Team I Qubed's performing group" and receive automatic entry into Yo-Fest 99. For more information contact Jim Feeney. Anyone can get information on the club by calling: (302) 832-9409.

Bedford, Indiana

The Stone City String Breakers meet every other Saturday at the Stone City Mall in Bedford, Indiana beginning at 3:30 and ending when the last dog is walked or the new moon is shot. The

4:00 "Sleep War" is held during each meeting with a prize going to the winner. The club is free for anyone with a string and a disc. Contact Mitch Sanders at 812-275-3412 or stilgrvy@dmrtc.net for more information or just to say yo!

Brandon, Florida

Brandon Pro-Spinners Club. We meet every Friday night from 8-10pm at the Brandon Recreation Center-Sadie Park. The club is free of charge and open to people of all ages. For more information, contact David Brunner at 813-671-8640 or email bandit@iol14.com

Chattanooga, Tennessee

"Extreme Yo-yo Club" meets every 1st and 3rd Sat. (Subject to change) We are located in Chattanooga TN. at Northgate mall. Phone:(423) 877-9885 and or fax: (423)877-9820. Our mission is to have fun and meet new people. We may be having contests etc... but for now we are just doing demonstrations and holding meetings. You can visit our page at Extreme YO-YO Club or e-mail the leader at: gotstring@aol.com

China, Texas

The "Henderson Spinmasters Yo-Yo Club" is a Middle School Club that loves YO-YO's. They meet at Henderson Middle School 605 Ave. B, China, TX 77613. The club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:50 AM to 9:10 AM. The purpose of the club is to learn how to yo, to practice tricks, and to have a competition. There is no cost to participate. For more information you can contact - Mike Edwards 13370 Chimney Rock, Beaumont, TX 77713 or call at (409) 753-3214 or e-mail at medwards3@hotmail.com

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Yo-Yo instructor Danny Addie has started a new club called the Spin Wizards Yo-Yo Club The club will be meeting every Saturday starting 11/21/98 at 2:30 P.M. at the Colorado Springs Police Operations Center Community Room, 705 S. Nevada Ave., Colorado Springs, CO. There will be a Registration Fee: \$5 for: youth ages 8-15. Anyone needing more information can contact Danny Addie at 719-574-7609 or Chris Brownlow at 719-578-6757. This club is Sponsored by: Colorado Springs Parks and Recreation

Dallas/Ft. Worth, Texas

The Lone Star Spinners Yo-Yo Club meets the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. Location is set at the Valley View Mall at 13331 Preston Rd., off LBJ Freeway 635 in Dallas. Meet us at the Spin City II yo-yo cart and we will move to open retail space assigned by the mall for room to YO! Players, wanna-be players, collectors, YO-lovers all welcome.

Contact Valerie Krantz at valerieyo@spintastics.com or call her at 817-868-1714 for details. Web Site: www.spintastics.com/lonestar

Divide, Colorado

The YO-PALS YO-YO Club is a new club. The club is sponsored through the Police Activities League and meets a minimum of once per month. Currently all members are beginner and we are expanding the club into the competitive ranks. For more information contact Beau Marshall Post Office Box 611, Divide Co 80814-0611. Or you can call at (719) 687-4409 or e-mail at Beau Marshall.

Hilo, Hawaii

Pro Spinners Hilo meets at KTA Super Stores Puainako every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in conference room A. We get choke kids and have "full on" fun. Email David Stringfinger Sellars at: kupukupu@ilhawaii.net

Kansas / Missouri

List of clubs in the Kansas / Missouri area. They are all many miles apart, but they share the same name.

1) Lenexa, Kansas Wind Wizards Pro Spinner Club meets on Tuesday and Friday's 5:00 to 6:45pm at 12944 W. 87th Street. Everyone is welcome and we have a dedicated yo-yo building where we teach yo-yo tricks for FREE! contact: 913-894-KITE

2) Kansas City, MO Wind Wizards Pro Spinner Club meets every Wednesday and Thursday evening, 5-6:45pm. at 6202 NW Barry Rd. Everyone is welcome and we have a dedicated yo-yo building where we teach yo-yo tricks for FREE! contact: 816-746-1197

3) Kansas City, MO Wind Wizards Pro Spinner Club meets every Monday evening at 5:00pm. at 307 Main Street contact: 816-472-KITE

4) St. Louis, MO Wind Wizards Pro Spinner Club meets every Wednesday night at 7:00pm. Crestwood Plaza Mall. Everyone is welcome and we teach yo-yo tricks for FREE! contact: 314-918-TOYS

Lexington, Kentucky

The Bluegrass Yo-Yo Club meets the last Sunday of the month from 2-4 P.M. at different library locations in Lexington. Membership is free and everyone is welcome with or without yo-yo. As of April '99 we have 122 members! For meeting location information email Bill Mahan at

wmmjr@lex.infi.net or call

1-888-SAY-YOYO (Toll-Free).

Lilburn, Georgia

This club is called YO Atlanta. It is being held the 3rd Saturday of each month. Currently they are meeting at the Five Forks Trickum Library (Forks Trickum Road and Ronald Regan Parkway) in Lilburn, Georgia. They meet from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM. Young and old are invited.

"We just hang around for a while playing and talking. Then we do a demonstration of the basic tricks used for contests. We then try and break up into small groups, and work with the members and help them perfect tricks and learn new ones." Sometimes they have video available and have been fortunate to have some prizes donated for drawings. The youngest member is 4 years old and the oldest won't tell. The club is FREE. For more information contact Bob Rule or David Devlin

Long Beach, CA

The Los Alamitos Yo-Yo Club meets in the Long Beach area every Friday at lunch. It has around 75 members. If you want to join, e-mail Noah at: renford@aol.com

Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota area

Twin Cities Spinners Yo-Yo Club Meets the first Sunday of every month barring a holiday at Detello's Restaurant, 6207 Dell Rd, in Eden Prairie, MN. For location and information, contact Mike or Mari McCabe at (612) 929-0610 or email at MCCAB001@MSUS1.MSUS.EDU

Montreal YO-YO Club, Quebec, Canada

Each Sunday between 2 and 3 we meet at the foot of the mount-royal mountain at the place also known as the "TAM TAM". Our club is open to all ages , yo-yo styles and is absolutely free.

