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## Alan Batangan Repeats AA National Title Takumi Sakamoto Wins A



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Takumi Sakamoto (L) and Alan Batangan (R)  
2000 National Champs

### AYYA Announces Yo-Yo Hall-of- Fame

The AYYA is pleased to announce that a AYYA Hall-Of-Fame is in the making. "We are putting together a selection committee, who will choose nominees to be included in the September, 2001 issue of the AYYA Newsletter," said AYYA President Joe Mitchell.

Anyone is eligible for the Hall-Of-Fame, which will be housed in the National Yo-Yo Museum in Chico, California. Only active AYYA Members will be allowed to take part in the voting. In order to be elected, a nominee must get 75% of the votes cast by the active Members.

Official Rules of AYYA Hall-Of-Fame as adopted by AYYA Board of Directors are as follows:

#### AYYA Mission statement

The mission of 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.

Alan Batangan defended his 1999 AA National Championship title and Takumi Sakamoto won his first championship for Team High Performance of Hawaii in a spirited contest hosted once again by Bird-In-Hand in Chico, California. Contestants from all over the United States competed. World X-Division Champion Hironiri Mii came from Japan to put on a wonderful demonstration.

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| 2nd Brent Dellinger | Joseph Harris     |
| 3rd Matt Rose       | Matt Harlow       |
| 4th Kenneth Cairn   | Masahiro Tanikawa |
| 5th Cody Taylor     | Adam Dennehy      |
| 6th Shawn Adkins    | Matt Kubera       |



Photo by Joe Mitchell

Rick Wyatt practices for his attempt to break his own  
AYYA Sleeping Record

1. Electors - Only active members of the AYYA shall be eligible to vote.

2. Eligible Candidates - Candidates should be, or should have been, an active personality in the yoyoing community. They can be a player, promotor, manufacturer or any other contributor to the yoyoing community.

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Left: National Master Dale Oliver presents Alan Batangan with the 2000 AA National Championship Trophy

Photos left and below by Joe Mitchell

Right: National Master Bill deBoisblanc presents Takumi Sakamoto with his 2000 A National Championship Trophy



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## Generous Donations Received from Chuck Short & Spintastics



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS  
OF AMERICA**

The AYYA/Boys and Girls Clubs of America Yo-Yo Drive has been boosted by a couple of generous donations. Chuck Short donated over 120 new and almost new yo-yos at Nationals in Chico and Spintastics sent 270 used Technics for use by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Spintastics also donated 500 Slick 6 strings. David Brunner also donated some X-Brains at Nationals. The Yo-Yo's are on their way to the National Headquarters of the Boys and Girls Clubs of America in Atlanta. Kudos to Chuck, Spintastics and David!!

## Evan Nagao Appears on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno

Four-year old Evan Nagao, son of HPK Marketing's Alan Nagao was featured on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno on March 22nd. Evan certainly is performing some advanced level tricks, plus he tells a mean joke (What did the banana say to the apple? Nothing, bananas don't talk!)



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## AYYA AWARD PATCHES, BANNER TO BE AVAILABLE TO SANCTIONED CONTESTS

By Valerie Krantz, AYYA Secretary

Many of you have requested sanctioning of your local contests over the years. This sanctioning gives your contest additional credibility, assuring your contestants and audience a fair contest, with approved judges and reasonable trick requirements. The AYYA logo is available to you for flyers and promotional materials. BUT THERE'S MORE!

**AYYA BANNER:** During the summer of 2000, the AYYA Board of Directors approved the production of an AYYA banner, which can be displayed at AYYA events. As noted in the Secretary's Minutes of the AYYA Board Meeting held in Chico, California on October 6th, 2000, sanctioned contest organizers need only contact me to request use of this banner. The sooner the better, as it's availability is on a first-come, first-serve basis. The AYYA will pay the expense of sending this banner to the organizer at no cost. The organizer, however, must agree to send the banner back to me by Priority Mail (at their expense) on the next business day following the contest to ensure it's availability for others. BUT THERE'S MORE!

**CONTEST PATCHES:** Also during the annual board meeting, the board approved the design for AYYA sanctioned contest Award Patches. Designed after the AYYA logo, 1st (blue), 2nd (red), and 3rd (green) place, adhesive-backed, patches are in the process of being produced and will be provided FREE OF CHARGE to AYYA sanctioned contest organizers requesting them. These patches are without levels, so that they may be used with any format of sanctioned contest levels. These patches should be available for events that are sanctioned in 2001. Watch the website for photos of these great patches!

KEEP YO-YOing active in your community! Plan a contest! Get it sanctioned by the AYYA! (It's easy...) Proudly display the AYYA banner at your event and distribute these great award patches to your winners!



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# Doc Pop “Is a skinny, bespectacled doofus”\*

“  
I Wore  
a Dress  
to the  
Prom  
”

By Joe Mitchell

...\*according to *Village Voice* online (<http://www.villagevoice.com/issues/0118/rankin.shtml>) But, what do they know? The truth is Doc Pop is bored, and you better thank your lucky stars he is. When someone asks Doc why he yo-yos, or contact juggles, or jitters his jitter rings, or tosses a diabolo, spins a top, toys with a yoyo/top, manipulates his rubber bands and strings with cheese on them (really!), he says basically that it is because he gets really bored. He gets bored, picks up an item and plays with it...and plays with it, and plays with it. Have you seen Doc play with a yo-yo? Do yourself a favor, and check out the yo-yo stylings of Doc Pop.

Mobius. Mobius is Doc's own invention. Basically, it involves using the finger loop in the trick. It came about as an evolution of Doc's first trick - "Washing Machine." Washing Machine involves throwing a sleeper, splitting the string down by the yo-yo, riding the yo-yo around the now split loop at the bottom of the string, hopping the yo-yo completely out of the loop and into some off-string manipulations, then back into the still split loop, and bringing the yo-yo back into your hand. A year after coming up with "Washing Machine," Doc thought of using the other loop in the string, the finger loop.

Who is Doc Pop? Where did he come from? And, who is Brian Roberts? Doc is Brian Roberts, born and bred in Tennessee. They are one and the same. He currently lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota and manages the Air Traffic store in the Mall of America. Doc also helped found the 'College for the Easily Amused,' - also in Minneapolis. Doc pours a mean martini.

"Alright, what is the genesis of the nickname 'Doc Pop,' I ask." It's a long story. Doc was dubbed 'doc' by a former Russian KGB agent teacher of his. Alright, he was also a CIA agent, he was a double-agent. Mr. Double Agent teacher man told Doc he looked like a mad scientist - and then referred to him as "Doc." It stuck. He used the name "Dr. Stupid" in a radio show he did back in Louisburg, Tennessee. The 'Pop' part didn't come till later. Not exactly a ladies man, Doc would claim "That's why they call me Doctor Popular" after a particularly poor showing with the ladies.

Not a ladies man? You gotta be kidding me! No, really. Check this out. Doc once wore a dress to a senior prom. Really! A dress. Seems the captain of the cheerleading team asked Doc to the prom. He suspected a nefarious plot to embarrass himself, so he beat her to the punch. Or so he thought. Turns out, the cheerleader had a genuine interest in Doc. "I basically ruined her senior prom." Doc breaks the ladies hearts. Ouch!

Doc spent some time in a Country Rap Band - "Better Sleep Through Science." They sang about (you guessed it) science. Doc fronted the band as a mad scientist.

Doc enjoys a little theoretical physics now and then. I said, "uh....what's that?" It apparently has to do with the 4th and 6th dimensions (the 5th dimension doesn't exist - duh!) and with Einstein's work. Relativity, black holes, the whole shebang. "It helps with yo-yo's and skill toys," says Doc. Hmmm...practical application of science?

I asked Doc, "Where do you see yo-yoing going?" he replies "Japan." "I'd like to see yoyoing become more professional, to be recognized as a serious sport," Doc sez. He's hoping that the 2001 Midwest Regionals can reflect this and offer more than just yo-yos as an enticement to players.

Who's his hero? "Stevie B - he's da man!" "I see myself as more of a trick creator than a yoyoer. My trick sometimes show up in contest - but Steve creates standards, like "Mach-5." He also enjoys the work of Chris Neff.

Doc is one of the few people for which a yo-yo is named. YoYoJam introduced the Doc Pop Super Scientist Spin Faktor at Worlds in Orlando this past July. How does it feel to have a yo-yo named for you, Doc? "Tingly."

What's Doc's pocket yo-yo right now? The forthcoming Duncan Freehand. Doc got his hands on a prototype and now carries it with him all the time. He is also partial to his own "Superglued Viper" mod as well as the Doc Pop Super Scientist.

What's up, Doc? Doc's been busy with "The College of the Easily Amused." A gathering of yo-yoers, top throwers, jugglers, all sorts of skill toy enjoyers. They are helping bring together Minneapolis' diverse groups into one group that can meet and entertain and inspire each other.

What's Doc's dream? "To be paid for being DocPop."

Doc's hoping that his "Project 213" yo-yo/top will make it on the market through YoYoJam. He wants it to be an upgrade kit for the DragonJam, Ninja, Gatorjam and Hurricane models. Look for Doc on the forthcoming YoYoJam video.

And, finally, Doc, what's the secret of yoyoing? "Never being too intimidated by a trick." What does he want to accomplish? "I want to get more old people into the sport of yoyoing, the young kids are ruining the sport." Doc enjoys teaching old people yo-yoing, as they seem to be more serious about learning than some kids, who want to learn the next great thing immediately.

We welcome Doc Pop as a Board-Member of the American Yo-Yo Association. Things will never be the same...



Photo by Joe Mitchell

Doc performing at Nationals in Chico



Photo by Dave Capurro

Doc is stylin and profilin at Saturday's spaghetti dinner in Chico

## Helene Zeiger Recognized as Berkeley 'Local Legacy'

Recently, Helene Zeiger, the Yo-Yo Lady, was up to her old tricks.

In an award ceremony held at the Wells Fargo Bank on Solano Avenue in Berkeley, California she received a miniature Oscar trophy recognizing her as a "Local Legacy". On September 10, 2000 she yo-yoed in an open car in the "Solano Avenue Stroll 2000 Local Legacies on Parade" along with



Alice Waters, Country Joe, The Pink Man, and The Transit Man, also recipients of the "Local Legacy" award. Mimi Zeiger, (her daughter, of course) submitted the following nomination: "the yo-yo biz has had a lot of ups and downs, but the one Berkeley resident and local legacy who's been there for every loop-de-loop is Helene Zeiger, the Yo-Yo Lady.

Author of World On A String: The How-To Yo-Yo Book, the Yo-Yo Lady has strung kids and adults along with tricks and humor at local libraries, schools and fairs for the last twenty years.

She also entertained the crowd that same day at a booth at the Solano Stroll where she gave yo-yo instruction and demonstrations, fixed yo-yos, and sold her yo-yo book. Joining her at the booth and in the parade was her friend, Max Hanovan, also an accomplished yo-yo demonstrator and yo-yo collector.

(To order Helene Zeiger's World On A String: The How-To Yo-Yo Book go to [www.yoyolady.com](http://www.yoyolady.com) You can e-mail her at her new address: [yoyolady@earthlink.com](mailto:yoyolady@earthlink.com))

## Cappy Love For Sale

### Dave Capurro Becomes Second AYYA Webmaster

By David Capurro

I am honored to become the new AYYA webmaster. This organization has done plenty for me over the past 5 years, and now is my chance to give some of that help and support back.

I am pretty sure that I know all of you, but let me give you some of my web design experience. I am the Founder of the Yo-Yo Image Archive, a site with over 3 gigabytes of pictures and video, since its creation it has been and will continue to be the largest yo-yo website with the richest media available anywhere, and it will soon join [www.stringcemetery.com](http://www.stringcemetery.com) which I co-founded and run with Brian Trump.

Over the next couple of months, I plan on making [www.ayya.net](http://www.ayya.net) a productive and informative site for both AYYA members and non AYYA members. Some things that I plan on implementing include and are not limited to: A web board, an IRC chat server, a members only AYYA member roster (password protected), an image archive, more detailed online versions of our printed newsletter, complete with graphics and links, etc :) you get the idea.

## Thanks For The Web-Ories

### AYYA Thanks both Fredd Culbertson & Greg Cohen for Their Contributions to the Growth of the AYYA Website.

By Valerie Krantz

Somewhere in what seems like forever ago, out of the love of the yo-yo and his knowledge of the new age of technology, and before most of us even knew what a website was, Fredd Culbertson developed the first, (and probably unofficial) AYYA website. It always amazes me when someone sees a need before there is one, and proceeds to act on it....and in this case, primarily for the benefit of others. The AYYA loved it, latched onto it, and used it to promote the AYYA, as well as the sport of yo. John Stangle paid tribute to Fredd when he wrote, "Those of you who have had the opportunity to meet Fredd know he is the nicest person in the world. Thanks again Fredd for all of your efforts and accomplishments passing on the Word of YO to the World through the AYYA. We could certainly not have done it without your love of the sport and expertise on the web!" One can only hope that Fredd realizes the contribution he made in its inception. Best as I can piece together, it was August of 1996 when another yo-yo lover, Greg Cohen, saw a need and responded with the offer to house the AYYA website, free of charge, on his server at @pd.net. Keep in mind that this was at a time when there was a fraction of paying AYYA memberships than there are now. Affordable expenses at that time were basically the printing and mailing costs of the newsletter.

In hindsight, Greg's donation of this space alone, saved the AYYA \$30-40 per month...over more than 4 years, that's a significant \$2000. The number of memberships grew and the sport of yo spread worldwide through the available access of an informative website, still maintained through the donated labor of Fredd Culbertson. Fredd made updates quickly and efficiently, whenever requested by the AYYA. Ironically, both occurring during November of 2000, Fredd Culbertson has passed his title as AYYA Webmaster to David Capurro, and the AYYA has voted to move the website at @pd.net to an alternative web service provider. While change is a sign of growth, it is important to reflect on those who have made the contributions in the past who have brought us to the point we are now. We humanly take for granted that which is not obvious. In this case, the quiet donations of Fredd Culbertson and Greg Cohen have allowed the AYYA to grow in terms of exposure and in capital funds, now giving the AYYA the financial ability to provide additional benefits to the AYYA membership and the sport of yo-yoing itself.

With that said, we would be lax not to take this opportunity to thank both Fredd and Greg for their contributions, both known and unknown, to the promotion of the AYYA through the development and maintenance of the AYYA website.

## Election Turnout Having It's Down's

By: John Stangle - AYYA President

With all the election distractions of the President of the United States some may have forgotten that the American YO-YO Association was having an election? We sent out 250+ Ballots for the 2001 AYYA Board of Directors and only received 42 Ballots back (every ballot that was received was counted as a good vote) that makes only a 17% turnout at the polls. Gosh, I thought the US Presidency Election had problems!

I might add that special attention is taken when mailing the September AYYA Newsletter to include the proper amount of ballots for individuals and family's including not sending to anyone under 10 years of age (per our Bylaws).

If there is anything I can request from the AYYA Membership is to please send in your votes. The 2001 AYYA Board of Directors Elects has all kinds of cool and new ideas and energy to move the AYYA forward. If any of those items require the vote of the General Membership (per our Bylaws) I encourage everyone that receives a ballot to fill it in, vote and let your desires be part of the AYYA's success!

Thank you very much for those of you that did send in your Official Ballots. As this is a very important election for the AYYA your votes counted and were counted and the results are now public.

I look forward to seeing the new issues and results of votes both on the 2001 AYYA Board of Directors part and the suggestions from members. Remember, if you don't let the AYYA Board of Directors know what you would like to see (that means sending them a letter or e-mail) they would not know what you want. Everyone on the AYYA Board of Directors is not only voting what they feel is best but for what they feel that the Active AYYA Members want also. VOTE!

## 2001 Board Election Results

**Yes, All the Pregnant Chads Were Counted.**

Here are the certified results of the Board of Directors election as certified by David Brunner and John Lindberg- current AYYA members of adult status:

Dick Stohr- 36  
Dave Shulte- 30  
Chuck Short- 29  
Doc Pop - 27  
David Capurro- 17

Charlie Windstorm- 9  
Alex Holeman- 8  
John Hornbeck- 8  
Brent Offman- 7  
Jason Parrish -6



# A Letter from the New AYYA President



**Joe  
Mitchell**

Hi.

In the immortal words of 1992 VP Candidate Admiral Stockdale "Who am I? Why am I here?"

Well, I am, indeed, the new AYYA President. I was elected in January to follow in the footsteps of John Stangle and AYYA Founder Dale Oliver. I am a product of the most recent yo-yo boom and certainly do not have the pedigree that Dale and John have in terms of history with the yo-yo.

I have been very active in yoyoing the past several years. I have been on the AYYA Board the past two years and have produced the AYYA Newsletter since I joined the AYYA in December of 1999. I have promoted two contests a year for the past three years at Mitchell's Trains, Toys and Hobbies in Wilmington, Delaware (Yo-Bowl and Mid-Atlantic Regionals), was at Nationals in Chico manning the AYYA Membership table and was Media Relations Director for the Worlds

in Orlando. I plan to attend both Worlds and Nationals again this year. I was lucky enough to make an appearance on ABC's *Good Morning, America* with Mitchell's Yo-Yo Club. Contrary to popular belief, I do yo-yo! I have just recently figured out how to Pop-N-Fresh and do Cold Fusion.

I wanted to outline what direction I feel the AYYA should be headed, and ask your help in getting there.

These are the goals I have set for the AYYA to accomplish in 2001;

- 501 (c) (3) Non-Profit status. The AYYA was incorporated in 2000 as a "Not-For-Profit" Florida Corporation. One of the benefits of achieving 501 (c)(3) status would be to make all donations to the AYYA tax-deductible.
- AYYA Hall-Of-Fame. The AYYA Hall-Of-Fame is already off to a running start (see page 1).
- AYYA Yo-Yo with membership. This subject has been talked about for years. We are the American Yo-Yo Association...shouldn't we have a yo-yo??
- AYYA play a greater role in sanctioning Regional competitions. It has been mentioned by several people that an organized system of Regional competitions that feed a winner into Nationals competition would be a major step in the right direction. I have had some preliminary talks with Nationals Promoter Bob Malowney on this issue, and it is something he is comfortable with. Other things that are on the agenda include revamping

the website (including allowing payments to be made online), revamping the AYYA logo and of course expanding our membership to include yo-yoers across the country, as well as yo-yo manufacturers.

On a personal note, I have been married for just over ten years to my wife, Emily, and we have a four-year old son, Ethan. Ethan is just getting started (he's got a long way to go to catch up with Evan Nagao!!), but seems to be fascinated with the yo-yo.

If you are getting this newsletter, you are considered an *active member*. Be an active member, get involved! We are here to promote yo-yoing, do your part! Organize a contest, start up a club! We will be happy to help you in either case or with whatever your ideas bring you.. Please feel free to drop a line to me by e-mail ([joe@mitchells.com](mailto:joe@mitchells.com)), or by phone (302) 798-8171 to discuss any AYYA related business. I look forward to serving you for the rest of 2001.

## Letter from The 2000 President



**John  
Stangle**

On July 28th 1994 I sent a letter to Mr. Dale Oliver (AYYA President) on my Dot Matrix Willie Birds Flyers YO-YO Club Letter Head. That letter requested that both my girlfriend and myself be allowed membership to the AYYA. I had also enclosed a check in the amount of \$20.00 for both of our memberships. (I was just filing away the most current AYYA Membership Applications and took a minute and thumbed through some of the original AYYA Applications, and look what I found, my original letter.) Kinda cool!

I had located Dale Oliver via Tom Kuhn's shop in San Francisco when trying to come up with contest ideas for the West Coast Regional YO-YO Championships at the Willie Birds Restaurant in Santa Rosa, CA. After one of those long, can talk YO-YO's for-

ever conversations I learned a lot and started my way down the path of the State of YO!

January 1st 1996 I was elected to the AYYA Board of Directors and January 1st 1997 appointed as AYYA President. I have been serving as AYYA President from that time to now and am very proud to be part of something so fun and rewarding (even if I complained all the time about all the work it was).

Since being part of the AYYA Board and serving as President I have seen so many improvements in the AYYA's operations, newsletters and benefits to members. We have seen the newsletters grow from five back to back stapled pages to the new current newsletters (Color Cover, lots of graphics, folded and stitch stapled and over 24 pages+ each issue). We have even added the May Newsletter thus giving members three issues each year! We have our own AYYA Logo Apparel available on-line for purchase. We have new Iron On AYYA Membership Patches. We have Cool Color AYYA Logo Lapel pins for new members and renewals. Now we are working on additional patches that will be given away to AYYA Sanctioned Event Promoters as contest prizes. Our web site has grown and grown to the point of no return. We have been publicized in so many newspapers, magazines and books that I can no longer keep track. And we keep going and growing and going...

This past year the AYYA has seen lots of different things going on with the YO-YO. The tricks that people are coming up with seem to double each week. The special modifications that people are doing and making are far beyond anyone's beliefs when the AYYA first started! The participation of over 1,062 people around the world that have become AYYA members still is unbelievable, yet the best thing that could have happened for me while President! It always felt so good to put those membership packages in the mail and know that some YO-YO Player, somewhere in the world was going to visit the State of YO once again and with a little of my help!

As this will be my last "Letter from The President" I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone that has supported the AYYA and thus supported me in that position. I think I found and met most of my goals for the AYYA and look forward to the new ideas and energy the 2001 Board brings. My hats off to those of you that participated in the 2001 Vote and good luck to the 2001 President! Don't forget that if you need to get a hold of me e-mail at [yotopia@yotopia.com](mailto:yotopia@yotopia.com) or call (707) 542-YOYO! Pookie-YO Out!

## Treasurer Report

By David Brunner

Thanks go out to everyone, including the new board, for making the AYYA a success. We are constantly adding new improvements for the yoyo player to help him learn his or her skills. The new webpage, new board, and new ideas are making the future of yoyoing look bright!

Our finances are still holding steady at the AYYA. We just moved the signatures over to the new president, Joe Mitchell, for him to sign checks along with me. The AYYA uses a two signature method to keep our financial integrity high. We just made a large purchase by buying the prize patches that are available to contest organizers to give away to the winners. I urge you, if you have a contest, contact Dave Schulte to get AYYA sanctioned and request the patches.....they look great!

We are now incorporated, that means we are having to hire a CPA to do out taxes. Hope everything goes well with that.

Til the next time our strings get tangled!

## Previous National Champions

(Note: the first four championships were determined by compulsory tricks only.)

1993 Ryan Carver, Durham CA  
 1994 Bill deBoisblanc, San Francisco CA  
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 (1996 added Freestyle event)  
 1996 Bill deBoisblanc, San Francisco CA  
 1996 Freestyle - Alex Garcia  
 (1997 combined compulsory and freestyle, and separated into single A, and double AA divisions)  
 1997 AA Jenifer Baybrook, St. Albans VT  
 1997 A Cody Kiyabu, Aiea HI  
 1998 AA Alex Garcia, Honolulu HI  
 1998 A Sky Kiyabu, Aiea HI  
 1999 AA Alan Batangan, Honolulu HI  
 1999 A Joel Zink, Reno NV  
 2000 AA Alan Batangan, Honolulu HI  
 2000 A Takumi Sakamoto, Honolulu HI

(Thanks to Bob Malowney of Bird-In-Hand for this info)



Photo by Joe Mitchell

## AA Winners at 2000 Nationals

From L to R: Alan Batangan (1st), Adam Dennehy (5th), Masahiro Tanikawa (4th), Matt Harlow (3rd), Joseph Harris (2nd)

## Two-Time National Champ Alan Batangan Quik Bio

Alan was born in Hokaiido, Japan but lives in Honolulu, Hawaii. He has been yoyoing for just over 3 1/2 years. He used Yomega Raiders (with nylon spacers) to win his second National Championship. He has competed for the past three years at Nationals. He is currently in 11th grade at Iolani High school. He finished third at 1998 Nationals and Fifth at 1999 Worlds. He competes for Team High Performance in Honolulu. His interests outside yoyoing include pool, tennis, juggling, and oh yeah kicking it with friends. His career plans include being a dentist, architect.....or maybe both!



Photo by Joe Mitchell

## A Winners at 2000 Nationals

From L to R: Cody Taylor (5th), Kenneth Cairn (4th), Matt Rose (3rd), Brent Dellinger (2nd), Takumi Sakamoto (1st)

## AYYA Dues Due?

By: John Stangle

Don't let your dues lapse! You don't want to miss out on the next September AYYA Newsletter with all the new ideas and goals that the 2001 AYYA Board of Directors will be working on.

The mailing label used to get this newsletter to you has the date that your membership dues expire. For instance, if your mailing label says 5/01 then this is your last Newsletter unless you pay your dues.

Enclosed in this newsletter is an Official AYYA Membership Application. Just make a copy (don't tear it out and ruin the newsletter for your collection) and fill it in. Check that you are renewing and mail it off (don't forget the check to the American YO-YO Association).

Upon completing the processing of your renewal we will send you notice in the mail along with one of the AYYA Lapel pins to say thanks!

If you are still not sure you can always e-mail one of the AYYA Board Members via the AYYA Web site at [www.AYYA.net](http://www.AYYA.net) and they will gladly let you know what you need to do to stay active.



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Brett Outchunis, yo-yo pro, competes in the Spin Top portion of the National Contest.

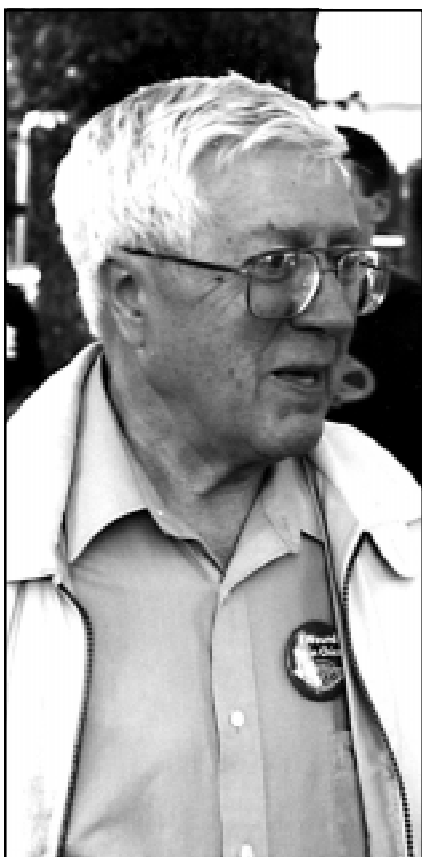


Photo by Joe Mitchell

Yo-Yo Legend Donald Duncan "Wound Up in Chico"

# A Chat With Bob Malowney

By Joe Mitchell

Bob Malowney has organized and promoted the 'Modern' National Championships in Chico, California since 1993. I caught up with him and asked him a few quick questions regarding the past and future of perhaps the most honored yo-yo event in America.

**Joe: How many people entered that first contest?**

**Bob:** The first year we had approx 30 players in the sport levels, Advanced and Beginners, and 7 or 8 in the Championship level.

**Joe: What are the biggest changes yoyoing has undergone since the first Nationals?**

**Bob:** Number of participants, equipment development, new levels of tricks, and accurate judging criteria and tabulation. These areas have grown quickly and needed to be handled well to further the forward energy.

**Joe: What is the history behind 'Bird-in-Hand?' - someone said you used to be commercial printers?**

**Bob:** My wife and I started a graphic design & screenprinting business in 1971 and operated it for 25 years. Ten years after starting that business we started a second business in 1981 - Bird in Hand. We ran both businesses for 15 years. Through the years the retail store grew to the point we sold our printing equipment in 1995 and concentrated on the store.

**Joe: How did 'Bird-In-Hand' get into yo-yos?**

**Bob:** In 1987 the idea struck us to look for yoyos to sell in the store, after all, the one I kept from my childhood was kept in my desk and brought out to be enjoyed from time to time. I thought maybe kids would like to play with one. At one time, I had a basket of yoyos on the counter, and everyday someone would come in and show me a trick I had not seen before, this lasted for two weeks! I then concluded that there was a lot of latent remembrances among many people. Everybody associated the yo-yo with fun.

The problem was how to find a good yo-yo! We contacted Duncan. Yomega was just getting the Brain to the market in small magazine ads. Tom Kuhn did not sell wholesale until we persuaded him to give us a shot. And we made our own! The Bird in Hand YoYo was all wood and was made right here in Chico. Thank goodness Brad Countryman came along. I met Don Duncan in 1989 and added the Playmaxx to the store.

**Joe: Any impressions that stand out from your first contest? What was it like?**

**Bob:** Our first contest was in April 1988, we had never put on a contest, and had nothing to go on except everybody's remembrances from when they were a kid. We had 10 age divisions and 10 tricks with the hardest trick being "man on the flying trapeze". There were probably 30 contestants... all beginners. We had a small but appreciative audience and videotaped the whole ordeal. Boy!, watching that video filled us with ideas how to improve the contest for the player ... and for the audience.



Photo by Dave Capurro

By the first National in 1993 we had run over a dozen contests of increasing size in several cities, meeting lots of players (Jennifer Baybrook in 1991, Hans Van Dan Elzen in 1990, Mark Sitton and Paul Buethe in 1989, Dennis McBride in 1988, and plenty more) during the "Return of the YoYo" traveling exhibit. So we knew how to keep an audience interested and players challenged.

**Joe: Future plans for Nationals? Any major changes coming?**

**Bob:** Wow, sure, got any ideas? Everytime I'm asked this, I think back a few years and wonder if I could have foreseen where it is today. This I know ... there are more and better players now than at any time in history. These players have invested time to learn the most complex and fabulous tricks ever seen in anybody's lifetime. The enjoyment, creativity and comraderie is not going to dissolve into thin air. This sport has touched the lives of a lot of people! It won't be forgotten in their lifetime.

The goal of the Nationals is to keep it's head above water, it's reputation growing, and better financing. The immediate charge of the Nationals planning is to improve and interlink the various regional contests happening around the country. These are vital to the bringing along of new players, which the sport needs so much.

**Joe: How many contestants entered the 2000 Nationals?, 1999? Is there an up trend?**

**Bob:** 1999 - 238 total competitors (108 Sport, 93 Single A, 37 Double AA)  
2000 - Last year we had 310 (184 Sport, 83 Single A, 43 Double AA)

The trend is better players from more of the country, and less beginners from the local school demos we held in '99. (many of the 1999 Sport were locals who bailed at the 4th or 5th trick) Now, the tricks are more difficult, the title more sought after, the players more experienced, and the sport more organized.

**Joe: Was a National Top Champion crowned??**

**Bob:** Jon Gates ran what we called an exhibition contest, to see what it would take to develop organization of a National level effort. Of course people will say Herman Lau is a national champ, but it is felt that not a lot of people knew of the contest. It is very important to have wide representation before awarding a meaningful title.

**Joe: Do you plan to offer a top contest again next year?**

**Bob:** This question has yet to be considered. Probably.

# Date, Location Set for 2001 Worlds

The 2001 World Yo-Yo Contest will be held on August 4th & 5th in Orlando Florida.

Last years event brought more international judges and contestants together for competition than ever before, this year's event hopes to draw even more.

Some major changes are on-hand for the 2001 Worlds. First and foremost, it will be at an Indoor facility. Hands down, the most heard complaint from 2000 Worlds was the hot and humid Florida weather in July. The 2001 World Yo-Yo Contest will be held in the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The competition will be held in the hotel in their convention center. The event site will be open 24 hours a day, starting 5 P.M. on Friday evening and ending on Sunday at 5 P.M. We encourage staying at this hotel to enjoy the event to it's fullest, as it's not going to stop all weekend. There are 24 hour restaurants in this hotel and a variety of recreational activities. It is also convenient to all of the Orlando tourist attractions. The Convention rate is \$85.00/night per room, for up to 4 occupancy. Reservations can currently be made only by phone to 1-800-627-8258. Just ask for the World Yo-Yo Contest convention rate. On line reservations will be available shortly. The event site has 22 foot ceilings, and over 10,000 feet of yo-yoing space.

US Airways has been designated as the official carrier for the World Yo-Yo Contest August 4,512000, in Orlando, FL. US Airways is offering attendees a special low rate for the event. This special fair will be 7% off First or Envoy Class and any published US Airways promotional route trip fare. A 12% discount off unrestricted coach fares will apply with 7 day advance reservations and ticketing required. Plan ahead and receive and additional discount by ticketing 60 days or more prior to departure. These discounts are valid provided all rules and restrictions are met and are applicable for travel from all points on US airways route system. These discounts are not combinable with other discounts are promotions. Additional restrictions may apply on international travel. Discounts are valid between August 1-13, 2001

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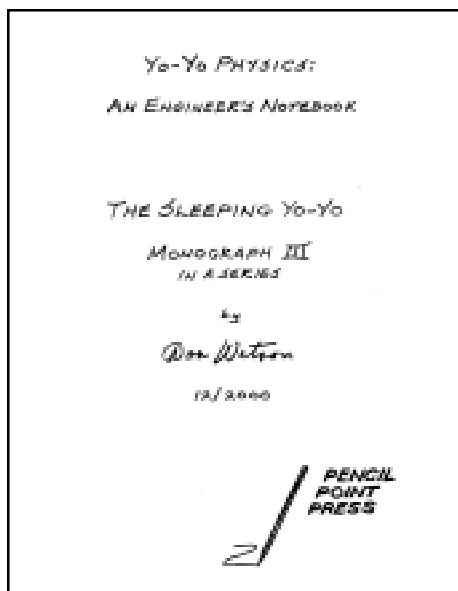
The 2001 World Yo-Yo Contest will have a Sport, A, AA, and X division competition, as well as being the host to the World Top Contest. There will be two rooms of specialty workshops and panel discussions on all related topics.

The rules are being changed to allow at least one person from each national yo-yo organization have the chance to freestyle. Expanding the number of contestants for A and AA freestyle from 10 to a number between 12 and 15. 8 of these slots will be contested for in the traditional manner. One of the remaining slots will be reserved for each country that has a national yo-yo organization that is represented. At this point the organization can have a choice. The seats (one A and one AA) can be assigned to their national champ in that category. If, as with the GYYA, A and AA are combined, the highest placing A and AA can have this slot. In this case the person will freestyle automatically, representing their country for the event. They will still have to go through the compulsories, as part of their score is based on how they do in the compulsories. If the country has no current A or AA champ, The top scoring person from that country in the compulsories at the 2001 World Yo-Yo contest will get to freestyle, even if they did not finish in the top 8. They will be expected to demonstrate a minimum skill in the compulsories. At this point they will be expected to score 75% of the required points. This number is not set and may change.

X Division is open to everyone, but will not have any slots held by nationality this year.

This offer is open to recognized national yo-yo organizations. We will be recognizing all national Yo-Yo organizations that have been in existence for more than 12 months and who have an annual National Yo-Yo Contest that is open to all contestants, and allows all brands of yo-yos to be used. All other groups will be considered on a case by case basis. The AYYA, GYYA, KYA and JYYA should already consider themselves recognized. All other countries should contact me for more information. If the BYYA will get in touch with me, I'm sure they too will be recognized.

More information as it becomes available will be posted at [www.worldyoyocontest.com](http://www.worldyoyocontest.com)



## Yo-Yo Physics: An Engineer's Notebook

Don "Captain YO" Watson's popular notebook series now has a third publication available titled *The Sleeping Yo-Yo - Monograph III in a series*. The series is planned and edited to support science, mathematics, and engineering students in high school and college level studies. The series is also a valuable reference for designers and engineers.

Monograph I, *Radius of Gyration*, presents a strictly analytic method for determining the Yo-Yo Moment of Inertia and Radius of Gyration. Two popular yo-yos are evaluated with complete supporting graphics and detail. Insight into string leverage and it's effects on yo-yo play characteristics is included. In practice, while useful with existing yo-yos, this analytic method is most valuable at and before the prototype stage for new designs.

Monograph II, *The Academic Yo-Yo*, uses free body physics analysis and experimental technique to determine Moment of Inertia for existing yo-yos. Here, each yo-yo is held to essentially constant acceleration on a long and thin tether in a timed unwinding fall. Two more popular yo-yos are evaluated using methods of Monograph I and II to test correlation of ana-

lytic and experimental results.

Monograph III, *The Sleeping Yo-Yo*, mathematically models two yo-yos from Mono I and II using vector algebra and "The Capstan Equation" to determine the initial angular velocity (RPM) for a sleeping fixed axle yo-yo. Moment of Inertia, coefficient of friction and spin duration are used for the fixed axle yo-yo; a transaxle is modeled using inference and reversed procedure. Spin energy and it's dissipation are evaluated. Useful information in yo-yo string structure and use is provided.

Monograph formats are 5.5 x 8.5, saddle stitched, 38 pages, soft-cover.

Single copy price for each monograph is \$6; any pair or all three are \$5 each monograph on a single order. Shipping, handling and applicable taxes are included. Outside the US, please query for shipping charges before ordering. Send check of money order to:

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# The Real World Champion

By Bramm Direck • Special to the AYYA Newsletter • Ed Note: The following was liberated by agents of SISY for appreciation by the masses.



Photo courtesy Greg Cohen

## Standard question: How did you start yo-yoing?

I was going to school as any a young kid and just before I was 12 years old, I bought a yo-yo for 35¢. "Duncan 77" they called it. I practiced a little bit and I got a feeling for it from the first day I played with it. Many people had a hard time making it go up and down. I seemed to be able to make it go after a very short trial period.

In those days in 1931, they had corner drug store competitions. I won some Duncan badges to begin with. They didn't have transistor radios to give away, so I got a badge. I got a lot of Cheerio badges when they came through...

## The other thing I always hear about is the Cheerio/Duncan battle-like, war-gang-thing...What was that like?

Oh sure, sure. They were vying for the demonstrators like myself, who was a Duncan boy to begin with. They were all giving me offers like -- how much was it, let me think...something like \$25 a month. (laughs) Of course with 25¢ you could get a full meal, from soup to dessert. \$25 a month, that was an average salary for a young kid...That was pretty good.

Anyway, they hired me on and because I was under 16 years of age, they had to hire a teacher to go along with me. He never taught me anything. He just had fun showing me the sights, that was my education from age 11 to 12.

After a while I had travelled all over Canada. To begin with, in Victoria, I won every contest conceivable. They had maybe only 10 large department stores that had contests.

Then I went to Vancouver, won all the contests at a place that no longer exists called Spencer's. That later on became Woolworth's and even that's closed down now; it was that many years ago. Of course, we're talking about 1932.

They offered me a trip to Europe to play yo-yo. First of all we were supposed to hang out in Toronto

so I could really practice up. We were going for the World Championship and that was a big thing then. It was bigger than the hula hoop ever was. I would say everyone between 12 and 18 had a yo-yo in their pocket then.

But when they boys began to go out with girls, they no longer played yo-yo. It's the same thing today: ten, eleven, twelve you can get them. But when they turn 14, the company would say, 'Look here, they don't want to play with a yo-yo. They won't make good players.'

Anyway, so they got me to go to London to join the contest, but we stayed in Toronto for three months training on the roof of the Ford Hotel on the Bay and Dundast St. I think that hotel's gone now. They spent a lot of money giving us lessons and everything. They could because they were making money, lots of money, selling yo-yos. Each of the yo-yo companies, Duncan, Cheerio and all, had their own demonstrator to vie for the World Championship that we were headed for in London.

After all the training in Toronto, I became pretty good at two-handed, but I wasn't supposed to tell anyone that I played two-handed. Then after London, after the World Championship, I began to loop them cross and then I crossed them blindfolded.

It's just like what you are doing now, you know. You spend quite a few hours a day doing it and in a couple years you're a genius. You're a genius with a yo-yo to me because I never had that much time to put into it. I was working, demonstrating, and in demonstrating you are practicing, but you don't think about new tricks because people ask you about the fundamental tricks. You just teach them Walk the Dog and they're happy. Rock the Baby, and they go crazy. They go home telling their parents all about it.

## So what happened going into the '50s and '60s and how did yo-yoing change?

Well, you know I was way before that, you see. From 1932 to 1935 I was in Europe. They said they made so much money that I got to go home all the way back to Vancouver, from London, from Paris, back for

A while back I had the incredible stroke of good luck to sit down and have lunch with Harvey Lowe, the first World Champion yo-yoer. I call it an incredible stroke of luck not only because I was able to talk to the 1932 to 1936 World Champion, who did nothing but floor me with how great of a person he is, but because at the age of eighty, he is still managing public relations for a mall in Vancouver and I was lucky enough to have him squeeze me in between meetings.

Christmas. They treated me like a king.

I taught the Prince of Wales, before he became king, how to play the yo-yo. But the Appointment Authority would not allow us to publicize that.

And there were times when millionaires were buying Rolls Royces to match the color of their yo-yo. You know, it's white with a green stripe. They would buy a Rolls Royce white with a green stripe. Green was a popular color. But I think that may be made up. A lot of these things were the inside information that I can talk to you about now, that we couldn't talk about then.

You know our hands were insured for \$150,000...and in the old days that was a lot of money.

## That's a lot of money now.

They used to publicize: 'Harvey Lowe's hands are insured for 150,000...' I think it was pounds. It was so far back I can't remember.

## That's still a lot...I talked to a lot of people that are touting the transaxles as this giant change in yo-yo's...

At first, I didn't want to admit that transaxles were something good. I didn't want to look at them. You see, I'm an old pro on the wooden thing and I stay by my wooden because when I do a double loop and cross them, I still like the feel of a pair of wooden ones. The plastic ones, they can do a lot of other things, but they can't beat the old wood for straight demonstrating. 'The Old Reliable' we call 'em. But not the tricks that you do now; that's impossible with a wood.

## Do you think things are going to change much with this?

Oh yeah, sure. It's hi-tech man, and I wish you a lot of luck, too, because you're in the new age now.

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# Linda Sengpiel

1944-2001

By Steve Brown

*Special to the AYYA Newsletter*

Linda Sengpiel: First Lady of Hell Yeah!