For more information people can contact Justin Adam at 514-948-4534 or send a e-mail at :
collektor@hotmail.com.

Palo Alto, California

The Palo Alto YO-YO Club meets the 2nd and 4th Saturday or each month at the Ventura Activity Center in Palo Alto, California. For more information contact Dave Bazan at (408) 732-3320 box #9920.

Puget Sound Yo-Yo Club

For info on the club or future meetings, contact: Chris Arena, 14117 57th Ave. N.W., Gig

Harbor, WA 98332. (206) 851-5753 or e-mail: apl@accessone.com

RENO/SPARKS, Nevada

Northern Nevada Yo-Yo Club. The NNYC is currently on a seasonal hiatus, but will be hosting regular meetings soon. Please contact Chuck Short at clsyoyo@concentric.net for further information.

"Club Yo-Go" is another club holding it's meetings every Friday night at Sparks Car Wash but as of October 10th, the meetings will be held at Park Lane Mall, 310 E. Plumb, Reno (corner of Plumb and Virginia). Park Lane Mall is allowing us to have our meetings in a vacant store area which is located next to my "Yo-Go" cart - near Gottchalks. We also have been given permission to use the two window areas to use for displays, so one will be used for our "Wall of Fame" and the other to display yo-yo's and information on events, etc. For more information contact Jeannie Ellis or call (702) 828-1945!

Sacramento, CA

The Wizards of Yo meets in the Sacramento area. If you're interested, contact David Harris, 916-363-2650.

Salt Lake City, Utah

This is the New "ClubYO" and they have their own web page at ClubYO. Anyone that is interested should visit their web site link above or call them at (801) 908-0763.

San Francisco, CA / Bay Area

There is a sizable yo-yo community in this area that gets together on occasion but not on a regular basis. If you would like to hook into this network and be notified of events, contact Dale Oliver at (415) 871-4197 or email: YoPro@aol.com

Saint Albans Vermont

Jennifer's Saints meets every Tuesday at 6:30pm and Saturday at 10:00am at city hall. Every one is welcome. For further info, call (802-524-2782) or email yoyorjb@together.net

Southern California/Los Angeles

We are currently forming the Southern California Yo-Yo Club which would meet once a month, probably on Saturdays. If you would like to help with the club or are interested in attending any meetings, contact Jason Tracy. Phone:(805) 245-1320 Email: yoyo@frazmtn.com

Swansea, MA

Funz-A-Poppin'! Meets on Saturday afternoons from 2:00-3:00 at the Funz-A-Poppin' Store, 147 Swansea Mall Drive, Swansea, MA 02777. There is no fee and yo-yo enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels are welcome. For more information, Lisa funzpop@cntn.net

Tallahassee, FL

Contact Greg Cohen at Infinite Illusions, 904-385-6463. They have regularly scheduled clinics and contests.

Illinois, University of, Yo-Yo Club

Meets every Tuesday. Check their WebPages: www.uiuc.edu/ro/yoyo for details about the club and meeting locations. You can also contact Oliver Koo, the club president at koo@uiuc.edu

Victoria B.C. Canada

We meet every 2 weeks, on Monday nights at 7:30PM. Everyone is welcome! And please e-mail me if you have an interest and you're in our area. We meet at Various locations. We hope to hear from you. rdavies@pacificcoast.net or phone at 250-472-1442.

Washington, D.C.

Yo-Yo Share, Show and Practice meets the third Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 PM in the

fellowship hall of Grace Presbyterian Church at Grace and Bath Streets, Springfield, VA.

Contact Dick Stohr for info, (703) 451-3439.

AYYA BUSINESS SECTION

(This is the section of the AYYA Newsletter where the AYYA post business items specifically related to the daily functions of the AYYA.)

Annual AYYA Board Meeting

By: John Stangle-AYYA President

Each year at the Chico National YO-YO Contest the AYYA Board of Directors holds their annual Board Meeting.

This year the meeting will be held at the Round Table Pizza 2201 Pillsbury Road, Chico, CA 95973 (530) 891-1200.

Free soda and pizza will be provided to AYYA members in attendance.

We will be discussing several issues and opening the discussions to other members in attendance.

If you have some comments you would like to make please notify the AYYA President so they can allow time.

The Meeting is open to anyone with interest in the AYYA and YO-YO's.

Steve Brown Resigns

By: John Stangle-AYYA President

He resigned his position. His resignation concerned complaints regarding his perception of unfair rules at the Worlds in Hawaii, favoritism in judging, undue influence and control by manufacturers and distributors related to the contest.

"Have fun, hope this all blows over for you guys, and may the force be with you." - Steve Brown's position, which was an interim position, currently has three candidates actively seeking election to this position.

YO-YO RECORDS- STANDARDS

By: Lucky Meisenheimer, M.D. - History & Collectors Committee

AYYA World Records - Any individual can set and hold AYYA recognized world record, they do not have to be a member of the AYYA.

1. Tricks are to be preformed according to AYYA trick guidelines.
2. Records can be only set during an AYYA sanctioned or recognized event. The board can vote to recognize an event for record purposes without a sanction.
3. Record must be videotaped and submitted without edits on VHS format (non-returnable) All submitted video tapes become property of the American YO-YO Association (AYYA).
4. The contest director must witness the record and submit a statement to this fact with one other witness.
5. Once a record attempt has begun the contestant has a two-minute period to restart if needed. After two minutes no further restarts are allowed and if there is a miss it is a failed attempt.
6. Only one attempt allowed per trick per contest.

Mail records attempts to:

AYYA Records Chairman

Lucky Meisenheimer, M.D.

Suite 105

7300 Sandlake Commons Blvd

Orlando, FL 32819

How has the Board voted on recent issues?