Linda Sengpiel rocked. I know it's kinda hard to picture a 50+ year old woman doing anything resembling "rocking", but she did. She was funny, and had a sharp wit that she tended to reserve for when no one was looking. She was cool in the same way that Mr. Rogers is cool, but more so; I never saw Mr. Rogers knock Dale Oliver down a notch then hop into a Cadillac and drive off into the sunset.

I first met Linda at the 1997 World Yo-Yo Championships in Pittsburgh, PA. She was getting ready to get on stage, and I asked Dale Oliver who she was. His exact response was "That's Linda. She's better than you, and that's all you need to know." I was more than a little annoyed. I kicked Dale in the shins, and moved on. After her freestyle demo, I went up and introduced myself. It was like being caught in a tornado full of kindergarten teachers...I walked away with a stamp on my hand, a fistful of stickers, an autographed picture, a plastic cup with her name on it, and the feeling that I had just been mugged by the host of "Romper Room". Never in my life had I been so effectively neutralized. She was an instant hero. Later that day, I stood by as Dale O. asked her if she'd like to join him for dinner. Her response? "Not a chance, Bill. I know where you've been!" A quick wink, and she hopped into her Caddy like the Lone Ranger in heels, and sped off. I had to laugh somewhere else, as Dale is mighty strong for his age. Quick, too.

I bumped into Linda here and there at a few other contests....never got a chance to talk to her for more than a few minutes but it was always fun. Her play was smooth, and her judging annoyed the bejeesus out of me, but it was all just part of the package. She was old skool, and that was good enough for me. Linda worked for Duncan, Royal, Festival, and even Pedro Flores. She was a no-nonsense woman in a field dominated by boys acting like men, full of swagger and stories. She was classy and gentle, but took no crap from "the boys". Basically, she rocked.

I always wanted to interview her...get the viewpoint of a woman playing on a men's team, if you will. I kept putting it off, and putting it off. Then I heard that we had been diagnosed with an inoperable brain tumor. And I froze...I couldn't imagine what I could say that wouldn't be awkward..."Hey Linda, heard you have a tumor. Please speak directly into the microphone". I wanted desperately to get her story, but couldn't bring myself to come between her and her family in what proved to be her last days. Two weeks later I read her obituary in the local newspaper, and realized how much we have all lost. Precious few women have followed in her footsteps. I can probably name them on one hand.

We have lost a great treasure in losing Linda. She was one cool lady. And yeah, she rocked.



*Photo by Dave Capurro*

# Bob Baab

1939-2001

By Steve Brown

*Special to the AYYA Newsletter*

Bob Baab: Dr. Yo

Bob Baab was a demonstrator's demonstrator. While many of the yo-yo men of old limited themselves to a single manufacturer, Bob just wanted to play. He demonstrated for Duncan, Royal, Cheerio, Hasbro, Kusan, MagneTop and Dell. As one of only two demonstrators for the Kusan "Twin Twirler", Bob invented a great many of the combination top/yo-yo tricks that some people have tried recently to claim as their own. Ahead of his time, Bob was content just to play yo-yos and tops, and make an honest living of it.

I spoke with Bob only a few weeks before his death. I called to ask him some questions about MagneTop and Kusan campaigns as information about them is scarce and not reliable. He happily answered the few questions I could think to ask, and usually launched into one anecdote or another about old promotions, company men, and demonstrators he'd worked with or competed with over the years. He was warm, honest (sometimes pointedly so...I know things about long gone demonstrators that even their mothers don't know), and patient with my few fumbling attempts to pin down an era that is impossible to describe for someone that wasn't there. Traveling for 10 months out of the year, spinning whatever was put in his hands. In these days of overwhelming brand-name loyalty, high performance competition, and 12 year olds with Dremel tools, Bob simply used what was handed to him. A little sandpaper on the gap, or wax on the string perhaps...barely anything we would constitute as an "improvement" on what we use today. It was overwhelmingly cool to be taken in so easily by someone like Bob. He didn't know me from a hole in the wall, but when I told him I was a demonstrator for Duncan, he treated me like an old friend. I only regret that I was not able to get the interview that he promised me. He was going to share all his secrets, all his stories, all his memories of the days when kids were kids and yo-yos were simply toys.

Never happened.

A few weeks after our conversation, I heard through the grapevine that Bob had passed away. Taking with him details of yo-yo and spin top promotions that many of us will never know about, and a warm and genuine respect for his fellow yo-yo men. Even the ones he never got a chance to meet. Thanks for everything, Bob.



# THE POWER OF YO

## ....A Story for the Heart



by Valerie Oliver (a little) and Ken Hohnstein (mostly)

I met Ken Hohnstein of Kirkland, Washington in Chico, California at the National Yo-Yo Competition in October of 2000. At that time, we discussed his grandson's love of yoing as well as the boy's physical handicap. I asked Ken if he would be willing to write a summary of the impact yo-yoing had had on his grandson. Ken has graciously allowed me to share the story with you here.

We met at the Nationals in Chico last October at which time we discussed my grandsons love of yoing and physical handicap. I promised at that time I would write you a note explaining the circumstances surrounding his venture into the wonderful world of yoing. It is a moving example of how the valuable training involved in acquiring the skills necessary to excel in the sport have helped a young man gain fine motor skills, self confidence, a "can-do" spirit and

love for an activity in which he may engage for the balance of his life.

My grandson is a special little boy blessed with wonderful, nurturing parents, a sweet spirit, superior intellect and a wonderful smile. As a very proud grandfather I could continue on for some time with his attributes, but suffice it to say he is a remarkable little boy! He is one of three children born into my only son's family. He has a younger sister, who at five is becoming quite a little lady yoer in her own right. His older brother died at birth. That made the much anticipated arrival of this little man something of a world class event in our family, especially after the tragedy of losing our first grandson. We almost lost this little guy, as well, when he stopped breathing during delivery. The umbilical cord wrapped around his neck, choking off his air supply. Through the doctor's rapid response his life was saved. However, during the time it took to bring him into the world by means of an emergency cesarean section he suffered oxygen deprivation. It wasn't until he was a toddler that we realized the birth trauma was to be the cause of a slight case of cerebral palsy. This manifested itself in a hand tremor which makes it very difficult for him to carry out fine motor skills, some difficulty in running, a very sensitive nervous system, and now that he is eight years old extreme difficulty in writing and drawing.

A little over a year ago I was reintroduced to yoyos after a hiatus of 50 years, and having won several contests in my youth. I was amazed at what could be done with the newer transaxle yo-yos, and took up the sport once again with greater interest than when I was a youngster. That is another story for another time though. I thought I would buy yo-yos for my grandchildren to see if I could encourage them to share an activity that I have always had a love for. Thankfully they both started to yo, and now it is a wonderful activity that we share and grow in together. I was very concerned about my grandson's ability to carry out the necessary skills to advance into string and picture tricks that all yoers eventually want to do. We checked in with his physical therapist to make sure we were not causing him any harm or undue stress, and were delighted to be encouraged by her to do all we could to help him continue yoing. She informed us that it is a wonderful activity to assist in developing fine motor skills, and assisting in learning new coping methods. Needless to say, I was thrilled to hear this, and so we began our mutual journey of learning more about this fascinating sport of Yoing.

He now has quite a repertoire of tricks, and is advancing into levels of difficulty far beyond our expectations. He has joined a club with many other youngsters, and displays his skills without fear, intimidation or anxiety. He entered his first contest, and won first place! The result of great teaching, I'm sure! That is not the end of the story. Personally witnessing what is accomplished through persistence and practice, practice, practice he has accomplished riding a bicycle without training wheels, is playing basketball, and his dad went with him to buy his first baseball bat. None of this was even a possibility in his life until he met Mr. Yoyo, and started to overcome the challenges of his handicap. I often cry when I see how hard he has to work at what most children do routinely, but he is one happy child who loves his Spintastics Tigershark. When he knows Generation Four is here, my wallet is in trouble! I hope this is some encouragement to you to continue doing all that you do for our youth. Thank you for your outstanding support of the "Sport of Yo", and the extra effort you and your colleagues...go to bring such joy to old and young alike. I appreciate it!

## YO-YO GIANTS WED, Film at 11



By Chuck Short, AYYA Board of Directors

The AYYA is proud to pass along its congratulations to Dale Oliver and Valerie Kranz, who were

married in Grapevine, Texas on April 12th 2001.

The ceremony was small and attended by close friends and family. A commemorative Technic yo-yo was given to each guest. The happy couple honeymooned on a cruise to the Caribbean, and will make their home in Grapevine Texas, home of Spintastics yo-yos. Jan Anderson, a close friend of the bride, graced the ceremony with song.

Dale, President and founder of Spintastics, is one of the four National yo-yo masters and founder of the American Yo-Yo Association. He served for many years as the president of the AYYA, and has been a professional player and important force in yo-yoing since the 1950s.

Valerie, Vice-president of Spintastics has been playing with tops and yo-yos since childhood, and has carved a niche for herself as a vital force in both. She has served as the secretary of the AYYA for many years, and both her and Dale's contributions have been essential to the development and growth of the AYYA.

Great friends make the happiest couples, and the AYYA and the yo-yoing community at large wish only the best for Valerie and Dale both in their personal and professional lives in the future.

## Thanks to Lucky

By: John Stangle

Those of you that do not know, Lucky has worked hours to help the AYYA establish the AYYA World Records and the rules associated with that. The AYYA is working hard to maintain the records that are set at events around the world and Lucky has indicated that he will continue to help in this area of the AYYA.

The AYYA Web Site (<http://www.ayya.net>) is a great source of information and is being updated all the time. We have a new Web Master on board and more World Record information and constant updates will be uploaded as it becomes available.

Lucky has also provided the AYYA with the "Collectable YO-YO of the Month" information on our AYYA web site. Each month the AYYA has a great graphic of a collectable YO-YO and description of it's details. Neat and cool stuff and I personally look forward to what will be uploaded next month.

Thanks to Lucky for all of his years of help (he has been on the AYYA BOD since day one) and I look forward to what new things he will present to the AYYA and the World Record Committee.



## Dazzling Dave Schulte

# The Past and Future of Off String Yo-Yo Play

By: Dave Schulte

**Authors Note:** This article was originally written for the 4th issue of *Yo-Yo World* after the 1999 National Yo-Yo Championships. When the magazine stopped printing, the article sat on the shelf for a while. Although it is now almost a year old, it still has a lot of relevant facts and history.

Although off String yo-yo play seems to have burst onto the yo-yo scene lately, it has actually been around for quite awhile. In one basic form or another, it has been around since 1958 when Duncan released its first wooden butterfly yo-yo. According to Dale Oliver, a former Duncan demonstrator, the demonstrators of that time would challenge each other by taking yo-yoing a step further...off the string. One of the first such attempts was with Wayne Lundberg, the inventor of the butterfly yo-yo, Ken Filary, and Dale. They would attempt to play catch off string, throwing the yo-yo back and forth. He said that the few maneuvers they did were never promoted or demonstrated in public. It was just a challenge between the crew, it was never meant to sell more yo-yos or encourage a new craze.

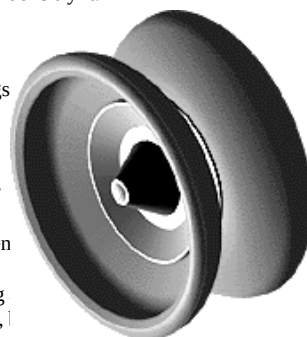
Little did the demonstrators of the late 50's know that they were developing a style that would make such an impact on yo-yos in the late 90's. The recent resurgence can be traced back to 1990, in Tucson Arizona. Dale Oliver showed a small group of people the few off string maneuvers that he and other demonstrators from the 50's did. At the time, he was using an original Pro Yo. (I saw a similar demo from Dale in 1997 using a Viper. The ball bearing is a major advancement in off string play, it allows much more intricate tricks on one throw) Among the people in the group at Tucson, one person was particularly interested, his name was Jon Gates. Jon is one of the people responsible for the push in off string, as well as some of the tricks that have been developed. Jon is a very creative yo-yo player, and when he started working with the limitless parameters of off string, he really shined. The first yo-yo he tried off string with was an old Playmaxx Premier Monarch. (butterfly shape) He said it worked OK, but many of his yo-yo's were broken because of the nature of off string practice...the yo-yo hits the ground, not to mention everything else in the room. The advent of the soft rubber Henry's Viper yo-yo has really changed that. It is much safer to attempt to learn off string as well as develop more difficult tricks. I have been with Jon on a number of occasions when we would look at maneuvers that are thought not possible, and then we would make it happen. When Jon and I first started, I never thought we could perform a throwdown on one throw, and then off string tricks on the next throw. Or be able to perform regeneration for minutes on end without a catch. Regeneration is definitely the future of off string play, it is exciting to watch, and challenging to perform. During a phone interview with Jon, he said that most of the tricks he knows are due to a collaboration with John Higby. Together, they would experiment, develop, and bounce trick ideas off each other during hours of fun practice time. They drove each other to excel, and had fun at the same time.

Jon and I have been sent to Japan on separate tours called Team Hyper Viper (THV) tours. These tours were to promote the Henry's Hyper Viper. We went with different teams to demonstrate all tricks, but Jon and I concentrated mostly on off string. The tricks we demonstrated were discussed and shown in the *Coro Coro* comic books. These comic books are widely circulated in Japan, and were a great help in promoting off string play with the Hyper Viper. My tour was all across southern Japan, with the two big days being held in the Osaka and Fukuoka Domes with thousands of people on hand to watch. On the other days, I was at major stores demonstrating and teaching off string. Jon was all over, but spent a majority of his time in and around Tokyo. He was also at one of the major national events where tens of thousands of people came. We both agree that the best part of touring is meeting all of the kids that are into yo-yos. I was on my tour to Japan when off string yo-yoing was a relatively new concept to them. I was able to teach many of the kids some basic and advanced moves. Some of the kids even talked about Jon and the tricks he taught them. It is so great to see the impact of the work that demonstrators have done around the world. Dale Oliver has also done off string in Japan using a Tigershark. He was pictured on the front page of the Tokyo newspaper before the famous 4/4 event doing a behind the back trapeze catch. When speaking with Jon and Dale, we were all amazed at the level of play that off string has achieved around the world. Our work in Japan inspired a group of people to form "Team Off-Strings." (a Japanese team dedicated to the advancement of off string yo-yo play) These kids are amazing, they took the basics that all the off string demonstrators had shown them, and took it to new levels. A quote I remember from my school teaching days said "It is a teacher's goal, and best reward, to see the student surpass the teacher." In this case I think we have all succeeded. In the 1998 US Nationals in Chico, Sky Kiyabu was the first person to put a significant amount of off string play in his freestyle. He won first place in the A division by using great stage presence, innovative tricks, and ending his routine with some off string maneuvers using a Viper. Hironori Mii also used multiple Vipers to take second place in the A division at the 1999 World Yo-Yo Championships in Hawaii. His freestyle was totally off string, and it amazed the audience. A technical error on the music cut his time a little short or who knows, he may have been able to capture first place. Before anyone knew the results of the contest, he was offered the opportunity to freestyle again with the correct amount of time, but being the sportsman he is, he let it stand. At the 1999 US Nationals in Chico, an experimental division put off string as a compulsory trick. This division which showcased the cutting edge of yo-yo play, and was extremely difficult, was called the X-Division. Unfortunately, the contestants had to choose between the X-division and the other traditional divisions and the X-division did not attract enough players to run the contest. Perhaps in the future, the X-division tricks will be fused with the traditional tricks, then off string will be required of the single A National Champion. Hironori Mii attended the US Nationals, but because he is not a US citizen, he was unable to compete. But that did not prevent him from putting on an exciting off string demo for the crowd. It was fantastic. He is truly pushing the limits of off string to new heights. With the advent of the Henry's Viper yo-yo, off string yo-yo play is enjoying a major resurgence in the United States and around the world. The soft body, and wide gap allows the player to safely attempt mind blowing maneuvers...all off string. Many trick names and maneuvers are similar to normal yo-yo play, like brain twister, man on the trapeze, rock the baby, etc... but with the added dimension of diabolo style tricks like suicide, whip catch, etc. The tricks that a beginner can do, however basic, have an added element of difficulty, challenge, and fun. We sure have come a long way since Duncan introduced a wooden butterfly yo-yo in 1958. They were not even thinking about yo-yoing off string, and today it is not only thought about, it is a passion. The only thing left for you to do is try it.

## Getting Started

A few tips to help you save time, and get the basics when learning to do off string tricks.

1. Get a butterfly shape yo-yo. I prefer the Viper due to the soft body, wide gap, and long spin, but any butterfly yo-yo will do (Bearings will make it a lot easier).
2. Find an open area with no breakable objects nearby.
3. Basic winding of the off string yo-yo. First, attach the slip knot to your finger as you normally would. Next, place and hold the loose end of the string in the gap of the yo-yo, (do not open the string end) and wind the string around it until it grabs and wraps up to your hand. Note: The forward pass mount is the most basic. The yo-yo will be spinning toward you when it is thrown.
4. Stand with your back to the wall, it should be about 4 ft behind you. This will prevent the yo-yo from rolling very far away when practicing. Most people give up because they get sick of chasing the yo-yo after they miss the string catch.
5. Throw the yo-yo out forward and up, like the first throw of shoot the moon. Using your non yo-yo hand's first finger catch the string it goes up and before the yo-yo leaves the string. This will cause the yo-yo to go up and slightly back toward you. This is tough at first, keep practicing. **Note:** Some people prefer to throw it exactly like a forward pass, but the yo-yo tends to go straight out and not up or back, so it is hard to catch it on the string. It is best to point the yo-yo more up on the first throw.
6. Once the yo-yo has left the string, keep the string in both hands and attempt to align the groove up with the string to make the catch. It is important to leave some slack in the string so the yo-yo has a place to land, and it will not immediately fall off.
7. After you have successfully caught the yo-yo, you should try to wind it up. Take the loose end of the string, and wrap it around the axle just at the end. (You are crossing the string over itself) The yo-yo should return to the hand, ready to be thrown again.
8. Once the throw and wind are perfected....add tricks in between. **Tip:** If you find the yo-yo keeps leaning and falling off the string after you land it, try to move the ends of the string left or right, or give it more slack to correct the tilt of the yo-yo.



*Tools of the Trade -  
Henry's Viper is the  
choice of many of the top  
off-string players*



## Mounts

Other mounts currently being used. Not described here.

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| 1. Forward Pass  | 4. Drop           | 7. Threw the legs |
| 2. Brain Twister | 5. Throwdown      | 8. Trapeze        |
| 3. Bottom        | 6. Over the falls | 9. Shoot the Moon |

## Tricks

I believe that most tricks are not invented, they just evolve. I have met so many beginners, who say “look, I invented a trick”, and they show Rock the Baby. When a yo-yo is placed on a persons finger, and they are not given any instruction, they will learn/create tricks. The same is true for off string. People all over the world are experimenting with this type of yo-yo play, and the tricks are evolving. Not one person has made up these tricks listed below, they have just been discovered. All tricks listed are described from a forward pass mount after the yo-yo lands on the string.

- **Throwdown/Forward Pass** - Throw the yo-yo out or down, but before it gets to the end of the string, give it a little tug. The yo-yo should wrap up without going off string. This will amaze the casual observer when the next throw comes off the string.

- **Tight Rope Walker** - Simply stretch the string tight from end to end. Being sure to keep the string straight, tilt one side down slightly and watch the yo-yo walk along the string.

- **Elevator** - Pull the loose end of the string over your yo-yo finger. Pull down and align it with the groove of the yo-yo. Keep pulling down until the yo-yo reaches the top floor.

- **Barrel Rolls** - Take your non yo-yo hand, and pass the finger on the string and under the yo-yo forward and backward. The yo-yo will be passing over your finger in a rolling motion.

- **Picture Tricks** - Picture tricks can be a lot of fun for an audience, and can be done off string as well. -Spaghetti, star, Eiffel Tower...etc.

- **Trapeze** - Turn your body sideways and swing the yo-yo up over your non yo-yo finger, and land it on the string. For added complexity, add freestyle moves with somersaults.

- **Bounce** - Bring the loose string ends together to form a large loop. Put both hands in the loop, and tilt it on its side. Being careful to keep the yo-yo straight, bounce the yo-yo up in the air and have it land on the other string...and then go back and forth as many times as you would like.

- **Bounce Catch** - On a hard, smooth surface, toss the yo-yo up and slightly forward. It should hit the ground and bounce up toward you. Keep the string straight, align it with the groove of the yo-yo, and catch it. This looks great in the middle of a regeneration trick routine.

- **Rock the Baby** - Hold the loose end in your right hand to form a large loop. Using your non yo-yo hand, pull and twist the outside string forward and down to form a triangle. Rock the yo-yo through the triangle, and you have Rock the Baby.

- **Suicide** - Turn your body sideways. Swing the yo-yo, on the string, up and to the right (or left for the left handed players) like you are swinging it in a circle. Now the Suicide part...let go of the loose end of the string before your arms cross, and let the yo-yo keep traveling. Catch the loose end as it comes back around....the yo-yo should have stayed on the string. For a dazzling effect, repeat as many times, and as fast as you can.