1. Vote for new AYYA Treasurer:

Stangle - David Brunner

Stohr - David Brunner

Meisenheimer - David Brunner

Brown - David Brunner

Johnson - Lois Zink

deBoisblanc - David Brunner

Chuck Short - abstention

(5 David Brunner, 1 Lois Zink, 1 abstention)

2. Vote to purchase QuickBooks for AYYA Treasury use:

Stangle - yes

Stohr - yes

Meisenheimer - yes

Brown - yes

Johnson - yes

deBoisblanc - abstention

Short - abstention

(5 yes. 2 abstention)

3. Vote to allow the Texas FAA to use the AYYA logo in magazine article:

Stangle - yes

Stohr - yes

Meisenheimer - yes

Brown - yes

Johnson - yes

deBoisblanc - yes

Short - yes

(7 YES votes)

4. Vote to allow Sterling Publishing to print the AYYA tricks and rules in upcoming book:

Stangle - yes

Stohr - yes

Meisenheimer - yes

Brown - yes

Johnson - yes

deBoisblanc - yes

Short- abstention

(6 yes, 1 abstention)

5. Vote for new text regarding Conflict of Interest clause for AYYA Board of Directors:

Stangle - yes

Stohr - yes

Meisenheimer - yes

Buethe - abstention

Johnson - yes

deBoisblanc - yes

Short - abstention

(5 yes, 2 abstention)

6. Vote for new Board Member to replace Paul Buethe:

Stangle - Steve Brown

Stohr - Steve Brown

Meisenheimer - Steve Brown

Johnson - Charlie Windstorm

deBoisblanc - Steve Brown

Buethe - abstention

(4 Steve Brown, 1 Charlie Windstorm, 1 abstention)

7. Vote for new Board Member to replace Chuck Short:

Stangle - Bob Bowden,

Stohr - Bob Bowden,

Meisenheimer - Bob Bowden,

Brown - Bob Bowden,

Johnson - Bob Bowden,

deBoisblanc - Bob Bowden

Short - abstention

(6 Bob Bowden)

8. Vote to celebrate National Yo-Yo Day the 1st Saturday of June each year.

Stangle - yes,

Stohr - yes,

Meisenheimer - yes,

Brown - yes,

Johnson - yes,

deBoisblanc - yes,

Bowden - yes

(7 yes votes)

9. Vote to include other chat links on the AYYA web page.

Stangle - yes,

Stohr - yes,

Meisenheimer - yes,

Brown - yes,

Johnson - yes,

deBoisblanc - yes,

Bowden - yes

(7 yes votes)

10. Vote to include criteria for allowing which other chat links to be included on AYYA page:

Stangle - yes,

Stohr - yes,

Meisenheimer - yes,

Brown - abstention ,

Johnson - yes,

deBoisblanc - yes,

Bowden - yes

(6 YES votes, 1 abstention)

11. Vote to approve the new AYYA application:

Stangle - yes,

Stohr - yes,

Meisenheimer - yes,

Brown - abstention ,

Johnson - yes,

deBoisblanc - yes,

Bowden - yes

(7 yes votes, 1 abstention)

12. Vote to allow Spintastics to put the current AYYA application on the back of their literature page.

JS - yes

LM - yes

DS - yes

BB - yes

BdB - yes

JJ - yes

SB - abstention

(6 yes, 1 abstention)

Additional AYYA Members Patches for Sale

By: John Stangle - AYYA President

As players are attending more and more contests we are seeing more and more Team Shirts with Manufacturers logos and Team logos on them.

Many of the AYYA members are sporting their Cool AYYA Members patch on their Jackets, Shirts, Hats and YO-YO Bags.

If you need additional Members Patches you can purchase them for \$5.00 each (includes shipping) by sending your check or money order made out to the AYYA to:

American YO-YO Association, Inc.

PO Box 797

Valrico, Florida 33595

It will help if you put a note with your payment that you are purchasing another Members patch.

Only Members of the AYYA are eligible to purchase additional patches.

Let's see how much support we can show the AYYA at the upcoming events by wearing our patches proudly. YO FOR IT! :)

AYYA Logo Store

by: Bill Mahan -- ATW Enterprises

Hello Yo-Yo enthusiasts! Isn't it great how the popularity of the yo-yo has taken flight again? You can make everyone aware of this fun trend by wearing AYYA logo apparel.

The AYYA Store can be shopped online by going to www.AYYA.pd.net/store or by picking up the phone and calling 1-888-SAY-YOYO (729-9696) This is a toll-free call. Simply leave your name and phone number for a call back or include your address to receive a free catalogue and ordering information.

The AYYA logo is applied to the products using a unique sculpturing system, coupled with stone washing, resulting in a subtle tone-on-tone coloration with incredible character. The

extraordinary look is permanent in construction and timeless in appeal.

Everything from a suede baseball style jacket for \$129.95 to T-shirts for \$15.95 are available for your selection. And soon to come are full color embroidered baseball hats and denim shirts. VISA, MasterCard and American Express cards are accepted for your convenience (regular mail and phone orders only please!).

NEW: Special New AYYA Tee Shirts will be available at National YO-YO Contest this year and then on the web site. If you don't get yours in Chico check the web site after October 2nd.

So come on guys and gals! Check out the online store or make that phone call to order AYYA logo apparel for yourself or as a great gift item! Christmas is right around the corner. Not only will you help keep the soaring popularity of the state of YO going, but you will help support The AYYA, as 10% of each sale is donated to your American YO-YO Association.

Go to: www.AYYA.pd.net/store or call

1-888-SAY-YOYO (729-9696) or.....

Send To: ATW Enterprises, 3429 Fleetwood Drive, Lexington, KY 40502 to order or get your free information.

Quarterly Reports

John Stangle, AYYA President

2nd Quarterly Report

Wow lots has been happening since the last report. I was actually able to get the newsletter mailed in May (as it was the May Newsletter) but several people got it at the beginning of the month.

We have had the addition of David Brunner as the New AYYA Treasurer and the election by the Board of Bob Bowden to fill in for Chuck Short who resigned. I have been busy trying to get all the current information, bylaws, tricks and rules and stuff into the new Board Member and Officers hands.

I have also recently reviewed the AYYA Accounting records since the beginning in 1993. I have taken all that information and entered it into QuickBooks 99 which the AYYA has now purchased. All of our records will not be kept on computer with back ups.

Also the AYYA's change in Treasurer has instituted a need to update all the addresses for the AYYA. We are now using: AYYA, 12106 Fruitwood Drive, Riverview, FL 33569. I have sent in a change of address card to the United States Post Office so any mail that is sent to the old Washington address will be forwarded.

We are also closing the US Bank Account in Washington and transferring the funds to a new Bank in Florida. The Treasurer will explain more in his report. I have also instructed the Treasurer to set a priority to complete the 1998 State and Federal Taxes that were not done by the last Treasurer.

We are currently working on issues regarding the creation of a Standard Operating Procedure for Links on our web site to chat rooms. We are also working on the creation of a bid form that can be used for event promoters to offer the best venue possible for the 2000 World and National YO-YO Championships that are recognized by the AYYA. Also we are working on a revised AYYA Tricks and Rules for 2000!

We also need to promote the need for candidates for the upcoming AYYA Board of Directors Positions that will be available to vote on in the September AYYA Newsletter.

Well that is about it for this quarter. Over 950 members now and soon to break 1000! Thanks for everyone's help and support!

Lucky Meisenheimer, M.D.

2nd Quarterly Report

Collecting Committee and Records Committee Quarterly Reports:

Interest in the history of the yo-yo continues to be a hot topic and I have fielded several requests over the last few months for information related to history and collecting. I have provided complementary copies of my book to those needing historical information for articles they are working on. I have requested that they give a plug for the AYYA in their articles. Hopefully they will follow through on this request.

I have also started doing some local presentations on the history of the yo-yo and trick demonstrations. I include plugs for the AYYA and will be making membership applications available.

I am also nearing the completion of collectible yo-yo secondary market value updates. This has been quite a project, which I have been aggressively working on for the last several weeks. I did not want to announce it until I knew it was reaching completion. Fiend Magazine will begin using this guide as a regular feature with a similar format to other price guide magazines. This will be published in the fall issue prior to Chico. I have also been talking with some manufacturers about the possibility of promoting the collectible aspect of the yo-yo market. Barbie, GI Joe, Hot Wheels etc.... toys which pale in comparison to the rich history of the yo-yo have already recognized the financial benefit of developing a collectors market.

These companies have exploited it to such a level that a significant percentage of their sales comes straight from collectors. I think the yo-yo manufacturers are interested but right now with them being unable to fill current orders development of collectible lines are on a back burner.

I have published a listing of the 50 highest prices paid for yo-yos in the secondary market, which will be released in the current issue of Fiend Magazine. I will keep this listing updated on my web site in the future. Speaking of web sites I have been negligent in doing anything with our AYYA site on history and collecting. I don't want to duplicate what I am working on for my own site so I am in a bit of an impasse right now.

Nationally the yo-yo has been getting good press. The Yo-Yo had 51 print references in April, 40 in May and 30+ in June. The AYYA had mentions in several of these articles, which is great. I expect a slight downturn in July and August with the summer slowdown but this might be counteracted by the Warp tour generating print publicity that the yo-yo would not otherwise be getting.

Records I have been notified of the following changes in the AYYA world records.

Ride the Horse (fixed axle - stock yo-yo and string) 110 Dale Oliver (listed originally as Dale Myrberg)

100 Meter Dash looping two yo-yos - 20.60 seconds Dale Oliver - 1996 World Yo-Yo Championships in Rapid City, SD

An Update from Lucky

Good news, we should have the world record certificates available in about 2 weeks. I am planning on handing out the certificates of the current world record holders at Chico. If anyone is setting new world records submissions please get them in so I can have them before Nationals.

Good News, on the collecting front. There was a nice write up on collecting yo-yos in "Toy Shop" magazine one of the largest distributed toy collector publications. This was released on 8/13/99 with 3 full pages just on yo-yos. The AYYA got a nice plug with both address and web site. I wrote them a thank you note for recognizing our hobby and they published another short article on high prices being paid for yo-yos and some other comments again the AYYA was mentioned. The last issue of Yo-Yo World also had not one but two articles on Yo-Yo collecting both by Chris Cook. The next Fiend magazine will have a giant value update listing based on the yo-yos appearing in my book. YO-YOs continue to bring high prices at auction. We have a new entry in the top 5 highest prices paid list with a loose Duncan Space Seattlite Needle at \$855.00 bumping the Cheerio Kitchener Buttons at \$710.00 to the number 6 slot (yo-yos are making internet stocks look cheap).

Yo-Yo's had 38 citations in the National media for the month of July which is good for a summer month. The largest number of citations were from the release of the e-Yo at 5. The AYYA had one mention but no address or way to get in touch. For comparison Fiend Magazine and Yo-Yo World each had one mention and there were no articles on collecting.

Jim Johnson

2nd Quarterly Report

Revised Application - most of my time has been spent on rearranging and adding color to the existing application. This application will be available on the internet very soon. I have completed a letter to the manufacturers but have only sent it to a couple with no response so far. I have sent letters and applications to old Duncan Yo-yo pros and have had little success reaching them as well.

Have sent articles to Yo-yo World and several newspapers within Louisiana. Most of those were favorable.

Bob Bowden

2nd Quarterly Report

My time on the AYYA Board of Directors for the second quarter was actually measured in days due to my appointment to the board near the end of the quarter. Responsibilities include gathering and editing materials for the AYYA newsletter. I can be reached by e-mail at bobb@intergate.bc.ca

Valerie Krantz, Secretary AYYA

2nd Quarterly Report

During the 2nd quarter of 1999, Secretarial duties included:

- Tally of board member votes on the following xxx issues. The summary of these votes was provided to all AYYA board members via email shortly after the counts was completed.

Continuing to promote yo-yoing and the AYYA itself, I organized and judged three contests following AYYA rules in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area of Texas in the 2nd quarter of 1999. Yo-yo activity remains high in the DFW area, as well as around the state of Texas. The Lone Star Spinners Yo-Yo Club now meets twice a month at the Valley View Mall in Dallas.

604 AYYA renewal notices were hand-addressed and mailed during the 2nd quarter of 1999. These notices were sent to members currently up for renewal, as well as all past members who had previously let their AYYA memberships expire. Preliminary results show that this effort was beneficial in gaining additional membership renewals. Future AYYA member renewal notices will be sent in a timely manner on a quarterly basis, in an effort to keep members current and avoid missed newsletters. Modifications to the AYYA by-laws are in process to reflect these changes

and will be included on the upcoming formalized revision of by-law's.