- **Body Hops** - Position any part of your body over the string and yo-yo.(Arm, leg, shoulder, neck, etc) When positioned correctly, hop the yo-yo over your body, and land it on the string on the other side. You can repeat this as many times as you like over all part of your body.

- **Whip Catch** - This is a huge crowd pleaser... it is best done after the ‘Bounce’, but it can be done at anytime. Hold the string in a large loop. (keep all of your finger in the loop to make it as big as possible) Tilt the top of the loop to the side, and throw the yo-yo up and out of the loop. As the yo-yo comes down, swing the loop, held sideways, at the gap of the yo-yo...aim one of the strings at the gap....and make the catch.

- **Many, Many more to come** - Just start experimenting and you will discover tricks for yourself.

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Sources:  
Phone interviews with Dale Oliver  
& Jon Gates

# A Farewell to John Stangle

By Dale Oliver, AYYA Founder

When I resigned the presidency of the AYYA it was with great trepidation. I feared that no one would step up and be able to keep the AYYA alive and vital. John Stangle graciously took that challenge. He not only took on the challenge, he brought his intensity, his organizational skills, his ability to delegate and his vision of what the AYYA could be with him. He did a much better job than I. The organization has grown and prospered under his leadership. He has done all of those boring, legal necessities that were required to meet the requirements of the IRS and state bureaucracies. He has dragged the board, kicking and moaning, down the road to competency, requiring each of them to not only hold their positions, but to live up to the mandate of the mission statement. He has spent an untold number of hours, through many nights, doing a labor of love because he believed in what the AYYA stood for and what he dreamed that it could become. I may have started the AYYA, but John has successfully brought it into the 21st Century. We all owe him a sincere debt of gratitude for what he has achieved. He is now going to pass the baton to another. He will be sorely missed. I can only hope that his successor will be able to fill his ample shoes. Thanks John, for a job well done.

## Thanks to Bill deBoisblanc

By: John Stangle - AYYA President

Many of the AYYA Members and players on the East coast have not had as much of the opportunity to meet some of the players that are always known about from the West coast.

I met Bill deBoisblanc when the hype of YO-YO's was overwhelming to me! It was a lead of a person to contact that was given to me from a guy who was assembling the Tom Kuhn YO-YO's a block from the corner of Haight and Ashbury in San Francisco, CA. I searched out the TK shop and finally found it courtesy of the UPS driver in the area (they always know where everyone lives - if your lost ask the UPS driver).

I was having a contest and wanted as many people there as I could get. I called everyone that gave me names for including Captain YO (Don Watson). Soon, I started getting calls back. WOW this was gonna be great!

Through the years and the cool contests we seemed to always end up at we have become very good friends. Lauri (my significant other) and myself have had the honor to become part of their family life and celebrations of holidays and birthdays. We have had the chance to stay at each other's homes and YO (though the gals usually like to shop while we hang out).

Bill has always been known to hang out in the courtyard of their home and practice for hours (no yards in the San Francisco/Oakland areas so it is a courtyard or nothing) and always became the known at the “YO-YO Guy”.

Bill volunteered to be part of the AYYA Board of Directors and to help with the AYYA Tricks and Rules and Sanctioning of AYYA Events. He had no idea what he had gotten himself into! As the AYYA is very flexible (thanks to Bills help) he still spent hours of his personal time to coordinate a proper review of “every” submission and upon approval forwarded it to the AYYA Web Master for posting.

Bill established the formal format for the AYYA Tricks and Rules and has helped to keep them updated with the industry ( everyone keeps inventing so many tricks no one can keep up).

Thanks Bill for all you have done! As I too am not going to be on the AYYA BOD next year I appreciate all that you have done and look forward to the new AYYA BOD's progress

## Thanks to Lucky

By: John Stangle

Those of you that do not know, Lucky has worked hours to help the AYYA establish the AYYA World Records and the rules associated with that. The AYYA is working hard to maintain the records that are set at events around the world and Lucky has indicated that he will continue to help in this area of the AYYA.

The AYYA Web Site (<http://www.ayya.net>) is a great source of information and is being updated all the time. We have a new Web Master on board and more World Record information and constant updates will be uploaded as it becomes available.

Lucky has also provided the AYYA with the “Collectable YO-YO of the Month” information on our AYYA web site. Each month the AYYA has a great graphic of a collectable YO-YO and description of it's details. Neat and cool stuff

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*Dave Schulte getting a lesson from Eric Wolff*



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*Dan Compton finished 3rd in A*



*Markus Lawson's Freestyle*

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# MORE POWER OF YO

by Valerie Oliver and Dan Gray

In previous AYYA newsletters, I have written articles related to the Power of Yo; that is, the power that the yo-yo has. In the past, my examples were of kids, sometimes troubled kids or students having difficulty in school. I continue to hear of phenomenal stories and would love to hear from anyone who is willing to share such an experience. This time, though, my story lies with adults....adults in the workplace to be exact. I recently ran a yo-yo contest in Leander, Texas (near Austin) where I met a man named Dan Gray. Dan works at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas and loves yo-yos and spinning tops. He shared the following story with me, and I subsequently asked him to write an article for me to share with all of you. Though this particular example relates primarily with spin tops, he extends the idea to the yo-yo. Most of us have a job in a workplace setting. I challenge you to use these ideas in your particular working environment. Thanks Dan for the inspiration.

## Corporate Teamwork, Tops and Yo-Yo's

By: Dan Gray, Program Manager, Texas Engineering Extension Service, College Station, TX 77845

What happens when the organization you work for downsizes and merges with other groups? In my situation some people lost their jobs, others had to compete for their job by reapplying, new people moved into the offices, others had to move to other offices, and job titles and tasks were changed. Another thing that happened is people began to hibernate in their offices. They didn't know others in the building, did not trust each other and were fearful of what may happen next. People looked and acted like they were stressed. To make matters worse no one seemed to be trying to make things better. There was no plan or budget to build teamwork within the new organizational structure.

Several of us decided to take matters in our own hands and do something to help relieve stress, get people acquainted, build teamwork and have some fun at work. We decided that break time was the only time available to accomplish our goals. Since some people had expressed an interest in a top I had recently acquired we decided to use tops as a vehicle to build teamwork. We gave everyone (30) in all of the offices their own top. Then we began spinning the tops at break time. Slowly people wanted to know how to spin a top. Imagine a 45-year-old support staff who had never used a top to a young person who have never seen a top before. Amazing things began to happen. Some people threw the top and string all the way down the hall. Others had to be coaxed to try. People began to have fun and get to know one another. We made obstacles such as Frisbees and slinkys to land the tops in. We also put out a newsletter every Monday to give top lessons, praise people's skill development and poke innocent fun. Departments and groups began to compete with each other. We even put out a skill achievement chart for guidance.

Soon everyone wanted an organized contest. We had the contest in a large room during lunch. Several of the workers made pies and everyone had a great time. I made some top trophies on my wood lathe, and we gave everyone that participated a certificate and a yo-yo with a how-to yo-yo video. Now everyone is spinning yo-yos in the hall and demonstrating their skills. Can a yo-yo contest be far behind?

Did we accomplish our goals? Yes we did. Everyone knows each other's name and what job they perform; they are no longer fearful of one another, stress level is reduced and people are smiling and having fun in the hall. Was it a total success? No, two people out of 30 did not participate.

### Lessons learned:

- Don't push; allow things to happen at a natural pace
- Encourage, demonstrate and teach
- Provide what is needed
- Be an example
- Smile and have fun
- Don't expect a high level of skill attainment (that is not the goal)

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# 2000 Cal State Championships

By David Capurro, AYYA Webmaster

I really do not like San Francisco. Smog, traffic, crowds, too many people, more traffic, lack of parking, expensive hotels, bridge tolls.... But I would put up with all of that for the forward progress of my sport, yoyoing.

One of the first contests that I ever attended was the 1996 California State Yo-Yo Championships, I got 3rd place in the advanced division! Hey, that was a happy day for me :) Little did I know that 4 years later I would be one of the head judges at the 2000 California State Yo-Yo Championships. Fellow judges included Don Watson (Captain Yo) and Matthew Kirkendall (Astrojax Rep).

Judging at that contest was one of the best yoyo experiences I have ever encountered. Cliff Coleman is one of my idols, both inside and outside the yoyo community. He was one of the guys that would teach me tricks "back in the day" and at this contest, I found myself judging him... how bass ackward is that?! But boy... seeing him in action again and actually still winning trophies is amazing. I can't even begin to tell you what an incredible honor it was not only judging at this particular event, but getting the chance to see Cliffy in action again and actually winning 3rd place! I had a big grin on my face during his entire routine ;D

Lets see... some other memorable people.... John Stangle. Here is a guy that has been putting on yoyo contests for years. John is the FIRST yoyo person I ever met, and to this day remains one of the greatest. Calstate2k was one of the best events he has ever put on. Ken from toy symphony... while I don't know him all that well, he is a righteous dude, and he has helped promote the sport of yoyoing. SoCoOL Bob (Robert Kennedy). I am not sure what to say about this dude... kinda thought he was weird the first time I met him... hey, I still think he is weird! But he is one of my best friends, and I admire him for continuing to "do his thing" in the yoyo community. Jonboy (SoCoOL Jr.). Bob's kid. I remember seeing him at contests back in 96-98 but never really talked to him much until the beginning of this year. We have been hanging out

since, and he has become one of my good close friends, and he is turning into one helluva yoyo player. Don Watson. Oh captain my captain! Don is a real class act, I have been watching him play for years, and have loved every single minute of it. This gentleman taught me how to do

brain twister in 1995 at Willie Birds in Santa Rosa at the "Willie Bird Flyers" yoyo club, and I will never forget that :) Ken and Antia Young, you guys rock, plain and simple. Chuck Short.. I saw you at the contest, judged for a few hours.. and you were gone. Where did you go?! Tom Kuhn. The maker of the first yoyo I ever played with. I did not get to talk with the guy much, but he did take some pictures for us (normally I would have taken pictures but I was judging).

Last but not least... my yoyo club. The Spin Doctors. I don't know how my club got so big and cool, but it did, and I love all of you poodles!... except Jeff, he thinks my "signature series" yoyo is ugly :) Big props to Maddie Wong for kicking butt in the Advanced Division! First place! By the way, the Spin Doctors now have a website that is under construction, but check it out from time to time :) <http://www.spindox.org>

So yeah, I went to the contest and judged... did not have much time for the social stuff, but I am glad that I am finally at the level to be able to judge so other people can get on stage and show their stuff!

Here are some cool pictures, courtesy of Dr. Tom Kuhn :)

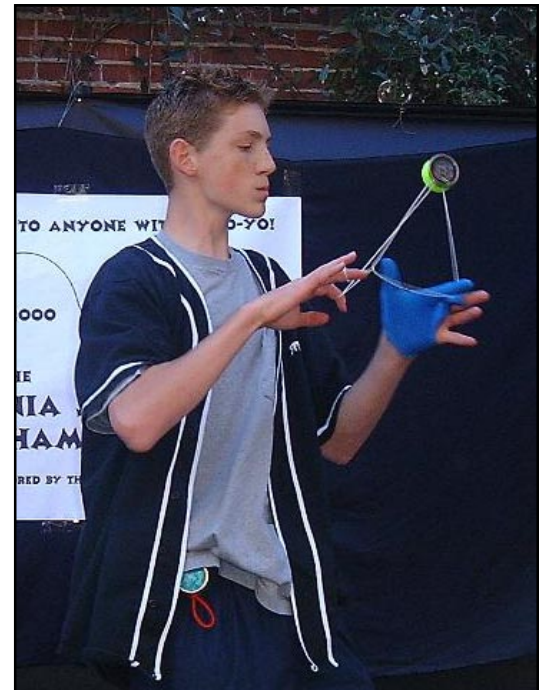
So... yeah.



*Cliff Coleman and Hal Discuss the Finer Points of Yoing..*



*Advanced Division Winner Maddie Wong*



*Below: Spencer Pops (or is it Fresh's?)*



# Notes From Cappy, AYYA Webmaster



**Dave  
Capurro**

Word up from the AYYA Webmaster!

Hey, hi :) Oh, sorry... My name is David Jay Capurro and I am the webmaster for the AYYA. I nominated myself for the task at the AYYA board meeting at the 2000 Nationals, and people 2nd and 3rd'd me. I think that's how it works?

Anyways, I just want to take a second to introduce myself for those of you who do not know me. I am the founder and manager of the Spin Doctors Yo-Yo Club. I am a Yoyojam Grand Master and I have my own signature series yoyo, some call it the "CappyFaKtor". It is a nifty pink yoyo and I find it to be quite keen. Lets see... I am one of the "higher-ups" at The String Cemetery, and at one point I had the most yoyo videos online.... big whoop :) I have about 20 titles, ranging from 4th place to 1st, and I have been competing since 1995. I also happen to be the largest professional Yo-Yo player that I know of. Yep, that's right, I am fat... but I have a huge

amount of confidence to go along with this big body. I don't let anyone or anything get in the way of my Yo-Yo fun.

Why do I Yo-Yo? Simple... because it is fun! I learned how to Yo-Yo from people like Cliff Coleman, Dale Oliver, Bill deBoisblanc, Helane Zeiger, Dr. Tom Kuhn, Don "Captain Yo" Watson, Former AYYA Prez John Stangle, Dale Myrberg, etc... the list goes on. These people took me aside and taught me how to do the tricks they were doing at the time. Eventually, I got good enough to have confidence to teach other people how to Yo-Yo, and they eventually got better and better, so good in fact, they started teaching my teachers, and eventually teaching me. Now I am showing tricks to my teachers that I learned from my students, and man, it just doesn't get any better than that! To me, that is the absolute greatest thing about the Yo-Yo community... the constant flow of tricks being learned and taught. I would also like to take this moment to recognize an awesome dude, Robert "SoCoOL Bob" Kennedy, who is one of the CoOlest people I have ever met. I don't recall him ever teaching me a single Yo-Yo trick, but he took the time to try and talk to me man to man when I was an antisocial teenage punk, and that means a lot to me. The man may speak in puzzles sometimes :P, but he has taught me a very important lesson in life..., never give up, and I never will. Now if I could only get him to attend a Spin Doctors meeting... \*cough\*hint\*cough\*

Regardless of what you may or may not have heard about me, I am a very nice and outgoing person, and anyone that says otherwise is just a big meanie. I am the kind of guy that will teach anyone anything as long as the asking party wants to learn. I spin with people of all ages and skill levels. I am not better than anyone, and neither are you. I am just another guy, and all I really want to do is help people in the same way that my teachers helped me. I have been yoyoing for 13 years, and I will never stop. I will yoyo until the day I die, Yo-Yo in hand :)

Being the AYYA Webmaster has been an enriching experience for me. It has given me the opportunity to reach a large audience of Yo-Yo enthusiasts, and the chance to help people all over the world that have questions regarding Yo-Yos. If you have any questions regarding me, the AYYA, or Yo-Yos in general, please drop me a line at [webmaster@ayya.net](mailto:webmaster@ayya.net)

In the words of Doctor Popular & Vanilla Ice, word to your mother.

## Harvey Lowe (cont)

**Was there any time before this when changes in yo-yo technology had a big impact on the yo-yo industry?**

No big changes during my time. You're talking about 1933, 34, 35; that's when I was in it. After that I had to go back to school to finish my education.

I made enough money to go back to Shanghai. Because my mother said, "Well, you look Chinese, man. You better learn some Chinese." I didn't even know how to write my own name in Chinese. So I went through the university in Shanghai. That's the old rules and I'm an old man, eh. But I always feel young. I'm 80 now. I was born in 1918, just one day before Halloween...So I'm not a young man anymore but I feel very young talking to you. You're 24, I get along well with you and I'm 80. (laughs) I almost have to have a cane to walk on, but I look up to you guys for those very fancy tricks.

**You were talking about some time in Vegas that you guys would go there and do some shows...**

Oh yea, yeah. We'd do little — we called them 'club shows.' You have short runs, you play for a week there at a place like the Dunes and all that, but it's no longer there.

**I think the Dunes is still there. [editor's note: Harvey was right, the Dunes is gone.]**

They may change the name there, but it all changes hands. Las Vegas is modernized now, it's a family affair. Before, I think, if I could see it, there was a lot of gang stuff and the black man was never able to get in there and play. And gradually we saw the change there and now the black man is welcome. That's the way the world should go around. It's real updated now, everything is so beautiful.

**Right now there's a debate over the World Champ. There are different "World Champion" competitions—**

Ah, it's something like the old wrestling world where almost everyone is the 'World Champ' for a time. Now they are better organized and have one World Champion. Back then, they had many, many people travelling around the country at the end of my time in 1936, claiming to be the world champ.

But I feel that I was the original Yo-Yo World Champion because I won the original World Championship. And I won that one because it just happened that I looped and my string didn't break. That's all. The runner up lost it like that. Joe Young was the runner up. He passed away; he was in the Air Force. I represented China and he represented Canada. After all, you couldn't have two representatives for one country... But they did have about 12 representatives in all at that London show, and it was real great.

**You said that after your yo-yo days, you went back to school in Shanghai. What have you been doing with yourself since?**

I became a radio announcer because I was the only one who could speak decent English. The English speaking public was about two hundred thousand in the Shanghai International Settlement at that time in the 1930's.

During the Sino-Japanese conflict, I trained to be a radio broadcaster. Well, I wouldn't say a broadcaster — 'announcer' more or less. I didn't have to make up my own shows. I just read the news ticker tape.

After I graduated, me and my brother owned a radio station. That was taken over when the Japanese came over and took over Shanghai. The first slap in the face was the Sino-Japanese conflict. The second slap

in the face was when the Communists came in 1949. So I had to hike it back to Canada.

I went back to Canada, went back to yo-yoing right away. Nothing else to do. I couldn't get a job properly. So, I went on a circuit travelling around the North. The Elk Club; they have a circuit around here. I joined that, played yo-yo all around the circuit and had a lot of fun too. Not much money in it though. I didn't work for any particular company at the time; they just billed me as 'The World Champion Yo-Yo Player.'

**What were those gigs like?**

They were pretty good, a lot of fun. I mean they'd introduce the 'World Champion' and da-da-da... They have these Vaudeville shows in these nightclubs like in Portland and all. They were 'bottle clubs,' you know. You come in there and people got a key to their own tiny locker, these baby lockers, and they'd lock the bottle in there so when the cops come around they'd say, "No, I don't know whose that is, man..."

My time had come crashing to an end and Harvey had to get back to a meeting that was waiting for him. Sitting in a food court, eating some great Teriyaki Chicken, after listening to the real World Champ tell me about clubs that had tiny lockers left over from the days of Prohibition, all I could think of was how funny it is that things never really seem to change. Except of course that people no longer have to worry about hiding their alcohol, and the only things 'baby-sized' at the last club I yo-yoed in were the shirts the girls were wearing.



by Lucky Meisenheimer, M.D.

# Lucky's Collectors Corner

The big news in yo-yo collecting is that we have a new price breakthrough with a Goody Rainbow #630 selling on ebay for \$1725.00, yup that's correct \$1725.00. That makes this the highest price ever paid for a mass produced yo-yo. This was followed by a box of Duncan Jewels taking the top spot in the complete box category with a record sell price of \$4100.00. Show these prices to your mom when she says "lets throw out your old yo-yos they will never be worth anything anyway".

Two other yo-yos broke into the top ten highest price list a Goody Trophy "Gold" #632 tripled its previous high when it shot straight to the number 6 position at \$1225.00 and the Goody Master 1jewel #638 nearly doubled it's previous high bumping the Bandalore #1617 out of its number ten spot with a price of \$905.00.

Other notable sales include a packaged Duncan Chief #437 in a polybag with a header card moving into the number 3 slot on the all time high prices paid for a packaged yo-yo and an Proyo Albino Bee GT from a very limited run selling for \$202 which moved it into the number 6 position on the loose plastic list.

So what does it take to break into the top 100? Well a price of over \$269.00 is the current barrier and by the time the next newsletter comes out it will likely be \$300.00. Don't think the yo-yos that obtain these prices are only limited runs or one-of-a- kinds over 90% of the top 100 were mass produced models.