David Brunner, Treasurer AYYA

2nd Quarterly Report

My name is David Brunner and I am the newly elected Treasurer of the AYYA effective May 1999.

It is my pleasure to hold this position as I am a strong supporter of YO-YOs, Yo-yo clubs, competitions and the further development of the sport/hobby.

I have had experience as Treasurer with other clubs in the Florida area and was able to step right into the position with ease. John Stangle and the rest of the board have been highly supportive of the changes and made the transition easy for me. The AYYA is standing on good ground. With the implementation of the new application and membership choices, I feel the AYYA will be able to provide more services for its members. Many neat and exciting things are in the works for the membership and we all should be happy with the future of the AYYA.

The membership rosters and accounting are all done on computer, which makes reporting on the status of the funds easy for everyone to follow.

I hope everyone remembers to submit their renewals promptly and I will process your applications as soon as possible to get you your information.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at Bandit@iol14.com

Steve Brown

2nd Quarterly Report

I have been working on setting up parameters for an AYYA Club. I have been working on price quotes for a special AYYA yo-yo...not just a current model with our logo, but a new model altogether.. something unique to the AYYA. I have also spoken with several stores and on-line vendors in an attempt to secure a discount for AYYA club members. As I have been out of town for the last 6 weeks, I need to more or less start the whole process over, but everyone I have spoken to has been very receptive to the idea of providing AYYA club members with discounts on yo-yos and accessories. I am also trying to coordinate some kind of special package for exceptional stores to sell AYYA Club memberships through their storefronts. The details still need to be worked out, but again, everyone I have spoken to seems excited about the project. That's about all for now.....more details as I have them.

Bill deBoisblanc - Board Member

2nd Quarterly Report

During the second quarter of 1999 eight more contests were sanctioned by the AYYA bringing the total for the year to 16. The process still needs to be clarified and perhaps simplified since sanctioning fell through on another five or six contests for various reasons.

The biggest disappointment was the failure to sanction the National Championships. Both John Stangle and I tried unsuccessfully to convince Bob Malowney that sanctioning would enhance the credibility of this prestigious

event. Nevertheless, the AYYA will continue to recognize the winners of this contest as the National Champions.

The contests that were sanctioned are listed below.

Spin City II Yo-Yo Contest

Yo-Yo Madness Yo-Yo Contest

1999 Michigan State Yo-Yo Championships

1999 Champion Spinners Yo-Yo

Family Museum Yo-Yo Contest

1999 Midwest Regional's

Moorpark Party Shop 1st Annual Yo-yo Contest

Revival of the Arts Yo-Yo Competition

Note: (added to report on 9/99 - additional events to appear in Bill's 3rd Quarterly Report in the December Newsletter).

1999 International YO-YO Championships

1999 World YO-YO Championships

1999 4th Annual California State YO-YO Championships

1999 5th Annual West Coast Regional YO-YO Championships

One change was made administratively to the beginner division trick list. A "Gravity Pull Off" is now the suggested tiebreaker if the contest is organized to recognize a winner of this division.

In addition, six more contests have already been sanctioned during the third quarter of the year. Details on these contests will appear in the next quarterly report.

NOTE: The following Board Member/s and/or officers did not submit their quarterly reports:

Dick Stohr - Board Member

2nd Quarterly Report

"None received"

Fred Culbertson - Web Master

2nd Quarterly Report

"None received"

Who are the Current AYYA Board of Directors & Officers?

Mr. John Stangle - President

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Board 1/96 to 12/00

Dr. Lucky Meisenheimer

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Mr. Dick Stohr

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Springfield, VA 22153

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Board 1/97 to 12/00

Mr. Jim Johnson

Memberships

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(504) 752-1508

Board 1/95 to 12/99

Mr. Bill deBoisblanc

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Oakland, CA 94681

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Board 1/97 to 12/00

Mr. Bob Bowden

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Blaine, WA 98231

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Board 7/99 to 12/99 (filling in for Chuck Short that resigned 7/99)

Seventh board position is vacant!

Mrs. Valerie Krantz - Secretary

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(818) 318-7746

Mr. David Brunner - Treasurer

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Riverview, Florida 33569

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Mr. Fredd Culbertson - Web Master

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VOTING NOTICE:

Bylaws Revision

By: John Stangle-AYYA President

Each year in September we have two issues that are voted on by the general membership. One of these issues is the ever changing and improving AYYA Bylaws.

Below we have the complete current revised bylaws for 2000. The complete version has not been printed in the Newsletter since September 1997. The areas that have been revised or added for this September 1999 ballot are identified with **.

The original wording can be found in your membership package (for members joining January 1st 1999 or after) or in the September 1997 Newsletter + changes in the September 1998 newsletter.

If you are eligible to vote an Official Ballot has been hand inserted into this Newsletter.

For the Bylaws you will vote for either YES or NO to the revision.

If you have any comments or suggestion please send separately to the AYYA Secretary who's address is on the back of the foldable ballot.

Proposed 2000 AYYA Bylaws

AMERICAN YO-YO ASSOCIATION

Established October 1993

MISSION STATEMENT AND BY-LAWS

Effective January 1st 2000

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the AYYA is to provide a venue for players and collectors to come together in fellowship and to engage in the promotion of YO-YO playing as an art form and a sport, for both amateur and professional players. It is also to render assistance to fellow YO-YO players and collectors; to provide an accessible source of information about YO-YO people and events; to conduct as many competitions as possible across the nation; and to establish uniform standards for running AYYA sanctioned competitions for all levels of skill from the novice to the professional.

**ARTICLE 1 - OFFICE

The principal office of the American YO-YO Association (AYYA) shall be in the city of River View, County of Hillsborough, State of Florida. The AYYA may also have offices at such other places within or without the State of Florida as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, determine of the purpose of the AYYA may require.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERS

****1.** Classes of membership: There shall be six classes of membership of the AYYA with the following annual dues:

- a. Associate Life Member (if members dues become past due)
- b. Active Life Member (\$20.00 first year, \$18.00 renewal, \$50.00 three years).
- c. Active Student Member (\$15.00 annual dues).
- d. Active Family Member* (\$25.00 annual dues per two members)
- e. Active Additional Family Member* (\$5.00 annual dues each additional family member beyond the two included).
- f. Active Commercial Member (call or write for details - commercial membership)

*Family means two persons that live together at the same address listed on the membership application.