So what companies made these very hot top 100 yo-yos? Well the breakdown is as follows:

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Duncan .....       | 29 listings |
| Cheerio .....      | 21          |
| Goody .....        | 11          |
| Royal .....        | 9           |
| Flores .....       | 3           |
| Kuhn .....         | 3           |
| Hi-Ker .....       | 2           |
| Yomega .....       | 2           |
| Doozer .....       | 2           |
| Misc. yo-yos ..... | 18          |

Like to collect other Yo-Yo memorabilia then check out this top 20 list for related yo-yo memorabilia.

|                                                          |        |
|----------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Flores mailing pouch .....                            | \$1075 |
| 2. Cheerio Championship plaque .....                     | \$761  |
| 3. Roy Rogers Contest Poster .....                       | \$459  |
| 4. Duncan Trophy .....                                   | \$455  |
| 5. Duncan Trophy and Pen holder .....                    | \$405  |
| 6. Duncan 1959 desk pin set .....                        | \$361  |
| 7. Cheerio Coronation Poster .....                       | \$355  |
| 8. Original Cartoon Art Madman with yo-yo .....          | \$274  |
| 9. Disney Fantasia 2000 Flamingo w/yo-yo sculpture ..... | \$265  |
| 10. 1956 Duncan Champ Trophy .....                       | \$255  |
| 11. Fantasia 2000 Flamingo with yo-yo limited Ed. ...    | \$222  |
| 12. Cheerio Jr. Instructor Pin .....                     | \$200  |
| 13. Fantasia Flamingo/yo-yo gift box .....               | \$180  |
| 14. All American Yo-Yo display 1971 .....                | \$168  |
| 15. Mr. Yo-Yo Fire Truck by Duncan .....                 | \$162  |
| 16. Cheerio Bronze Award Pin .....                       | \$161  |
| 17. Duncan Playground Champion 1958 plaque .....         | \$157  |
| 18. Duncan 1957 playground champ. Loving cup .....       | \$157  |
| 19. Duncan Flat bed truck .....                          | \$127  |
| 20. Yo-Yo playing bear .....                             | \$123  |

Can't afford anything on the top ten yo-yo lists well then check out these top prices for string packs.

|                                    |       |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Goody 3 for 5cents #1888 .....  | \$255 |
| 2. Alox #1851 .....                | \$82  |
| 3. Twin Twirler #1907 .....        | \$56  |
| 4. Fli-back 3 for 5 cents .....    | \$41  |
| 5. Goody 10 cents .....            | \$28  |
| 6. Cheerio Yo-Yo No.99 .....       | \$26  |
| 7. Duncan 2 for 5cents #1866 ..... | \$22  |
| 8. Cheerio 2 for 5 #1853 .....     | \$20  |

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## Collecting Survey

A yo-yo collectors survey has been posted at [www.yo-yos.net](http://www.yo-yos.net) for the last few months. Over 160 yo-yo collectors have submitted survey forms. This is an ongoing project and if you are a collector please feel free to fill out a survey form. Although the results are far from scientific they are interesting and do give some insight into what yo-yo collectors are doing. The following will highlight some of the survey's results.

**When asked how many yo-yos are in your collection?** Over half the respondents had 100-500 yo-yos in their collection and 3% had a whopping 5000+

**Number of years collecting?** Nearly 1/2 of respondents had been collecting for less than 5 years, which is good news for the hobby. Lots of new interest in yo-yo collecting will continue to advance the hobby.

**Age?** The baby boomers rule with 50% in the 29-59 age group. But there was also a nice 27% response in the under 18 group which is real good news for the longevity of the hobby.

**Sex?** No surprise here. The Male yo-yo collectors out number the females 10 to 1.

**Most you have paid for a single yo-yo?** Collectors continue to shell out the big bucks for their hobby with over 50% having paid at least \$100 or more for a yo-yo. And 3% have paid more than a \$1000.

**What is your skill level with a yo-yo?** Not surprising over one half the collectors consider themselves advance players. But fret not if you can't even do a gravity pull 12% of collectors couldn't rock the baby if there life depended on it.

**Are you a member of the AYYA?** Sadly only 24% of the respondents are members of our fine organization. We may need to do more to recruit these non-member but obvious yo-yo enthusiasts into our organization. If you are a member and a collector and have not filled out a survey please do.

**Are you a member of the Area 51 club?** 34% responded yes. This is a great club at Yahoo for yo-yo collecting enthusiasts I urge you all to join the fun.

**Do you subscribe to Yo-Yo Times?** Only 28% were subscribers and I find this small percentage sad as well. Lots of good stuff shows up in the Yo-Yo Times.

**Have you ever bought a yo-yo off of ebay?** 55% said yes. I am surprised the number is not higher. Maybe the question should have been have you ever tried to buy a yo-yo on ebay?

**Have you ever traded with other collectors?** Good news is over half said yes. This is what makes the hobby fun. Have you ever attended a Regional, National or World Championship? 43% said yes which is good. We need all collectors to start bringing their trading items to these events.

**Which book do you use most frequently as a reference source?** Over 80% use "Lucky's Collectors Guide to 20th Century Yo-Yos" Thanks! Tell you friends!

**Collectors which collect things other than yo-yos:** String Packs 41%, Patches 41%, Pins 37%, Posters 33%, display boxes 36%

**What is your favorite brand of yo-yo to collect from the Golden Age?** Duncan rules with 38% and no other company scoring a double-digit percent. No preference was tied for second with I don't collect from the Golden Age with 20%.

**What is your favorite brand of yo-yo to collect from the Silver Age?** Duncan still rules with 30% but no preference is right behind with 29%. The other stand out is Russell/Coke with 10%. 20% do not collect from the silver age.

**What is your favorite brand of yo-yo to collect from the Modern Age?** No clear winners here with multiple favorites: Tom Kuhn 16%, Playmaxx/ProYo 13%, Yomega 11%, Yo-Yo Jam 6%, all the rest under 5% including Duncan. Only 6% of collectors don't collect from the modern age.



# Yo'ers Forum

Dear Mr. Stangle

My name is Jim Collier. I live in Glens Falls New York. I am a fairly good player. I was wonder if you could send me some information on how to get a contest in the area. Do you have a packet or something you could mail to me. This is something I feel the area needs it would be a great idea, there are a lot of yo'ers in this area. Please help.

Thanks, Jim Collier

Dear Mr Collier,

Off the top of my head, my suggestions on how to run a good contest would be, you need a venue (of course), someone to judge, a good tricklist and to publicize the event as much as you can to get a good turnout.

For a venue, you can approach a local hobby-shop that carries yo-yos, or sometimes a local mall will be willing to host such an event. You could also talk to people who have local community events in place - they sometimes will want such an event to draw more people to the community event.

We can help you with the tricklist. Go to: [http://ayya.net/rules\\_2000.html](http://ayya.net/rules_2000.html) for a list of suggested rules and trick you can use for your contest.

You can judge the contest yourself, or you can enlist the help of other local yo-yoers. I would suggest posting at one of the several yo-yo webboards looking for people in your area interested in a contest. Some of those webboards include: [www.yoyoing.com/news](http://www.yoyoing.com/news) or <http://www.nmia.com/~whistler/wwwboard/index.htm>

You would also want to post on those webboards to publicize your event.

Many yo-yo companies are willing to donate prizes to contests. Contact Duncan ([www.yo-yo.com](http://www.yo-yo.com)), Proyo ([www.proyo.com](http://www.proyo.com)), Spintastics ([www.spintastics.com](http://www.spintastics.com)), yomega ([www.yomega.com](http://www.yomega.com)), YoyoJam ([www.yoyojam.com](http://www.yoyojam.com)), BC/What's Next ([www.whatsnextmfg.com](http://www.whatsnextmfg.com)), SuperYo ([www.superyo.com](http://www.superyo.com))

Hope this helps and good luck!

Joe Mitchell, AYYA President

## Manufacturer News

*Manufacturers, to be included in the Manufacturer's News Section, e-mail your info to: [jmitch@mitchells.com](mailto:jmitch@mitchells.com) or call Joe at (302) 798-8171. Thanks*

**Royal Yo-Yos** <http://royalyo-yo.com/index.html>

The Goody Comet was a favorite on playgrounds for many years. The Royal family is pleased to reintroduce the Comet in a collector's pack of three.

Featuring the original design without jewellery, a one jewel model designed to enhance the famous Goody Estrella (star) and the two jewel model, all dressed up to enhance any yo-yo collection.

Like its big brother the Rainbow, the Comet features design improvements that will enhance any collection. The Goody Comets are limited to a production run of 140 individually numbered pieces of nine yo-yos in sets of three.

Have you read any information about the use of yoyos in Upper Canada in the 1800's. I do a toy program with children about pioneer toys in this area (now Ontario) in the 1860's at Black Creek Pioneer Village, Toronto, Ontario and would appreciate any information you may have or if you can refer me to a book or someone else that might have information about this subject.

Thanks so much.

Ruth McDonald

Hello and YO!

Thanks for your question. Sounds like you have a great program and I hope the AYYA can help provide some more information for you.

Lucky Meisenheimer is currently on the AYYA Board of Directors and chair of the History and Collecting Committee. I see that you did include him in your inquire so I would look towards him to give you the best accurate information we know about.

I have also sent a copy to Lucky to be sure he sees the message and to Joe Mitchell who is in charge of the AYYA Newsletter. This sounds like a great letter to put into the YOers Forum section. Never know who else might have some more to add.

John Stangle  
AYYA President

Hello im doing a report on yo-yo's for school on the supposed ancient yoyo's that were used as weapons in Philippines and china. do you know any information about them?

Thanks,  
Richard Ryan Anderson

Hello Richard,

I am afraid to say that story has largely been debunked as a myth. According to *Lucky's Collectors Guide to 20th Century Yo-Yos*,

"[A] popular but fabricated origin of the yo-yo is that of a centuries old Filipino weapon. The story is about an assailant in a tree with a heavy oversized yo-yo waiting for a victim to pass below. At the correct moment, the yo-yo would be hurled at the victim's head presumably rendering him unconscious. A near miss would still allow the assailant a second opportunity. The physics of the yo-yo make this story highly improbable. The transfer of linear motion to rotary motion diminishes the yo-yo's striking force making it a much less effective weapon than that of a free missile. Although there is no question that they toy has existed in the Philippines for centuries, there is no documented evidence that it was ever used as a jungle weapon."

*Lucky's Collectors Guide to 20th Century Yo-Yos*, Lucky J's Swin & Surf, Inc. 1999, by Lucky J. Meisenheimer, M.D. pg 34.

Joe Mitchell  
AYYA President

## Yo-Yo Times Goes To Online Format

Yo-Yo Times is planning to shift from a paper newsletter distributed by snail mail to an on-line newsletter distributed by e-mail. They don't plan to drop the paper version entirely. Upon renewal, subscribers will be given the option of renewing at the online rate, or a new, slightly higher, paper rate.

YOL (Yo-Yo Online) News Hotline is still free to anyone who signs up at [www.yoyotimes.com](http://www.yoyotimes.com).

Yo-Yo Times (YYT), on the other hand, is a full-fledged newsletter that contains all sorts of stuff of interest to yoyoers. A typical issue contains news, information about new yoyos and products, contests, Smothers Brothers news, letters to the editor, new tricks, tips, and lots of other stuff.

They cite money and time as the primary reasons for the switch to online delivery of Yo-Yo Times.

For those who are unfamiliar with Yo-Yo Times, we highly recommend checking it out, it is a must for the serious yo-yoer.

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# Yo-Yoing & Hair - A Causative Relationship?

By Doc Pop, AYYA Board

I remember hearing a friend once say “I could never be a professional yo-yoer, my hair is too normal.” At the time we were hanging with my man Steve Brown, who was currently sporting a red two inch mohawk. Since that time, I’ve had many more conversations on the subject of yoing and hair care. As a matter a fact it seems I can hardly ever do a show anymore without hearing some young child ask “What sort of hair products does SAGE use when attempting the Iron Whip? And, does he prefer gel?”

To tackle these questions, we held the first ever Moratorium on Yo Yos & Hair at the luxurious Super Grand Ritz Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. On our discussion panel were YoYoJam Demonstrator John Gates, World Champion and offspring expert Hironori Mii, Duncan demonstrator and odd hair innovator Steve Brown, and Renegade Enthusiast and Saloon Selective Rep Paul Escolar (Spikey Haired Freak on the net). Here is a brief transcript of the discussion.

**Doctor Popular-** Welcome to the Moratorium on Yo Yos, Hair, and Hair Care Accessories. I would like to thank the celebrities, press, the experts on our panel and the hundreds of fans in attendance today. Well, lets begin by asking our panel, what hair tips do you have for the new yo enthusiasts that are in the crowd today?

**Steve Brown-** Cut it all off. You’ll thank me later.

**Jon Gates-** Be consistent with your hairstyle. Even if it means changing your hair style every week, be consistent with whatever you do. Oh, and cleanliness is helpful too.

**Hironori Mii-** \*puzzled look\*

**Doc Pop-** Alright, now a lot of you guys probably get a lot of recognition from the superyo Kickin’ Tricks video... What sort of hair care products were using during the time that video was shot?

**Mii-** Doc, slow down. Don’t understand.

**Jon-** Lever 2000.

**Steve-** I was using a product called stiff stuff, and lots of it. I also used Paul Mitchell Hydrating Shampoo. Man, that stuff worked.

**Paul-** I use Pantine Pro-V hair gel and hair spray mostly.

**Doc Pop-** Any good hair stories?

**Steve-** I once managed to get a yo yo stuck on my face when attempting dog bite. It even pulled out some eyebrow hair.

**Jon-** I was living in a house with a dog in it. At the time, I was really working on my looping skills, so I was constantly having to relube my yo yo. But after a while I noticed one yo yo was just playing great! Really nice response with no lube. It just continued to be real smooth even after I had changed the string four times. Finally, I got a knot around the axle and when I took the yo yo apart I noticed a bunch of dog hair had worked its way into the spacers, and was what made my yo yo play so well. I tried to put it all back together with the dog hair beside the bearing, but it just didn’t play the same. I tell you, dog hair is the best lube I’ve ever used.

**Mii-** \*puzzled look, picks up viper and pretends he will eat it\*

**Paul-** \*gives Hironori a look of disinterest\*

**Steve-** I just wanted to say that really did happen. My eyebrow still hurts.

**Doc Pop-** Don’t worry Steve, people will believe anything if they read it in a newsletter.

At that exact moment dead rock Musician Elvis Presley approaches the stage and addresses the panel members.

**Elvis Presley-** I’ve got a question for the panel.

**Doc Pop-** Go ahead Elvis.

**Elvis-** First off, I’d like to say I’m a huge fan of you guys. Secondly, one can find several figures in literature such as Samson, that get there super human abilities from their hair. Do you guys feel you receive any of your yo yo acumen from the uniqueness of your hair? Does it affect the way you play?

**Steve-** I don’t know.. Uh, not really. I guess if I don’t shave my head it bothers me and I cant yo, but otherwise...

**Paul-** It doesn’t really effect the way I play, but I can do tricks on it. I’ve caught a suicide with my spikes a couple of times.

**Jon-** Yes! Absolutely. Your personal style and the way you are perceived effects the way you yo.

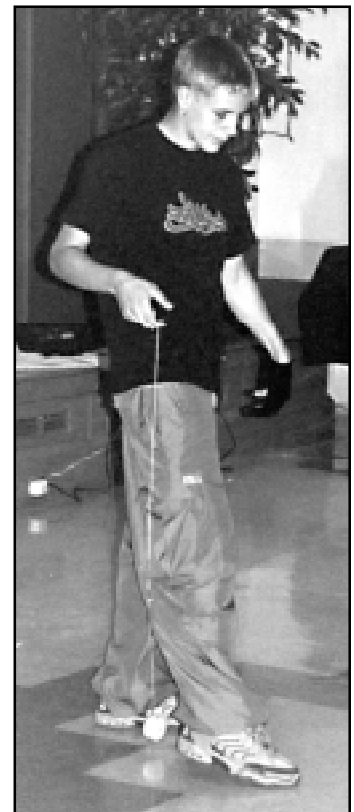
**Doc Pop-** Well, my personal research shows that hair in no way affects yo yo ability. As a matter of fact, I’ve found that the small part of the brain that controls the hair growth also controls the ability to yo yo. Sometimes the two synapses get crossed and when attempting a split bottom mount, the signals may mistakenly be sent to small grouping. As a matter of fact, I never miss a trick anymore, I just... Grow hair.

After the debate Steve and the corpse of Mr. Presley got into a fight over who technically could refer to themselves as “elvis”, and Hironori choked on an a speed explosion bearing.



*Photo by Joe Mitchell*

*World Top Champion Jon Gates shows his stuff at the Mid-Atlantic Regionals*



*Photo by Joe Mitchell*

*Donald Black, aka 'Pork' came in second in the 'A' Division at MAR.*

# Inagural Mid-Atlantic Regionals A Hit

53 players from ten states made the pilgrimage to Wilmington, Delaware to compete for contest honors and for the title of 'Mid-Atlantic Champion.' The Mid-Atlantic Region is comprised of: New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C. The highest placing contestant from this region was crowned the 'Mid-Atlantic' champion.

Ben Fry, of Silver Spring, MD gave a exciting Freestyle in the 'A' Division and both won the contest as well as the 'Mid-Atlantic' title. Shane Karan of Millville, NJ gave a terrific performance dressed as 'Batman' and performing to Batman theme music. Shane took home 'Mid-Atlantic Regional Champion' title, while Matt Kubera of Team Yomega in Massachusetts was the overall winner of the AA Division after pulling off looping while somersaulting trick known as 'Danger Zone.' Matt barely edged Shane in the point totals - 402 to 401!! Whew!

Shane also took home the first 'Team Tarkin Award for Controlled Chaos,' given to the 'craziest, funniest, most exciting freestyle at any state, regional or above yo-yo contest.' It was given by David Stucky (Tarkin) - the founder of Team Tarkin.

An all-star lineup of judges included Duncan's Steve Brown, YoYoJam's Jon Gates, AYYA Board Member Dick Stohr, Yomega's Brett Outchunis and Philly's SAGE. Steve and Jon also gave an impromptu mini-Barney's Angels performance at the end of the contest.

Team Yomega made the trip down from Massachusetts in the official Team Yomega van. A top and diabolo contest were also part of the festivities.

Thanks out to Duncan and Yo-Yo Jam for sending Steve and Jon. Yoyoing.com for hosting a banner for the event. Spintastics, Henry's, Proyo, Lucky Meisenheimer, Yomega and SuperYo for providing prizes for the event. Nicole Guinard from Yomega for delivering not only the prizes from Yomega, but Team Yomega as well! Aldersgate United Methodist Church for hosting the event. All the help from the parents of yoyoers who attended.

Look for Mitchell's next contest, coming this Jan 20th - Yo Bowl 2001! See [www.mitchells.com/yoyo](http://www.mitchells.com/yoyo) for more information and videos from the Mid-Atlantic Regionals.



Steve Brown catches the die in his mouth while Jon Gates watches

Photo by Joe Mitchell

- 1 - Marc Goldyn
- 2 - Ann Connolly
- 3 - Adam Alexander
- 4 - Julius Baynard
- 5 - David Quigley
- 5 - Eric Watts

- 1 - Ryan Gullo
- 2 - Max Gramer

- 1 - Andrew McLean
- 2 - Paul Jervey
- 3 - Jonathan Forsythe
- 4 - Justin Weber
- 5 - William Hudson
- 6 - Jonathan Weber
- 6 - Chris Bulmarz
- 8 - Justin Mest

- 1 - Bill Watts

- 1 - Brandon Meadows
- 2 - Jason Pinto
- 3 - Mark Montgomery
- 4 - Tom Connolly
- 4 - Hanno Beck
- 5 - Jim Feeney
- 6 - Kevin Brady

| Name                     | Compulsories | Freestyle | Hometown             |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1 - Ben Fry              | 34           | 353       | Silver Spring, MD    |
| 2 - Donald 'Pork' Black  | 37           | 341       | Connellsville, PA    |
| 3 - Matt Rose            | 38           | 336       | Seekonk, MA          |
| 4 - Chris Vedral         | 38           | 332       | Daytona Beach, FL    |
| 5 - Alex Lozyniak        | 43           | 318       | West Springfield, MA |
| 6 - Jerry Yuan           | 38           | 282       | Wayland, MA          |
| 7 - Stanley Zygo         | 34           | 260       | Easthampton, MA      |
| 8 - Jordan Cooper        | 40           | 248       | Westfield, MA        |
| 9 - Mike Morris          | 33           | 206       | Rehoboth Beach, DE   |
| 10 - Nathan Auger        | 33           | 204       | Westfield, MA        |
| 11 - Mason Cash          | 33           | 179       | Washington, DC       |
| 12 - Jason Olier         | 32           |           | Folly Beach, SC      |
| 13 - Luke Smith          | 25           |           | Wilmington, DE       |
| 13 - Raleigh Booze       | 25           |           | Wilmington, DE       |
| 15 - Nevin Dechsi        | 24           |           | Glen Burnie, MD      |
| 16 - Brad Dumas          | 21           |           | Berkley, MA          |
| 16 - Matt Bumerjit       | 21           |           | Glen Burnie, MD      |
| 16 - Eric Twark          | 21           |           | Swansea, MA          |
| 19 - Greg Clarke         | 18           |           | Mount Airy, MD       |
| 20 - Jason Sorcan        | 15           |           | Buckhannon, WV       |
| 21 - Nikoli Zygo         | 13           |           | Easthampton, MA      |
| 22 - Ben Creekmore       | 5            |           | Edgewater, MD        |
| 23 - Emrys Scott-Murrell | 3            |           | Washington, DC       |

| Name                  | Compulsories | Freestyle | Hometown       |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 - Matt Kubera       | 50           | 402       | Tiverton, MA   |
| 2 - Shane Karan       | 45           | 401       | Millville, NJ  |
| 3 - Eric Mitz         | 43           | 370       | Somerset, MA   |
| 4 - Jeff Medeiros     | 50           | 263       | Fall River, MA |
| 5 - Mike Carreiro     | 31           | 249       | Fall River, MA |
| 6 - Christopher Fifth | 18           | 229       | Egg Harbor, NJ |

| Name              | Score | Hometown                    |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 - Jason Pinto   | 20    | Johnstown, Pennsylvania     |
| 2 - Luke Smith    | 18    | Wilmington, Delaware        |
| 3 - Tarkin        | 13    | State College, Pennsylvania |
| 4 - Raleigh Booze | 8     | Wilmington, Delaware        |

| Name                  | Last Trick Completed | Hometown               |
|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| 1 - Eric Twark        | 8                    | Swansea, Massachusetts |
| 2 - Mark Montgomery   | 6                    | North Falmouth, MA     |
| 2 - Raleigh Booze     | 6                    | Wilmington, Delaware   |
| 4 - Greg Clarke       | 4                    | Mount Airy, Maryland   |
| 4 - Luke Smith        | 4                    | Wilmington, Delaware   |
| 4 - Matt Bumerjit     | 4                    | Glen Burnie, Maryland  |
| 4 - Jonathan Forsythe | 4                    | Pittsgrove, New Jersey |

## Results

| Novice JR |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 38        | New Castle, Delaware   |
| 35        | Springfield, Virginia  |
| 35        | Newark, Delaware       |
| 31        | Wilmington, Delaware   |
| 28        | Newark, Delaware       |
| 28        | Pennsauken, New Jersey |

| Novice SR |                        |
|-----------|------------------------|
| 35        | Pittsgrove, New Jersey |
| 33        | Kennett Square, PA     |

| Advanced JR |                            |
|-------------|----------------------------|
| 40          | Coatesville, Pennsylvania  |
| 38          | Newark, Delaware           |
| 36          | Pittsgrove, New Jersey     |
| 33          | Newark, Delaware           |
| 31          | Coatesville, Pennsylvania  |
| 26          | Newark, Delaware           |
| 26          | Delran, New Jersey         |
| 23          | Phoenixville, Pennsylvania |

| Advanced SR |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| 38          | Pennsauken, New Jersey |

| Expert |                         |
|--------|-------------------------|
| 45     | Otego, New York         |
| 43     | Johnstown, Pennsylvania |
| 41     | North Falmouth, Mass    |
| 35     | Springfield, Virginia   |
| 35     | Baltimore, Maryland     |
| 34     | Newark, Delaware        |
| 21     | Olney, Maryland         |

## A Division



Photo by Joe Mitchell

Ben Fry, of Silver Spring, MD, won both 'A' Mid-Atlantic Champion and Overall Winner titles.