****2.** Associate Life Member: Individuals who have an interest in YO-YOs and in supporting the Mission Statement of the AYYA shall be eligible for Associate Life Membership. Associate Life Members shall be entitled to renewal status dues under item b. above.

****3.** Active Life Member: Individuals that have an interest in YO-YOs and in supporting the Mission Statement of the AYYA shall be eligible for Active Life Membership. Active Life Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, including voting rights for members ten (10) years of age or older. Individuals will receive one (1) AYYA Custom Embroidered Membership Patch, three (3) yearly issues of the AYYA Newsletter & one (1) Custom Color Lifetime Membership Card.

****4.** Active Student Member: Individuals that have an interest in YO-YOs and in supporting the Mission Statement of the AYYA and classified by their educational institution as a Full Time student shall be eligible for Active Student Membership. Active Student Members shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, including voting rights for members ten years of age or older Individuals will receive one (1) AYYA Custom Embroidered Membership Patch, three (3) yearly issues of the AYYA Newsletter & one (1) Custom Color Lifetime Membership Card.

****5.** Active Family Membership: This is a two (2) person Family Membership, open to families that have an interest in YO-YOs and in supporting the Mission Statement of the AYYA. Both individuals shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, including voting rights for members ten years of age or older, except that only one (1) copy and one (1) of each of the three (3) issues of the AYYA Newsletter publications shall be mailed to the Family Members

address to share. Both individuals will receive one (1) AYYA Custom Embroidered Membership Patch and one (1) Custom Color Lifetime Membership Card.

****6. Active Additional Family Member:** This is for additional individuals of families that are classified as Active Family Members. Each additional individual of the family shall be entitled to all privileges of membership, including one (1) AYYA Custom Embroidered Membership Patch, one (1) Custom Color Lifetime Membership Card and voting rights for members ten years of age or older. They will share the AYYA Newsletters with the main Family Membership.

****7. Active Commercial Member:** Individuals of a acknowledged business who have an interest in YO-YOs and in supporting the Mission Statement of the AYYA shall be eligible for Commercial Membership. A individual member delegated by the Commercial Entity on the Membership Application shall be entitled to all the regular privileges of membership, including voting rights, for that one designated person, plus shall be entitled to an advisory position on the Board of Directors.

****8. Expulsion from Membership:** Upon evidence submitted to the Board of Directors that any member has violated any applicable requirements of these Bylaws, or is not meeting the Mission Statement, such member may be expelled from the AYYA by a majority vote of the Board without dispute.

9. Initial Dues: One years dues shall be payable upon application to the AYYA.

****10. Annual Dues:** Annual dues shall be levied on all Active Members every twelve (12) months. The Active members shall be entitled to all AYYA privileges.

11. Prepaying of Membership Dues: Members may prepay their membership dues up to three years in advance.

****12. Reclassification of membership:** If the dues for any member are unpaid, that individual's membership will be reclassified as an Associate Life Member with loss of respective AYYA privileges.

****13. Notification of Reclassification of Membership:** One post card notification will be sent to members at the address on file in the records of the association, as maintained by the Secretary, Treasurer and/or President on a quarterly basis via US Mail to those members whose dues will expire during the upcoming quarter. This notification will request submission of past due dues and notify them that they are now classified as a non-active Associate Life Member.

ARTICLE III - MEMBER'S MEETINGS

1. Place and Time of Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of the General Membership (members entitled to voting privileges) shall be held at the place designated for the National YO-YO Competition in Chico, California each year or at such place as the Board of Directors shall designate and authorize.

2. Special Meeting: Special meeting of the voting members may be called by the Board of Directors or by the President of the Board. Special Meeting shall be called by the President at the request in writing of a majority of the Board of Directors, or at the request in writing of at least one-third of the outstanding number of voting members at the time shown on the records of the AYYA. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes of the proposed meeting and the business transacted shall be confined to the purpose(s) stated in the call to the meeting.

3. Notice: Written notice of each special meeting of the voting members shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called; the place, date and hour of the meeting

shall indicate that it is being issued by or at the direction of the person or persons calling the meeting. Notice shall be sent by the Secretary by ordinary mail to each member's address not less than two weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

4. Quorum: One-Quarter of the members entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Absentee ballots or voting proxies may be counted towards a quorum at the meeting; however a minimum of five percent of the membership must be present to organize the meeting.

ARTICLE IV - VOTING

1. One vote per Active member.

**2. Method of voting: Any member entitled to vote may do so either by (a) voting in attendance, (b) voting by absentee ballot which must be received by the AYYA no less than ten (10) days before the date of the meeting, or (c) voting by proxy, cast by a voting member in attendance. Commercial members shall designate, prior to any meeting at which they will be voting, who their authorized representative will be with the Secretary if different than their current designee. Such voting proxy shall be signed and dated by the voting member and registered with the Secretary by the member in attendance at the meeting.

3. Majority vote: All AYYA matters required to be voted upon by the members shall be authorized by a majority of the votes cast.

ARTICLE V - DIRECTORS

1. Management of the AYYA: The management of the AYYA shall reside in it's Board of Directors, each director of which shall be at least eighteen years of age.

**2. Election of the Board of Directors: The Board of Directors shall be elected by those members entitled to vote by ballot in the September AYYA Newsletter. Results will be published in the December AYYA Newsletter. Nominations can be by any Active Member in good standing or by the individual Active Member themselves. Each nominated individual must be an Active Member of the AYYA. Each Active Member entitled to vote shall have one vote to cast for each position available on the Board Ballot. The nominees receiving the highest number of votes shall become members of the Board. The first order of business of the Board of Directors after each election shall be to elect one of their members as President of the Board, to serve until the following year when the next Board is elected.