Photo by Dave Stucky

Shane Karan of Millville, NJ won 'AA' Mid-Atlantic Champion Title as well as 'Team Tarkin Award for Controlled Chaos' (in hands)



Photo by Joe Mitchell

Stanley Zygo (Lil Stan) from Easthampton, MA, was the youngest freestyler in 'A' Division

# AYYA Board Votes

Unless specified such as the sleeping events world records will be recorded by event only not by the type of yo-yo used. All yo-yos used to set records must meet the current standards for AYYA competitions and record attempts.

John Stangle -no  
Lucky Meisenheimer-yes (motion)  
Jim Johnson-yes (motion seconded)  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Joe Mitchell-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-yes  
Bill deBoisBlanc-no  
RECAP: YES-5, NO-2 MOTION PASSED

Any commercially available yo-yo may be used in setting World Record attempts. Retailers other than the manufacturer must retail this to the general public and be available at the time of or preceding the record attempt. There must be a minimum production line of 100.

John Stangle -yes (motion seconded)  
Lucky Meisenheimer-yes (motion)  
Jim Johnson-yes  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Joe Mitchell-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-abstain  
Bill deBoisBlanc-no  
RECAP: YES-5, NO-1, ABSTAIN-1 MOTION PASSED

To clarify the definition of “retailers other than the manufacturers” add the following. Definition of “retailers other than the manufacturer”. any storefront or Internet store not owned or controlled directly by the manufacturer

John Stangle -yes (motion seconded)  
Lucky Meisenheimer-yes (motion)  
Jim Johnson-yes  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Joe Mitchell-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-abstain  
Bill deBoisBlanc-no  
RECAP: YES-5, NO-1, ABSTAIN-1 MOTION PASSED

The yo-yos may be “tuned” but not “modified”. Tuning definition: Changing of any string, sanding the string slot and/or removing brake pads or similar type of devices, addition of lubrication, changing gap width, changing out axles, adding or removing ball bearings, removal or addition of side lens or pogs.

Any components that are used in tuning the yo-yo (string, axles, bearings, pogs or lens) must be commercially available but does not have to be of the same brand as the body of the yo-yo. These components cannot be modified (altering the shape, weight or size). Modified definition: Altering the shape, weight or size of the yo-yo body or the addition of components to the yo-yo that are not covered under tuning.

John Stangle -no  
Lucky Meisenheimer-yes (motion)  
Jim Johnson-yes (motion seconded)  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Joe Mitchell-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-yes  
Bill deBoisBlanc-no  
RECAP: YES-5, NO-2 MOTION PASSED

Recording the manufacturer of origin and brand of yo-yo will be based on the body of the yo-yo not replaced axles or pogs or other components.

John Stangle -yes (motion seconded)  
Lucky Meisenheimer-yes (motion)  
Jim Johnson-yes  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Joe Mitchell-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-yes  
Bill deBoisBlanc-no  
RECAP: YES-6, NO-1 MOTION PASSED

The string measurement is taken prior to the attempt.

John Stangle -yes (motion seconded)  
Lucky Meisenheimer-yes (motion)  
Jim Johnson-yes  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Joe Mitchell-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-yes  
Bill deBoisBlanc-yes  
RECAP: YES-7 MOTION PASSED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

There must be three judges counting or two timers with stopwatches. Judges must initial their counts on the World Record submission form. The official count will be the average of the three judges’ count or in sleeping events the average of the two times. The World Record Committee can accept this as official count and certify the record published or the certificate or review the video for official count. The World Record Committee decision is final. Once the record has been certified there will be no further counts or video reviews. The World Record Committee must do a video review if the record is broken by less than 1%. If there is a discrepancy of more than 3% of one judge from the average of the other two judges then that judge’s count will be dropped and the other two judges average will be used. If there is a discrepancy of 3% from all three judges, the middle value will be submitted, if it is a new record, for video review by the World Record Committee.

John Stangle -yes (motion seconded)  
Lucky Meisenheimer-yes (motion)  
Jim Johnson-yes  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Joe Mitchell-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-abstain  
Bill deBoisBlanc-yes  
RECAP: YES-6, ABSTAIN-1 MOTION PASSED

Summary of vote to accept motion to use Robert Kennedy’s suggestion on the web host for \$29.95.

NickVanDerSchie- motion  
Bill de Boisblanc- seconded motion  
Jim Johnson -yes  
Lucky Meisenheimer - yes  
John Stangle - yes  
Joe Mitchell - yes  
Dick Stohr - yes

Motion passed with 7 yes votes

Vote to accept motion to recognize the X Division as legitimate World Champions on the AYYA web page.

Bill de Boisblanc- motion  
Nick VanDerSchie- seconded motion  
Lucky Meisenheimer - seconded motion  
Jim Johnson -yes  
John Stangle - yes  
Joe Mitchell - yes  
Dick Stohr -yes

Motion passed with unanimous vote: 7 yes

Vote to have Val Krantz purchase an appreciation plaque for retiring president, John Stangle.

Joe Mitchell - motion and yes  
Lucky Meisenheimer-no vote  
Dick Stohr-yes  
Jim Johnson-yes  
Bill deBoisBlanc-yes  
Nick VanDerSchie-yes

MOTION PASSED – YES-5, NO-1

Vote to order 500 of each of 3 levels of award patches with Iron-On adhesive.

John- motion and yes  
Bill - second motion and yes  
Lucky - yes  
Dick -yes  
Jim- yes  
Joe - yes  
Nick -no

YES-6, No-1  
Motion Passed.

Final vote summary for AYYA President. As the motion to close on the 22nd was made and seconded, but not voted on, I am allowing the votes to continue that I received through today, December 26th. As of today, all eligible voting board members/elects have voted.

For Chuck Short: 3 votes  
Nick VanDerSchie  
Dave Schulte  
Joe Mitchell

For Joe Mitchell: 4 votes  
Dick Stohr  
Chuck Short  
Doc Pop  
Jim Johnson

Motion to have Joe Mitchell’s accountant prepare the taxes for the AYYA for year 2000.

Dick Stohr - motion and vote yes  
Nick VanDerSchie - second and vote yes  
Dave Schulte - yes  
Joe Mitchell - yes  
Chuck - no vote  
Doc Pop - no vote  
Jim Johnson - no vote

Motion passed with 4 yes votes, 3 no votes

## AYYA Board Votes (cont)

Motion to allow a 7-day period from the time a motion is opened and seconded to closing and tallying the vote.

Chuck Short - motion only. Not voted  
No other votes

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Motion to Close the AYYA Logo Clothing Store, as requested by Bill Mahan.

Joe - yes  
Dave - second and yes  
Nick - Yes  
Dick - Yes  
Doc - no vote  
Jim - no vote  
Chuck - no vote  
Motion Passed 4 yes, 3 no votes.

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Motion to accept the 2001 AYYA Trick List as submitted by Dave Schulte.

Dave - motion and yes  
Nick - second and yes  
Dick - yes  
Joe - yes  
Doc Pop -  
Chuck -  
Jimmy -  
4 yes, 3 no votes. Motion passed by majority vote.

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Motion made by Joe Mitchell to combine the December newsletter with the May newsletter.

Joe - yes  
Chuck - yes  
Doc Pop - yes  
Dick - yes  
Nick - yes  
Dave - yes and seconded motion  
Jimmy - yes  
Motion passed by unanimous vote.

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Motion to allow all AYYA sanctioned contest organizers can ask to receive 3 sets of AYYA sanctioned award patches for their contests. Additional patches may be requested in writing, with proposal for how they will be distributed."

Dave Schulte - motion, and vote YES  
Dick Stohr - second, and vote YES  
Nick VanDerSchie - YES  
Jim Johnson - YES  
Doc Pop - YES  
Joe Mitchell - YES  
Chuck Short - no vote to date  
MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE 6- yes  
1-no response

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Motion that the AYYA adopt the rules for election to the AYYA Hall of Fame as described by Joe Mitchell in email dated Feb 5, 2001.

Joe Mitchell - motion and vote Yes  
Jim Johnson - second and vote Yes  
Nick VanDerSchie - Yes  
Chuck Short - Yes  
Dave Schulte - Yes  
Dick Stohr - yes  
Doc Popular -  
MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE 6 yes,  
and 1 no vote

## 2000 Annual Meeting minutes

By: Valerie Oliver- AYYA Secretary

The fifth Annual Meeting of the AYYA Board of Directors was held on October 6th, 2000, 1:00-3:00 P.M. at the Round Table Pizza, Chico, California. The AYYA provided pizza and soft drinks.

Attendance / Motion to Open Meeting: Board Members present: John Stangle, President, Dick Stohr, Bill deBoisblanc, and Joe Mitchell. Absent board members were Jim Johnson, Lucky Meisenheimer and Nick VanDerSchie. Also present was AYYA Secretary, Valerie Krantz and AYYA Treasurer, David Brunner.

Also present: Hironori Mii (Japan), Patrick Hunt, Dave Schulte, Ryan McQuillan, Dale Oliver, David Capurro, Bob Kennedy, Sean Bressie, Antia Young, Ken Young, Jimmy Young, Charles Young, Donna Duncan, Don Duncan, Don Watson and Chuck Short.

Opening remarks from AYYA President - John Stangle: John began the meeting by reviewing the fact that he has been AYYA President for 3 years and a member of the board for 4 years. He has decided to not running for President again this year. With, but was pleased that there were 10 nominees on the ballot this year, which is the most ever indicating a high interest by the membership in serving the AYYA and the yo-yo community.

### 1. ELECTION

President, John Stangle stated that the 10 nominees for the board must be paid members of the AYYA and said that all dues for these nominees must be paid by November 13th, the ballot due date, in order to serve, if elected. He also indicated that there are many, many volunteer opportunities, other than serving on the board itself.

2. FINANCIAL REPORT (John Stangle reporting for David Brunner) John Stangle reflected that last year's income to the AYYA was approximately \$9800, while this year's lies at \$3000 for the same period. The AYYA currently has approximately \$6000-7000 in the bank.

3. PAYMENT ONLINE FOR MEMBERSHIPS (Joe Mitchell) Joe opened up the discussion about the possibility of allowing members to make membership dues payments and sign up for the AYYA online. A discussion ensued about PayPal as a system available for people to purchase on the internet who do not have access to a credit card, as well as other systems for such payment, and issues to consider regarding turn-around and time of the actual credit card charge.

Regarding the web page, there was interest in adding more features to the AYYA web page as well, including product sales, donations, a comment form, and protected membership roster for members use only, as well as a chat line

It was reported that Fredd Culbertson has resigned as web master as of October 31 and these issues would have to be taken up by a new web master. David Capurro summarized his qualifications and volunteered to be the new web master. Bill de BoisBlanc made a motion to accept David Capurro as the new AYYA web Master, Dick Stohr seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of board members present of 4 to 0. Motion passed. It was also noted that although Greg Cohen of Infinite Illusions has donated the space to be used for the AYYA web board, it should only be allowed to be accessed by David Capurro.

4. Development of official AYYA yo-yo (Dick Stohr) Dick summarized that these yo-yos would be both sold and given with new or renewal memberships. He would like to see a unique style of yo-yo, possibly like the old Duncan Satellite. A discussion ensued about using a wood vs. plastic yo-yo, and was left unresolved, but

leaned toward wood. What's Next Manufacturing would produce a jig for approximately \$1000. Dale Oliver offered to produce a one-piece wooden yo-yo in any shape with no jig cost. Another idea was to rotate the manufacturer of the official AYYA logo each year (100 units produced minimum), creating a collectible item situation. It was decided that we should fax some specs to the manufacturers and see what they could offer to the AYYA. Dick Stohr set the goal at 6 months to have a yo-yo in hand.

5. Soliciting yo-yo stores to offer AYYA discounts (Joe Mitchell) Infinite Illusions has offered such a discount, however, requested exclusivity to their store. It was agreed that there shall be no exclusivity with regard to this type of discount arrangement with stores. A letter needs to be drafted to prominent retailers and online companies inviting them to give 10% off to AYYA members. Because these stores would need to know who is a current and paid member of the AYYA, it was discussed to include in the next newsletter a list of names and due dates of active members. No personal information would be included, so that the list would be used for validating discounts, but not to be available for mass mailing solicitations.

6. AYYA contest and competency patches (Valerie Krantz) Valerie Krantz summarized the difference between contest patches (1st, 2nd, 3rd) and competency patches relating to a player showing proficiency with a particular trick level. It was agreed to begin by producing the contest patches first, then proceed with the proficiency patches later. Because the AYYA standard trick list and divisions can vary, it was also agreed that the contest patches would list the placement value only (1st, 2nd, 3rd), without a division indicator. This way, contest organizers could use the patches as they wished. Val passed out sample layout of the contest patches in various colors. It was agreed that the shape of the patch would match the AYYA membership patch, with a basic color scheme for each placement level. John Stangle made a motion to accept blue as 1st, place, red as 2nd place and green as 3rd place. Joe Mitchell seconded the motion which then passed by unanimous vote of board members present of 4 to 0. Motion passed. Val was given authorization to proceed with getting a quote for 500 and 1000 of each of the 3 level patches.

7. Use of AYYA banner to AYYA members (Valerie Krantz) The AYYA banner has now been produced and was used at the Nationals this year in Chico. A discussion ensued as to how best to use this banner for the benefit of the membership. It was agreed that contest organizers of AYYA sanctioned contests would need to contact the AYYA Secretary (Val Krantz) to reserve use of the banner, with as much notice as possible so as not to conflict with other uses. It was also agreed that the AYYA would pay the expense of sending the banner to the contest, but that the contest promoter would pay the return shipping of the banner by Priority Mail on the next business day following the contest. This was to ensure that it would be returned in a timely manner for subsequent uses. Should interest be high, the AYYA would consider purchasing additional banners in the future.

Other:

1. Dick Stohr brought up the idea of a 9 member board with a scheduled 3 -year rotation. A short discussion followed, but generally the idea was dismissed.
2. Joe Mitchell proposed an Idea to establish an AYYA

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## Quarterly Reports (3rd Quarter 2000)

### Valerie Krantz

During the 3rd quarter of 2000, Secretarial duties included:

Tallying and reporting the following board issue votes:

1. To reimburse Valerie Krantz for production of the AYYA banner.

John Stangle-yes, Lucky Meisenheimer-yes, Dick Stohr-yes, Jim Johnson-yes, Bill deBoisBlanc-yes, Nick VanDerSchie-no, Joe Mitchell-yes  
MOTION PASSED- unanimous

2. To start a campaign to gather yoyo donations at contests and to donate these yoyos to the Boys&Girls Clubs of America.

John Stangle-yes, Lucky Meisenheimer-yes, Dick Stohr-yes, Jim Johnson-yes, Bill deBoisBlanc-yes, Nick VanDerSchie-yes, Joe Mitchell-yes  
MOTION PASSED - unanimous

3. To rent a table at the Nationals in Chico for the purposes of signing up new members and collecting yoyos for the Boys/Girls Club campaign.

John Stangle-yes, Lucky Meisenheimer-yes, Dick Stohr-yes, Jim Johnson-yes, Bill deBoisBlanc-yes, Nick VanDerSchie-yes, Joe Mitchell-yes  
MOTION PASSED - unanimous

Issuance of 79 AYYA renewal notices were mailed during the 3rd quarter of 2000. These notices were sent to members whose memberships are due to expire during the 4th quarter of 2000. Reports are that these notices have made a significant impact on membership renewals. These notices will continue to be sent in a timely manner on a quarterly basis, in an effort to keep members current and avoid missed newsletters.

I continued to stay "yo-yo active" in my duties as founder of the Lone Star Spinners Yo-Yo Club.

During the 4th quarter of 2000, I will send quarterly renewal notices for membership expiring during that period. I also plan to get board approval and place an order for AYYA contest patches to be used for AYYA sanctioned contests.

### Joe Mitchell

Produced the first Mid-Atlantic Regionals players came from all along the East Coast to compete in our competition.

Appeared on Philadelphia WPVI-TV in story on MAR - plugged the AYYA.

Attended Nationals in Chico, where I ran the AYYA table, along with DocPop and Pat Huot, resulted in 19 new or renewed memberships to the AYYA.

Organized the AYYA/Boys and Girls Clubs of America Yo-Yo Drive. Collected Yo-Yos at Chico, MAR and through mail in donations.

### Dick Stohr, That Yo-Yo Guy

As things continued to slow down in the yo-yo industry I found myself really scrambling for jobs and work. So my list of activities is broader but not as many of any one as in the past. AYYA activities remained at a fairly high level participating in all of the discussions and votes, plus preparations for the annual meeting in Chico.

Yo-Yo events included: 4 school summer camps; 15 libraries; 2 schools; 3 birthday parties; hosted or attended 4 club meetings; 2 toy store demos; 1 three day trade show; was the MC and judged the Mid Atlantic Regional yo-yo contest; organized the workshops and judged at Worlds in Orlando; exhibited at 2 teacher and 1 PTA conventions; 1 county fair and 1 minor league baseball game appearance; 1 senior center and 1 church camp. Not a lot of work for 3 months, when it is you only source of income. Sure hope that the craze returns very soon. YOers, Dick

### John Stangle

My report is short and fairly simple for the last quarter of 2000. I have continued to perform my duties as AYYA President as outlined in the Directors Descriptions. This includes processing membership packages, maintaining the AYYA Membership Roster, participating in e-mail conversations that the AYYA BOD is having and even YO-Yoing a little.

I recently completed 5 days of YO-YO Demonstrations in Las Vegas for Citibank. The event was at the COMDEX 2000 Show (Largest Computer and Related item Convention in the world). Citibank was giving away Logo Tornado2's from Spintastics. Nothing more cool than giving away Ball Bearing YO-YO's!

As this is my last quarterly report I have lots of thoughts going through my head about how and when to start sending things to the other BOD members and BOD Elects. I am planning on shipping most of what I have directly to the new 2001 AYYA President prior to the end of the year (Yes the AYYA is having a Transition Also!). I am also planning on providing support to them and the other AYYA BOD as needed for as long as they need it.

I have been President for a long time now. I almost know the Bylaws by heart, I can almost quote results of issues discussed for so long that it is unbelievable (at least to me) and yet I feel good about what I have been part of. A toy, a challenge and now I am a true YO-YO Myself! "When I Grow Up, I Want To Be A Kid!"

Thanks to everyone for their support, friendship and general State of YO they have put me into. It will never be forgotten! YO-IN-Peace Everyone!

YOurs in YO!