**3. Board of Directors Meetings: There shall be one (1) Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. This meeting will be held at the place designated for the National YO-YO Competition in Chico, California in the month of October or at such place as the Board of Directors shall designate and authorize. Other meetings will take place as the Board of Directors shall designate and authorize. Additional meetings may be held via phone conference, videoconference or other ways as the Board of Directors shall designate and authorize. These meetings are open to all members.

4. Number of Directors: The number of elected directors shall be no less than seven or more than fifteen. The Board may increase or decrease the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the Directors then in office as long as the total remains an odd number.

5. Term of Office: Directors shall serve the AYYA for a period of two years beginning January 1st at 12:01 AM. Director's terms are staggered and have no term limits.

6. Removal from the Board: Directors may be removed with cause by a majority vote of (a) the voting members of the AYYA, or (b) the Board of Directors. Directors may be removed

without cause only by vote of three-fourths of the voting members of the AYYA.

7. Resignation: A Director may resign at any time upon giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President of the Board. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation shall take effect upon receipt of the notice by the AYYA Board.

**8. Vacancies: If a vacancy is created on the Board of Directors, such vacancy may be filled by an Active Member in good standing who receives a majority vote of the Board. Persons chosen to fill such vacancies shall hold office until the next election to the Board. It is highly suggested that the Board source the most recent Board of Directors Ballots for candidates to fill the position, but is not required.

9. Quorum: A quorum for the transaction of business of the Board of Directors shall be a majority of the total number of Directors.

10. Voting: Each elected director shall be entitled to one vote. Unless otherwise specified in these Bylaws, the vote of a majority of the Directors present and voting shall constitute an act of the Board of Directors.

11. Special meetings of the Board of Directors: The President of the Board has the authority to call any special meeting of the Board of Directors. Meetings of the Board of Directors may be held at such times and places, as the Board shall determine. Such meetings shall be held upon notice of each director sent not less than fifteen days before scheduled meeting, either in person, by mail or by telephone. Meetings can also take place via e-mail and actions can be agreed upon once a final summary of the vote is sent to all the Board Members via e-mail.

12. Participation in meeting by telephone: Any director may participate in a meeting of the Board of Directors by means of a conference telephone call or other similar communications setup if all of the persons participating in the meeting are able to hear one another. Participation by such means shall constitute presence at the meeting.

13. Presiding officer: At all meetings of the Board of Directors, the President shall preside. In his or her absence, a Board member designated by the Board, as Acting President shall preside.

**14. Committees: The Board of Directors by resolution may designate, from its members an Advisory Committee to fulfill such functions and purposes designated by the Board of Directors and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

**15. Manufacturers: Manufacturers may not serve on the Board of Directors in order to prevent possible conflicts of interest in the decisions the Board makes. Manufacturers are defined as individuals either holding stock or having a financial interest as either an owner in full or in part in a company manufacturing YO-YOs or component parts, including any family member. A family member is defined as a spouse, child or parent. This does not include employees of a company or owners of businesses involved in retail sales unless they have a financial interest with a manufacturer as a partial owner or stock holder.

The board may have no more than one full time employee from an individual manufacturer serving at any one time. A full time employee is an individual who receives the majority of their income from that company. All board members must complete a financial disclosure statement yearly.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

**1. Officers: Individuals who are members in good standing shall be eligible for appointment as officers of the AYYA. Officers shall be appointed by the Board of Directors

following the Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the Board. All officers of the AYYA shall perform, to the best of their abilities, the duties and responsibilities associated with each office as designated by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in any office, an acting officer will be appointed by the Board of Directors.

****1.1 Secretary:** The Secretary is responsible to maintain hard copies of all vote summaries, take notes at Association Meetings, mailing of notices to general membership and any other duties assigned by the Board of Directors.

****1.2 Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for all funds for membership, dues, sale of patches and other AYYA sale items and/or donations. The Treasurer will process membership applications and deposit payments (dues) in the AYYA General Fund keeping a running record of all transactions. The Treasurer will also provide annual financial statements to the President for use at the Annual Meeting and any other statements that may be requested by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer will also complete and file any applicable Federal, State or local tax documents with the proper authorities after being reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors. Annual Account Statements will be posted yearly in the AYYA Newsletter.

****2. Term of Office:** All officers shall be appointed to hold office for a period of two (2) years or until a successor has been appointed. This position is to be confirmed by the current Board of Directors every two (2) years.

3. **Removal from office:** Any officer appointed by the Board of Directors may be removed from office by a majority vote of the general members, and the authority of an officer to act may be suspended by the Board of Directors with cause.

4. **Holding multiple offices:** No one person may serve as both President and Treasurer during the same term. Otherwise, any two or more offices may be simultaneously held by the same person.

****5. President:** The President of the Board shall be the chief executive officer and President of the AYYA; shall preside at all meetings of the voting members and the Board of Directors; shall see that all orders and resolutions of the Board of Directors are put into effect and shall serve in an administrative capacity at all AYYA events attended. The President, in order to be appointed to office, shall have previously served on the Board of Directors of the AYYA and be an Active Member.

6. **Compensation of officers:** Officers of the AYYA may be eligible for such reasonable compensation or reimbursement as may be determined by the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting.

7. **Bond:** If the Board of Directors shall so require, any officer, employee or agent of the AYYA shall execute to the AYYA a bond in such amount as the Board of Directors may require, conditioned upon his or her faithful performance of duties and including responsibilities for negligence and for the accounting of all property, funds or securities of the AYYA which may come into his or her control.

****8. Reimbursement of the Board of Directors Expenses:** Any member of the Board of Directors may be reimbursed for expenses upon submission of an expense reimbursement to the Board for approval. Upon approval that expense reimbursement should be sent to the Treasurer for payment. It is the responsibility of the Board Member to verify what is a reimbursable expense prior to occurring the expense.

ARTICLE VII - EMPLOYEES

The AYYA may hire employees and/or independent contractors for such duties as the Board of

Directors may, from time to time, determine. The sole responsibility of acquisition and dismissal of such employees shall rest with the power of the Board of Directors. Board members may not hold any AYYA paid positions.

ARTICLE VII - AYYA LOGO

The Logo of the AYYA shall be as shown herein. This logo may be a facsimile, engraved or printed. The Logo shall be imprinted on all AYYA stationery. The Board of Directors shall have the sole power to approve or disapprove any or change of the AYYA logo. This logo is trademarked by the US Patent and Trademark Office.

ARTICLE IX - EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

All AYYA instruments and documents shall be signed or countersigned, executed, verified or acknowledged by such officer or officers or other person or persons as the Board of Directors may, from time to time, designate.

ARTICLE X - RULES OF PROCEDURE

All meetings of the members of the Board of Directors shall be conducted according to standard parliamentary procedures as defined by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE XI - FISCAL YEAR

****The fiscal year of the AYYA shall be January 1st to December 31st each year.**

ARTICLE XII - CHANGES TO BYLAWS

****1.** These Bylaws may be adopted, amended or repealed by the majority vote of the members voting by ballot in the September AYYA Newsletters.

****2.** All amendments proposed by a member shall be in writing and presented to the President. The President shall then present such proposed amendment to the members at the next meeting, via voting ballot in the AYYA Newsletter or the Board of Directors via e-mail.

ARTICLE XIII - CHANGE OF MEMBERS ADDRESS

1. Members must notify the AYYA of changes in their mailing address and e-mail address via written memo sent to the AYYA, 12106 Fruitwood Drive, Riverview, Florida 33569.

ARTICLE XIV - SANCTIONING OF CONTESTS

1. Individuals must submit their request for contest sanctioning to the Board of Directors no less than 30 days prior to the event.

2. Sanctioned events require all parameters of the AYYA Approved Tricks List and Rules.

ARTICLE XV - EXPENDITURE OF AYYA FUNDS

1. All AYYA checks must be signed by both the Treasurer and the President.

ARTICLE XVI - ARTICLE INSPECTION OF AYYA RECORDS

****1.** The General Membership may inspect the records of the AYYA upon reasonable notice submitted to the Board of Directors. Records will be available for inspection at 12106 Fruitwood Drive, Riverview, Florida 33569.

ARTICLE XVII - DISSOLUTION OF THE AYYA

1. Membership will not entitle members to any ownership in the assets of the AYYA and that, upon dissolution, the assets of the AYYA will be transferred to an entity with similar purposes or as nearly similar as possible, as determined by the final Board of Directors.

VOTING NOTICE:

Board of Director Elections

By: John Stangle- AYYA President

Each year in this September AYYA Newsletter we publish Nominations\Bios for Active AYYA Members wishing a position on the AYYA Board of Directors. This year we have James (Jim) Johnson

running for his third re-election and Nicholas VanDerSchie running for his second time for a position. New in the running is Joseph W. Mitchell Jr. who is running for the first time.

Below are the Nominations\Bios for each of the current three candidates. If you are eligible to vote an Official Ballot has been hand inserted into this newsletter.

Please check only three names or only one or two persons. Official Ballots must be postmarked by October 31st (Folded ballot has address already on it - don't forget the stamp!) with postmarks no later than October 31st 1999. Ballots arriving postmarked after October 31st will not be counted.

James Johnson

My name is James E. "Jim" Johnson. I am submitting this application for re-election on the Board of Directors of the American Yo-Yo Association for the following reasons. I am 53 years old and my love of the sport of yo-yoing spans over 4 decades. From a young child I was fascinated with the sport and as a result appeared on local television shows demonstrating my "ability." Through the years my continued obsession with this sport never "yo-yo'd"!

Some of the best and interesting parts of my life have been involved in the sport of yo-yoing, from doing it for pleasure, doing it for competition and meeting new and fun people along the way.

In addition to my consuming passion for this sport, I offer the following accomplishments for nomination for this position.

Trained by Dale Oliver, Wayne Lunberg, Barney Acker, Gus Sommer, Bill deBoisblanc, and Kids I've trained

1950s- City of Baton Rouge Champion;

1950s- State of Louisiana Champion;

1990s- Ranked 4th & 5th in the nation; Yo-Yo instructor for over 10 years; Hold yo-yo clinics for Scouts, youth groups, church groups, company picnics, birthday parties and anywhere else groups of people want to learn; on the AYYA Board of Directors since 1993.

Present freelance yo-er for various yo-yo manufacturers; Thank you for your consideration of this application and I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to continue my love of yo-yoing by service to this association in the continued advancement of this sport.

Nicholas R. VanDerSchie

I study economics and mathematics Kalamazoo college. I like computers, star wars (minus the gungans), and skateboards. During the summer I yo-yo professionally. This past summer I toured with Henrys on the Fiend North American Yo-Yo Tour and last summer with Yomega and Team High Performance (THP). I'm also the 1998 and 1999 Michigan State YO-YO Champion. My 70+ trick CD-ROM, yoyomaze, debuts this fall.

Joseph W. Mitchell Jr.

I am a yo-yo retailer in Wilmington, Delaware. We have sold yo-yo's at my family's store since my grandfather opened our store back in July of 1953. We had the original Duncan demonstrators come to our store back in the fifties and carve yo-yos for the kids who purchased them!! (My dad still has his around somewhere!). We were the official Philly area co-sponsor of the Fiend Magazine Tour. We have also hosted two contests over the past two years (including 'Yo Back to Skool' - September 18)

Personal: I am 33 years old, married and have one child (he's two and has perfected the throw-down....sorta). I graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Marketing from the University of Delaware in June of 1989. I have worked at my family's store since graduating

from college with duties ranging from overseeing day-to-day operations to all marketing (including creation and maintenance of our web page (www.mitchells.com) I have served as the Communications Director, on the Board of Directors of the Brandywine Little League in Wilmington since 1993. My duties with the Little League include production of the league's annual 'Yearbook' - a 50 page booklet with dozens of pictures, articles and ads. I also coached in the 13-15 year old division for three seasons.

I just joined the AYYA and wanna make a difference in the future of our wonderful sport. I think there's lots of future in yo-yoing and love the inroads made over the past several years at reaching our huge potential group. I think the Fiend Tour was a great idea, and love the evolution of contests like the nationals in Chico. What I don't like is the partisanship that has developed between some factions of the yo-yoing community. I think it should be our duty to bring together the yo-yoing community into one group, including all manufacturers, retailers and players.

Special Thanks For Graphics!

By: John Stangle-AYYA President

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