John Stangle  
AYYA President

## Quarterly Reports (4th Quarter 2000)

### Valerie Krantz

Performed Secretarial duties of:

A. Recording and publishing Minutes of Annual AYYA Board Meeting on October 6, 2000 in Chico, California.

B. Tallying and reporting the board issue votes (pg xx)  
Regarding World Records (Items 1-6)

Preparation for issuance of 26 AYYA renewal notices were mailed during the 4th quarter of 2000. These notices were sent to members whose memberships are due to expire during the 1st quarter of 2001. Reports are that these notices have made a significant impact on membership renewals. These notices will continue to be sent in a timely manner on a quarterly basis, in an effort to keep members current and avoid missed newsletters.

Clubs, contests and demonstrations.

Clubs. I continued to stay "yo-yo active" in my duties as founder of the Lone Star Spinners Yo-Yo Club. We have expanded to meet twice per month at alternating locations throughout the DFW area in an attempt to expand exposure.

Contests. Contest were organized and run in Leander, Texas (near Austin) in October 2000 and in Grand Prairie, Texas in December. Both contests received AYYA sanctioning.

Demonstrations. I continued to present the "Yo-Yo Fun and Science of Spin" educational school program throughout the DFW area, exposing students not only to yo-yoing as a skill, but yo-yoing as a means to learn science.

Patches. As promised, I designed and received AYYA Board approval of AYYA sanctioned contest award patches. The order for these patches was placed in the 4th quarter of 2000 and patches are expected to arrive in January 2001. These patches will be available free of charge to contest organizers of AYYA sanctioned contests.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie Krantz, Secretary AYYA

### James E Johnson

Hi yall are !

Well this last quarter of 2000 went by in a flash. AYYA recruiting has been on the down side in Louisiana. Sad to say we didn't get to make it to Chico's National's this year. We will be there in full force this 2001. I did get the chance to make a little yoyo road trip to North Carolina. I managed to pick up 7 yo-yos. I had a good time yo-yoing for the staff at A.S.U. in Boone, NC. Still trading yo-yos and tops over the web from Brazil. Hope yo-yoing is good in your part of the world. Form down in the Cajun Country I'll say happy yo-yoing !

# Quarterly Reports (4th Quarter 2000)

## Dick Stohr, That Yo-Yo Guy

AYYA activities remained at a fairly high level participating in all of the discussions and votes, plus the annual meeting in Chico. The biggest event of the quarter was being re-elected to a third two year term as a Director on the AYYA Board. My heart felt thanks for the opportunity to serve the members.

Yo-Yo events included: Exhibiting at 7 Conventions/Conferences for Elementary Principals, Teachers, & PTA; 6 school programs; hosted or attended 5 club meetings; 2 Festival demos; 2 Museum demos; Ran and judged 2 contests and judged at Nationals; 1 Birthday party; and 1 Trade Show. I am really looking forward to the return of the Yo-Yo Craze. YOers, Dick

## Joe Mitchell

Attended Yo-Yo Contest in Rockville, Maryland. Continued meeting with Yo-Yo Club twice a week at Mitchell's Trains, Toys and Hobbies in Wilmington, Delaware. Produced September issue of AYYA Newsletter. Voted on all AYYA motions made during the third quarter. Made motion to recognize John Stangle's accomplishments while AYYA president with a plaque.

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Hall of Fame where nominations would be solicited by the membership and printed in the December newsletter. A vote could then be taken in the February newsletter with an announcement of the winners in the September newsletter. John Stangle made the motion to establish an AYYA Hall of Fame. Dick Stohr seconded the motion. The vote was taken, resulting in a unanimous vote of the board members present of 4 to 0. Motion passed.

3. Bill de BoisBlanc stated that the World Records used to be only for fixed axle yo-yos, but that at the 2000 World contest, ball-bearing yo-yos were also allowed. Apparently, when the contest was opened up to all styles of yo-yos, the World Records informally followed suit. Bill wished to make it official that any production model yo-yo could be used for World Record attempts. A discussion ensued that the wood axle and ball-bearing records are inherently different events. Bill de BoisBlanc made a motion that the world records be kept in two separate categories, fixed and ball-bearing. Dick Stohr seconded the motion and the motion passed with a unanimous vote of the board members present of 4 to 0.

4. Joe Mitchell reviewed that there would be an collection taken of old, unwanted yo-yos in good condition at the AYYA table, which would be given to boys and girls clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by a motion by John Stangle and a second by Dick Stohr.  
Respectfully submitted by:  
Val Krantz, AYYA Secretary

# Quarterly Reports (1st Quarter 2001)

## Valerie Oliver

1st Quarter 2001 QUARTERLY REPORT – Secretary AYYA, Valerie Krantz

During the 1st quarter of 2001:

Performed Secretarial duties of:

A. Tallying and reporting the board issue votes

B. Preparation for issuance of 17 AYYA renewal notices were mailed during the 1st quarter of 2001. These notices were sent to members whose memberships are due to expire during the 2nd quarter of 2001. These notices will continue to be sent in a timely manner on a quarterly basis, in an effort to keep members current and avoid missed newsletters.

C. Clubs, contests and demonstrations. I continued to stay "yo-yo active" in my duties as founder of the Lone Star Spinners Yo-Yo Club and continued to present the "Yo-Yo Fun and Science of Spin" educational school program throughout the DFW area.

D. Patches/Banner. AYYA sanctioned contest award patches were received and have been sent to 5 sanctioned AYYA contests during the first quarter 2001 (Delaware, Louisiana, New York, Florida and Canada). The banner was requested and used at 2 contests.

Respectfully submitted by:

Valerie Krantz, Secretary AYYA

## Dave Schulte

Tricks, Rules, and Sanctioning Position.

Spent the first part of the quarter familiarizing myself with the current tricks and rules for 2000. Then, using feedback from fellow AYYA members, and web boards, finalized the 2001 Tricks and Rules.

Granted Sanction to 9 contests.

Yo-Yo Work and Events:  
I have been very busy this quarter with all kinds of yo-yo events.

13 Science of Spin School Shows  
13 Cub Scout Programs  
8 Miscellaneous Entertainment shows  
3 Birthday Parties  
3 Contests judging  
1 Class taught  
1 Teachers conference to attract bookings.  
Attended multiple club meetings.

Looking forward to a great 2nd quarter.

Dave Schulte

## Joe Mitchell

Promoted third annual "Yo-Bowl" contest in Wilmington, Delaware. Contest attended by players from Massachusetts to South Carolina. Continued recruiting yoyoers for yoyo club. Assumed duties of AYYA President position, including processing several membership packages. Created AYYA Membership brochure. Sent brochure to three contests that were AYYA sanctioned. Initiated contact with lawyer who was recruited to assist AYYA Incorporation status in 2000. Filled out necessary forms to maintain Incorporation status in Florida.

Created rules for AYYA Hall-Of-Fame selection. Contacted members to serve on selection committee. Voted on all AYYA related motions.

## Hall-Of-Fame Rules

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### 3. Method of Election

A - AYYA Screening Committee - An AYYA Screening Committee will be appointed by the AYYA Board of Directors. This Screening Committee shall consist of six members, with two members elected at each Annual Meeting for a three-year term. The duty of the Screening Committee shall be to prepare a ballot listing in alphabetical order eligible candidates who (1) received a vote on a minimum of five percent (5%) of the ballots cast in the preceding election or (2) are nominated by any two of the six members of the AYYA Screening Committee. The initial Screening Committee will be appointed to staggering terms of 3, 2 and 1 years.

B. Active AYYA Members will vote for no more than ten (10) eligible candidates deemed worthy of election. Write-in votes are not permitted.

C. Any candidate receiving votes on seventy-five percent (75%) of the ballots cast shall be elected to membership in the AYYA Hall Of Fame.

4. Voting - Voting shall be based upon the persons playing ability, integrity, sportsmanship, character, and contributions to yoyoing.

5. Time of Election - The duly authorized representatives of the AYYA shall prepare, date and include the official ballots with the May issue of the AYYA Newsletter in each year in which an election is held. The member shall return the completed ballot within twenty (20) days. The vote shall be tabulated by the duly authorized representatives of the AYYA.

6. Certification of Election Results - The results of the election shall be certified by a representative of the AYYA and a member of the AYYA Board of Directors. The results will be released in the September issue of the AYYA Newsletter as well as on the official AYYA website.

7. Amendments - The Board of Directors of the AYYA reserves the right to revoke, alter or amend these rules at any time.

# Annual Disclosure Statements

Name: Nicholas Roy VanDerSchie

Years as an AYYA member: 1996-current

Years serving on the board: 2000-current

Board functions and years:

1. Advertising and Corporate Sponsorships: 2001-current
2. Clubs Chairman: 2000-2001

List yo-yo manufactures or companies which retail or promotes yo-yos that you have received remuneration in the last 4 years. This can be financial or in product:

1. Yoyomaze
2. Henry's Yo-Yo Systems
3. Yomega Yo-Yos
4. Air Traffic Juggling
5. HPK Marketing
6. Yo-Yo Universe
7. Mackinaw Kite Co.

If you retail or wholesale yo-yos list the brands in the last 4 years.

NONE

List any books, videos or other yo-yo related products or publications you have a financial interest in or have received remuneration for appearance or participation.

1. Yoyomaze
2. Fiend Magazine

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Name: James E Johnson ( JimE )

Years as an AYYA member: 1993-current

Years serving on the board: 1993-current

Board functions and years:

1. Recruiting: 1993-current

List yo-yo manufactures or companies which retail or promotes yo-yos that you have received remuneration in the last 4 years. This can be financial or in product:

1. Duncan
2. Spintastics
3. HPK Marketing
4. Yo-Yo Universe
5. Hobby Town USA

If you retail or wholesale yo-yos list the brands in the last 4 years.

Duncan  
Spintastics  
ProYo  
Royal  
Yomega  
Jack Russell

List any books, videos or other yo-yo related products or publications you have a financial interest in or have received remuneration for appearance or participation. Free Lance YoYoer, I will yoyo for any one how will Pay me!!!!

Name: Dick Stohr

Years as an AYYA member: 1995-current

Years serving on the board: '97-current

Board functions and years:

1. e-mail discussion and vote tracking, 1997-1999
2. By Laws rewrite/edit, 1997
3. Corporate Sponsorships/ Memberships and Advertising, 1999-2000

List yo-yo manufactures or companies which retail or promotes yo-yos that you have received remuneration in the last 4 years. This can be financial or in product:

1. Zany Brainy
2. Learning Express
3. What's Next Inc.
4. Holgate Toy Co.
5. Yo-Bonic

If you retail or wholesale yo-yos list the brands in the last 4 years.

1. Spintastics Skill Toys, Inc.

List any books, videos or other yo-yo related products or publications you have a financial interest in or have received remuneration for appearance or participation:

1. None

Comments: The majority of my income comes from in-school presentations of Yo-Yo Fun & Science of Spin, developed by Dale Oliver. The school can pay my fee or sell Spintastics yo-yos to make the program free, and I make my fee from the mark-up on yo-yo sales.

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Name: Chuck Short

Years as an AYYA member: 2000 current

Years serving on the board: 2000-current

Board functions and years:

1. Membership committee 2000-current

List yo-yo manufactures or companies which retail or promotes yo-yos that you have received remuneration in the last 4 years. This can be financial or in product:

1. What' Next Manufacturing
2. Royal Tops manufacturing inc.
- 3.HPK Marketing
- 4.Spintastics

If you retail or wholesale yo-yos list the brands in the last 4 years.

Spintastics

List any books, videos or other yo-yo related products or publications you have a financial interest in or have received remuneration for appearance or participation.

1. Fiend Magazine
- 2 Yo-Yo World magazine

Name: Dave Schulte

Years as an AYYA member: 1995-present

Years serving on the board: 2001-current

Board functions and years:

1. Rules Tricks and Sanctioning

List yo-yo manufactures or companies which retail or promotes yo-yos that you have received remuneration in the last 4 years. This can be financial or in product:

1. HPK Marketing
2. Bandai
3. SuperYo
4. Air Traffic Stores

If you retail or wholesale yo-yos list the brands in the last 4 years.

1. Spintastics
2. SuperYo
3. YoYoJam
4. Yomega
5. Plamaxx

List any books, videos or other yo-yo related products or publications you have a financial interest in or have received remuneration for appearance or participation.

1. None

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Name: Joe Mitchell

Years as an AYYA member: 2000-present

Years serving on the board: 2000-current

Board functions and years:

1. Newsletter Chairman
2. President

List yo-yo manufactures or companies which retail or promotes yo-yos that you have received remuneration in the last 4 years. This can be financial or in product:

1. Mitchell's Trains, Toys and Hobbies

If you retail or wholesale yo-yos list the brands in the last 4 years.

1. Spintastics
2. SuperYo
3. YoYoJam
4. Yomega
5. Plamaxx
6. Yobonic
7. Henry's
8. BC/What's Next
9. Duncan
10. H-Spin

List any books, videos or other yo-yo related products or publications you have a financial interest in or have received remuneration for appearance or participation.

1. None

# Yo-Yo Clubs

For the Sept AYYA Newsletter, we tried to contact those clubs who had been previously listed to confirm they are still valid clubs. If your club is no longer listed, or if you would like your club listed for the first time, please contact us at: [jmitch@mitchells.com](mailto:jmitch@mitchells.com) or (302) 798-8171 with your club info.

## CALIFORNIA

### Berkeley, California

The Spin Doctors Yo-Yo Club! We usually meet in Sproul Plaza, on the first Saturday of each month at 2 P.M., at the end of Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley, right at the beginning of campus. Club is free! Please contact Dave Capurro at [yoyopro@tsoft.com](mailto:yoyopro@tsoft.com) and I will add you to our club email list, where I announce club meetings.

#### Mission Statement:

We are a Yo-Yo Club. We don't Yo-Yo for trophies, or prizes, or for material things. We Yo-Yo Because we enjoy it, and it makes us feel good. Nobody is better and nobody is worse. Everybody is good in different ways.

If somebody needs help, we help them. If you need help, ask for it. Yo-Yoing takes LOTS of practice, so be patient and don't get discouraged. We are here to help :) Thank You, and Just Say Yo!

### Fresno, California

Fresno yoers club meets on the first Monday of every month at the First and Bullard Round Table Pizza Parlor from 7:00 to 8:30. We also try to have one other meeting at random places for fun each month. For more info, please call Rick or Emily Kroytz at (559) 224-3937 or e-mail Rick at [madyoer@hotmail.com](mailto:madyoer@hotmail.com) with questions.

### Lakewood, California

Yo-Yo classes in Lakewood, CA. The Southern California String Burners (formerly known as Team Lakewood) Yo-Yo classes are every Wed. 5:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. and Sat. Noon - 2:00 P.M. at Mayfair Park, 5720 Clark Ave., Lakewood. We offer several different programs, Spintastics Yo-Yo and Spin Top Patch program, Diabolo program and more. So. Cal. String Burners Team members are qualified instructors, competes, professional demonstrations, performers. We have a great time hanging out with all the yo-ers, sharing and learning new tricks.

## DELAWARE

### Wilmington, Delaware

Mitchell's Trains, Toys and Hobbies hosts a yo-yo club that meets Mondays at 6 P.M. and Fridays at 4., plus every fourth Saturday. There is no charge, bring your own yo-yo and join in! Complete your Team Spintastics patches! Or just trade tricks and learn new ones. Contact Joe Mitchell at (302) 652-3258 or e-mail at: [jmitch@mitchells.com](mailto:jmitch@mitchells.com). Also, check our webpage at: <http://mitchells.com/yoyo> for most up-to-date info on meetings, special events, contests, etc.

## FLORIDA

### Tallahassee, Florida

T-Town Yo-Yo Posse  
Meets every Saturday, Noon - ???  
Yo-Yos, Spin Tops, Juggling, Card Tricks, Diabolos, and Duck Feedings.  
Contact Lao at Lofty Pursuits for more info  
850-521-0091

## HAWAII

### Hilo, Hawaii

Pro Spinners Hilo meets at Prince Kuhio Plaza every Thursday from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. We get choke kids and have "full on" fun. Email David Stringfinger Sellars at: [kupukupu@ilhawaii.net](mailto:kupukupu@ilhawaii.net)

## IOWA

If you live in central Iowa, there is a club trying to start. Contact Seth Peterson at (515) 465-4278 or by e-mail at [yo-star-wing@juno.com](mailto:yo-star-wing@juno.com)

## KANSAS

### Salina, Kansas

The Up and Down Yo-Yo Club meets every Monday from 6-8 p.m. at the Jerry Ivey Park in Salina, Kansas. There will be instruction, contests, tips and more. For more information, contact Tim Bartz at (785) 820-8167 or [dewman77@yahoo.com](mailto:dewman77@yahoo.com)

### Wichita

River City Spinners Yo-Yo club, home of Team Tornado, meets every Monday night from 7:00 - 8:30 at the Wichita Farm and Art Market, 835 E. 1st, Wichita, KS. When the weather is nice, we meet outside on the plaza. Otherwise, we meet on the 2nd floor of this building. 40+ members. We teach beginners - experts. Freestyle, team performances, preparation for contests, etc. At this time we just teach yo-yo's but some members are also learning top spinning.  
Contact information: Old Town General Store: 316-264-1420 anytime between 10:00 A.M. and 6:00 p.m. except Sundays: 12:00 - 5:00. E-mail: [pm6272@aol.com](mailto:pm6272@aol.com).

## KENTUCKY

### 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. For meeting location information email Bill Mahan at [wmmjr@lex.infi.net](mailto:wmmjr@lex.infi.net) or call 1-888-SAY-YOYO (Toll-Free).

## LOUISIANA

### Baton Rouge, Louisiana

We are naming ourselves "The Cajun Spinners." We will meet at the Jones Creek Library on the third Thursday of each month at 6:30pm - 8:00pm. For more information, contact Larry Offner at [bloffner@home.com](mailto:bloffner@home.com) or Jim Johnston at [jimyoyo@premier.net](mailto:jimyoyo@premier.net)

## MARYLAND

### Rockville, Maryland

Capital Spinners Yo-Yo Club meets the third Sunday of every month at the Bauer Community Center, 14625 Bauer Drive, Rockville, MD 20853 from 4-6 p.m. For Info: Mike Dion Graphics [mdgrfx@aol.com](mailto:mdgrfx@aol.com) or Greg "Yo-G" Beatty [gobeatty@yahoo.com](mailto:gobeatty@yahoo.com)

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Worcester, Massachusetts

The club is the WPI Juggling Club. It meets during the school year (August through April) Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 PM and Saturdays at 3:30 PM.  
Contact Scott Byers or Jonathan Vaudreuil at [vegas@wpi.edu](mailto:vegas@wpi.edu)

## MICHIGAN

### Grand Haven, Michigan

There is a Pro-Spinners Yo-Yo Club held on Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in Grand Haven, MI. The club is held at the Mackinaw Kite Co, Grand Haven, MI, 106 Washington St. Grand Haven, MI 49417. Club participation is free of charge and open to everyone. Come learn tricks from pros, complete levels and earn prizes! For more info, visit the Mackinaw Kite Co. web page ([www.mackite.com](http://www.mackite.com) or [www.yoyouniverse.com](http://www.yoyouniverse.com)) or call (800) 622-4655 or (616) 846-7501. You can also e-mail [info@mackinawkiteco.com](mailto:info@mackinawkiteco.com) for more information.

## MISSOURI

### Kansas City

Team Mach Elite meets every other Thursday from 6:30 - 8 at Sheffield Family Life Center. For more information, contact Dan Compton at [Plur143liquid@cs.com](mailto:Plur143liquid@cs.com)



# Yo-Yo Clubs (cont)

## NEVADA

### Reno/Sparks, NV

The Northern Nevada Neverthriving meets every Saturday at 11 pm at the library at the University of Nevada/Reno. Yo-Yo'ers, jugglers and all manner of object manipulators are welcome. Winter months, the meetings will be held at various locations. Contact Chuck Short at [chuck@juggler.net](mailto:chuck@juggler.net) and visit their website at [www.neverthriving.com](http://www.neverthriving.com).

## NORTH CAROLINA

### Durham, NC

Carrington Yo Team  
Carrington Yo Yo Club  
Carrington Middle School  
Durham NC  
919 560-3916  
[willianm@dpsnc.net](mailto:willianm@dpsnc.net)

Carolina Yoers  
Kites Unlimited @ Northgate  
Durham NC  
919 286-6041

Forgot the info. The Carrington team and club meet at school during the school day and participate in the events at Kites Unlimited @ Northgate.

The Carolina Yoers participate in the Yo Offs and Yo Festivals put on at Northgate Mall by Kites Unlimited. There are also clinics at the store. We try to have at least 2 events a year or more and they are not high competition but a gathering of yoer and challenges to see how far each yoer can get in a list of tricks and levels. Everyone teaches and help others get as far as they can. When we get to the hard tricks, the better yoers shine but also teach others how to do the hard tricks. We are looking for fun and sharing. Our next event is in Feb 2001 with a tentative date of the 11th — not yet determined, please note. Yoers come from as far as Va and from different areas in NC. We try to plan these events on Sundays so most people are off from work and are less tied up. Clinics are scheduled but at the moment none are planned but are in the works. We have had clinics on odd numbered Friday nights at the store/mall but have put those on hold at the moment to concentrate on the events.

## OHIO

### Hudson, Ohio

The Hudson Toy, Train & Hobby Yo-Yo Club meets the second Sunday of each month. If the weather is good, we meet on the "Green" across from the store in Hudson, Ohio. Call (330) 653-2997 for more info or e-mail at [ejpickens@aol.com](mailto:ejpickens@aol.com)

## OKLAHOMA

### Lawton, Oklahoma

The Lawton Area Skill Toy Club meets every First and Third Tuesday of the month from 6:30-8:30 at the Lawton Public Library. The library is located at Forth and C Ave, Lawton, OK. All skill toys and juggling welcome. For more information, please contact John Hornbeck at [yoyoguy69@hotmail.com](mailto:yoyoguy69@hotmail.com)

## PENNSYLVANIA

### State College, Pennsylvania

The State College, PA Yo-Yo club meets 7-8 p.m. every other Thursday, call for current schedule. Yo-Yo Skill Award Programs available. Professional Yo-Yo maintenance, service and detailing during meetings. Club meets at Nittany Line Hobbies, North Atherton location, 1649 N. Atherton St., State College, PA 16801-1419. (888) 654-6229. [www.nittanyline.com](http://www.nittanyline.com). For more information, contact Tarkin at [tarkin@netzero.net](mailto:tarkin@netzero.net)

## TENNESSEE

### Madison

We meet every Saturday at Rivergate mall in Madison tn. near Nashville. the time is 12 noon to about 3 or 4. Everyone invited from beginner to pro...SEE YA THERE! For more info, contact Bobby Gray at [bobbyG3386@aol.com](mailto:bobbyG3386@aol.com)

## TEXAS

### Houston

The Houston Moon Shooters Yo-Yo Club and Team is up and spinning. The club is free and open to anyone interested in yo-yoing. Members learn new tricks, improve their skill levels and compete in club contests. The more advanced players on the team perform synchronized freestyle demonstrations at city festivals, schools, churches, business events and yo-yo competitions. The club meets every other Saturday at the Harris County Fairbanks Branch Library, 712 N. Gessner, Houston, TX 77040 (one block north of Highway 290) You can contact Claudia via e-mail at [houstonmoonshooters@juno.com](mailto:houstonmoonshooters@juno.com).

## McKinney, Texas

The Lone Star Spinners Yo-Yo Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month from 11am-1pm. Meetings are held at the McKinney Community Center, 2001 S. Central Expressway, McKinney, Texas at the intersection of Highway 121 and Highway 75. Learn yo-yo and spintop tricks, earn embroidered patches, trade, meet new friends! Players, wanna-be-players, collectors, and Yo-lovers of all ages are welcome. No membership fee. Contact club founder, Valerie Krantz, at [valerieyo@spintastics.com](mailto:valerieyo@spintastics.com) or call her at 817-868-1714 for details or to be added to the email list for club notifications. WebSite: [www.spintastics.com/lonestar](http://www.spintastics.com/lonestar)

## UTAH

### Salt Lake City, Utah

ClubYO meets the third Saturday of the each month from 3-5 pm at Trolley Square - 6000 South 700 East, Salt Lake City, UT. The meetings consist mostly of advanced players showing less advanced players the secrets of their favorite tricks and beginners will be learning the fundamentals. For more information, please contact [www.hijinks.net](http://www.hijinks.net)

## VIRGINIA

### Herndon, Virginia

Meets the first Monday of the month in Hiddenbrook Club House (1508A Sadlers Wells Dr, off Hiddenbrook Dr, which is off Dranesville Rd) in Herndon, VA. from 6:30-8 pm . For further information, contact (703) 715-6290 for a recorded message. The club house phone number is 318-7159.

### Springfield, Virginia

A Yo-Yo Share, Show and Practice is held every third Wednesday of the month from 7-9 pm in the Fellowship Hall of Grace Presbyterian Church at Grace and Bath Streets, Springfield, A. For more information, contact Dick Stohr at (703) 451-3439.

# Recent Contests

## 5th Annual California State YO-YO Championships

San Francisco, CA  
September 16th 2000

### Beginner - 8 and under

1. Anastasia Howlett - age 7, Novato
2. Joshua Weakley - age 8, Fresno

### Novice - 12 and under

1. Eliot Howlett - age 10, Novato
2. Joey Della Santina - age 12, Corte Madera
3. Laura Rollins - age 10, King City

### Novice - 13 and older

1. Aaron Rohrer - age 14
2. Al Shaw - age 52, Newark
3. Eric Chen - age 16, Granite Bay

### Advanced - 15 yrs. And younger

1. Maddie Wong - age 10, Pleasanton
2. Victor Evans - age 15, Concord
3. Sam Evans - age 15, Concord

### Advanced Division - 16 and older

1. Hal Griffin - age 61, Pleasanton
2. Chris Garcia - age 16, Clovis
3. Rick Kroytz - Age 29

### Expert (no age restrictions)

1. Nicky Kodama - age 12, Tiburon
2. Johnnie Del Valle - age 14, Walnut Creek
3. Caleb Crickette

### Single A Championship

1. Rob Reeves - age 15, Chico
2. Sam Miller - age 13
3. Felix Avellana - age 14, Pacifica

### Double A Championships (2 yo-yos)

1. Patrick Mitchell - age 14, Westminster
2. Eugene Han

### Single A Freestyle

1. Felix Avellana - age 14, Pacifica
2. Chris Conley
3. Cliff Coleman

### Double A Freestyle (2 yo-yos)

1. Patrick Mitchell - age 14, Westminster
2. Eugene Han
3. Caleb Crickette

## Mid-Atlantic Regionals Yo-Yo Championships

Wilmington, Delaware  
September 16, 2000

The 2000 Mid-Atlantic Regionals were great! Special guests like Steve Brown, Jon Gates, SAGE, Brett Outchunis and Dick Stohr. Contestants from Massachusetts to Florida. Special thanks to all who made this event possible, including our main judge and MC Dick Stohr, Steve Brown, Jon Gates, SAGE, Brett Outchunis for judging. Duncan and Yo-Yo Jam for sending Steve and Jon. Yoyoing.com for hosting a banner for the event. Spintastics, Henry's, Proyo, Lucky Meisenheimer, Yomega and SuperYo for providing prizes for the event. Nicole Guinard from Yomega for delivering not only the prizes from Yomega, but Team Yomega as well! Aldersgate United Methodist Church for hosting the event. All the help from the parents of yoyoers who attended.

### Novice JR

- |                    |    |                        |
|--------------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 - Marc Goldyn    | 38 | New Castle, Delaware   |
| 2 - Ann Connolly   | 35 | Springfield, Virginia  |
| 3 - Adam Alexander | 35 | Newark, Delaware       |
| 4 - Julius Baynard | 31 | Wilmington, Delaware   |
| 5 - David Quigley  | 28 | Newark, Delaware       |
| 5 - Eric Watts     | 28 | Pennsauken, New Jersey |

### Novice SR

- |                |    |                        |
|----------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 - Ryan Gullo | 35 | Pittsgrove, New Jersey |
| 2 - Max Gramer | 33 | Kennett Square, PA     |

### Advanced JR

- |                       |    |                            |
|-----------------------|----|----------------------------|
| 1 - Andrew McLean     | 40 | Coatesville, Pennsylvania  |
| 2 - Paul Jervy        | 38 | Newark, Delaware           |
| 3 - Jonathan Forsythe | 36 | Pittsgrove, New Jersey     |
| 4 - Justin Weber      | 33 | Newark, Delaware           |
| 5 - William Hudson    | 31 | Coatesville, Pennsylvania  |
| 6 - Jonathan Weber    | 26 | Newark, Delaware           |
| 6 - Chris Bulmarz     | 26 | Delran, New Jersey         |
| 8 - Justin Mest       | 23 | Phoenixville, Pennsylvania |

### Advanced SR

- |                |    |                        |
|----------------|----|------------------------|
| 1 - Bill Watts | 38 | Pennsauken, New Jersey |
|----------------|----|------------------------|

### Expert

- |                     |    |                         |
|---------------------|----|-------------------------|
| 1 - Brandon Meadows | 45 | Otego, New York         |
| 2 - Jason Pinto     | 43 | Johnstown, Pennsylvania |
| 3 - Mark Montgomery | 41 | North Falmouth, Mass    |
| 4 - Tom Connolly    | 35 | Springfield, Virginia   |
| 4 - Hanno Beck      | 35 | Baltimore, Maryland     |
| 5 - Jim Feeney      | 34 | Newark, Delaware        |
| 6 - Kevin Brady     | 21 | Olney, Maryland         |

### A Division

- | Name                     | Compulsories | Freestyle | Hometown             |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1 - Ben Fry              | 34           | 353       | Silver Spring, MD    |
| 2 - Donald 'Pork' Black  | 37           | 341       | Connellsville, PA    |
| 3 - Matt Rose            | 38           | 336       | Seekonk, MA          |
| 4 - Chris Vedral         | 38           | 332       | Daytona Beach, FL    |
| 5 - Alex Lozyniak        | 43           | 318       | West Springfield, MA |
| 6 - Jerry Yuan           | 38           | 282       | Wayland, MA          |
| 7 - Stanley Zygo         | 34           | 260       | Easthampton, MA      |
| 8 - Jordan Cooper        | 40           | 248       | Westfield, MA        |
| 9 - Mike Morris          | 33           | 206       | Rehoboth Beach, DE   |
| 10 - Nathan Auger        | 33           | 204       | Westfield, MA        |
| 11 - Mason Cash          | 33           | 179       | Washington, DC       |
| 12 - Jason Olier         | 32           |           | Folly Beach, SC      |
| 13 - Luke Smith          | 25           |           | Wilmington, DE       |
| 13 - Raleigh Booze       | 25           |           | Wilmington, DE       |
| 15 - Nevin Dechsi        | 24           |           | Glen Burnie, MD      |
| 16 - Brad Dumas          | 21           |           | Berkley, MA          |
| 16 - Matt Bumerjit       | 21           |           | Glen Burnie, MD      |
| 16 - Eric Twark          | 21           |           | Swansea, MA          |
| 19 - Greg Clarke         | 18           |           | Mount Airy, MD       |
| 20 - Jason Sorcan        | 15           |           | Buckhannon, WV       |
| 21 - Nikoli Zygo         | 13           |           | Easthampton, MA      |
| 22 - Ben Creekmore       | 5            |           | Edgewater, MD        |
| 23 - Emrys Scott-Murrell | 3            |           | Washington, DC       |

### AA Division

- | Name                  | Compulsories | Freestyle | Hometown       |
|-----------------------|--------------|-----------|----------------|
| 1 - Matt Kubera       | 50           | 402       | Tiverton, MA   |
| 2 - Shane Karan       | 45           | 401       | Millville, NJ  |
| 3 - Eric Mitz         | 43           | 370       | Somerset, MA   |
| 4 - Jeff Medeiros     | 50           | 263       | Fall River, MA |
| 5 - Mike Carreiro     | 31           | 249       | Fall River, MA |
| 6 - Christopher Fifth | 18           | 229       | Egg Harbor, NJ |

### Spin Top

- | Name              | Score | Hometown                    |
|-------------------|-------|-----------------------------|
| 1 - Jason Pinto   | 20    | Johnstown, Pennsylvania     |
| 2 - Luke Smith    | 18    | Wilmington, Delaware        |
| 3 - Tarkin        | 13    | State College, Pennsylvania |
| 4 - Raleigh Booze | 8     | Wilmington, Delaware        |

### Diabolo

- | Name                  | Last Trick | Completed | Hometown               |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|------------------------|
| 1 - Eric Twark        | 8          |           | Swansea, Massachusetts |
| 2 - Mark Montgomery   | 6          |           | North Falmouth, MA     |
| 2 - Raleigh Booze     | 6          |           | Wilmington, Delaware   |
| 4 - Greg Clarke       | 4          |           | Mount Airy, Maryland   |
| 4 - Luke Smith        | 4          |           | Wilmington, Delaware   |
| 4 - Matt Bumerjit     | 4          |           | Glen Burnie, Maryland  |
| 4 - Jonathan Forsythe | 4          |           | Pittsgrove, New Jersey |

## Champion Spinners Yo-Yo Classic III and Festival 2000

September 23, 2000  
Rochester Hills, Michigan  
**Novice Division All Ages**

- 1st Place: Alex Simatula  
2nd Place: Brad Mruack  
3rd Place: Eric Jacovetti (tiebreaker: 10 Inside/Outside Loops to 4)  
4th Place: Cheryl Cowan and Gregg Werner

### Advanced Division Open to all ages

- 1st Place: Rob Kitts  
2nd Place: Roland Bottiglia  
3rd Place: Dennis Shatter

### Championship Division Open to all ages

- 1st Place: Jake Maloney  
2nd Place: Drew Owen  
3rd Place: Andy Jarema

### Best Trick Contest

- 1st Place: Drew Owen....performing "The Drew"  
2nd Place: Brady Cobb....performing "Popsickle Snot"

## 23rd Annual Suffolk Peanut Fest Yo-Yo Contest

Saturday, October 14, 2000  
Suffolk, Virginia

### Novice 12 & under

- 1st - Ann Connolly  
2nd - Brittany Clayton  
3rd - Blake Farrenkoof

### Novice 13 & over

- 1st - Sean Spillers  
2nd - George Teabo  
3rd - Larry Lindsey

### Advanced 16 & over

- 1st - Leslie Crockett  
2nd - Keith Dodd  
3rd - Brian Fedorowicz

### Expert

- 1st - Justin Perry  
2nd - Tom Connolly

### Freestyle

- 1st - Tom Connolly  
2nd - Keith Dodd

## Old Leander Days Yo-Yo Contest

October 21st.

Despite intense periods of rain, the Old Leander Days Yo-Yo Contest went on. John Ando is commended for completing his freestyle routine, with rain falling and winds blowing from all directions....no more excuses of high humidity!!!

### Ladder Results

#### Age 11-13

- 1st - Eric Hesterman  
2nd - Jesse Garcia  
3rd - Nori Ishida

#### Age 14-17

- 1st - John Ando  
2nd - Meguel Correa  
3rd - Kyle Weems

### Honorable Mention

- Age 18 & Over  
1st - Gary Hall

# Recent Contests (cont)

## Overall

- 1st - Eric Hesterman
- 2nd - John Ando
- 3rd - Miguel Correa

## Freestyle Division

### 1-Hand

- 1st - Miguel Correa
- 2nd - Phillip Howie
- 3rd - Kyle Weems

### 2-Hand

- 1st - John Ando
- 2nd - Eric Hesterman
- 3rd - Jessie Garcia

## The German Nationals

Hannover, Germany

October 21st and 22nd 2000

## Open Class

### YoMega

| Place | Name               | Points | Loops | Gesamt |
|-------|--------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1.    | Sarezki Andreas    | 40     | 156   | 196    |
| 2.    | Gerlach Jens       | 40     | 120   | 160    |
| 3.    | Rodloff Benjamin   | 40     | 24    | 64     |
| 4.    | Berning Marius     | 38     | -     | 38     |
| 5.    | Berning Sebastian  | 35     | -     | 35     |
| 6.    | Fielers Malte      | 33     | -     | 33     |
| 7.    | Bachmair Charlotte | 13     | -     | 13     |

## Open Class

### YoGiga

### International

| Place | Name                  | Points | Loops | Gesamt | L |
|-------|-----------------------|--------|-------|--------|---|
| 1.    | Voggenthaler Johannes | 40     | 191   | 231    | D |
| 2.    | Heydendahl Johannes   | 40     | 61    | 101    | D |
| 3.    | Siegrist Martin       | 40     | 16    | 56     | A |
| 4.    | Bagge Sebastian       | 40     | 0     | 40     | D |
| 5.    | Kaufmann Mirko        | 38     | -     | 38     | D |
| 5.    | Brunner Heiko         | 38     | -     | 38     | D |
| 7.    | Kreric Per            | 35     | -     | 35     | D |
| 7.    | Bao Sok Heng          | 35     | -     | 35     | F |
| 7.    | Basacek Yvonne        | 35     | -     | 35     | D |
| 7.    | Niemeyer Hanna        | 35     | -     | 35     | D |
| 11.   | Lohmann Jan Robert    | 30     | -     | 30     | D |
| 11.   | Böhm Jim              | 30     | -     | 30     | F |
| 11.   | Andre Dreher          | 30     | -     | 30     | D |
| 11.   | Noll Mirko            | 30     | -     | 30     | D |
| 15.   | Daniel Springer       | 22     | -     | 22     | D |
| 16.   | Müller Robert Andreas | 19     | -     | 19     | D |
| 17.   | Eichler Patrick       | 0      | -     | 0      | D |

## Master Class

### International Results

| Place     | Name                | Pflicht | Pflichtshow | L          |
|-----------|---------------------|---------|-------------|------------|
| Freestyle | Country             |         |             |            |
| 1.        | Sisavath Michel     | 40      | 15          | 423 478 F  |
| 2.        | Schleußner Dennis   | 40      | 18          | 402 460 D  |
| 3.        | Simon Florian       | 40      | 18          | 396 454 D  |
| 4.        | Schulz Christian    | 38      | 19          | 332 389 D  |
| 5.        | Studer Ivo          | 38      | 15          | 314 367 CH |
| 6.        | Nold Oliver         | 38      | 14          | 295 347 CH |
| 7.        | Bergmann Eric       | 36      | 19          | 277 332 D  |
| 8.        | Gfeller Marco       | 40      | 14          | 276 330 CH |
| 9.        | Rodloff Alexander   | 35      | 19          | 262 316 D  |
| 10.       | Bruderer Marcel     | 40      | 14          | 260 314 CH |
| 11.       | Grummt Marek        | 38      | 12          | 239 289 D  |
| 12.       | Springer Markus     | 35      | 19          | 234 288 D  |
| 13.       | Geigle Dave         | 36      | 14          | 220 270 D  |
| 14.       | Buchmüller Eugen    | 36      | 16          | 175 227 D  |
| 15.       | Noll Jessica        | 33      | 18          | 174 225 D  |
| 16.       | Haecker Tobias-Leon | 35      | 16          | 140 191 D  |
| 17.       | Zbinden Enrico      | 38      | 12          | - 50 CH    |
| 18.       | Nedela Philip       | 33      | 15          | - 48 D     |

|     |                     |    |    |   |       |
|-----|---------------------|----|----|---|-------|
| 19. | Meyer Marco         | 36 | 11 | - | 47 D  |
| 20. | Bachmair Clemens    | 35 | 11 | - | 46 D  |
| 21. | Frohse Nicolai      | 29 | 15 | - | 44 D  |
| 22. | Prasberg Frederik   | 40 | 3  | - | 43 DK |
| 23. | Bayer Stefan        | 29 | 11 | - | 40 D  |
| 24. | Langkamp Johannes   | 25 | 14 | - | 39 D  |
| 25. | Bachmair Felix      | 26 | 12 | - | 38 D  |
| 26. | Jung Rene           | 20 | 16 | - | 36 D  |
| 27. | Thoring Kai         | 25 | 7  | - | 32 D  |
| 28. | Ziegenhain Matthias | 21 | 10 | - | 31 D  |
| 28. | Lange Christian     | 18 | 13 | - | 31 DK |
| 30. | Pegam Andres        | 18 | 12 | - | 30 D  |
| 31. | Shehab Tarek        | 11 | 4  | - | 15 D  |

## Team Competition

### International

| Place | Name                        | Player | Points | L    |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------|--------|------|
| 1.    | Team fo(u)r North           | 4      | 132    | D    |
| 2.    | Luftikus                    | 5      | 128    | D    |
| 3.    | Active People               | 4      | 122    | D/CH |
| 4.    | Team Schweiz                | 2      | 117    | CH   |
| 5.    | Came-Yo                     | 4      | 113    | D    |
| 6.    | Team Yo-Yo Maniacs (TYM)    | 2      | 98     | D    |
| 7.    | Torty, Bob, Pac (T-B-P ;-)  | 3      | 90     | D    |
| 8.    | Villa Kunterbunt Bammental  | 3      | 83     | D    |
| 9.    | Strington                   | 2      | 46     | DK   |
| 10.   | Berlin Brain Twisters (BBT) | 4      | 42     | D    |

## World Proyo Championships

November 4, 2000

Arizona

## Freestyle

| Place | Points | Name              |
|-------|--------|-------------------|
| 1     | 91     | Adam Dennehy      |
| 2     | 90     | Marcus Fiebka     |
| 3     | 89     | Asiamuddin Zainel |
| 4     | 88     | Patrick Mitchell  |
| 5     | 85     | Jennifer Kouri    |
| 6     | 80     | Anthony Ma        |
| 7     | 77     | Paul Low          |
| 8     | 73     | Taylor Whitley    |
| 9     | 72     | Aaron Gould       |
| 10    | 71     | Eric Ma           |
| 11    | 70     | Kalani Bergdorf   |
| 12    | 64     | Josh Perez        |
| 13    | 64     | John Huber        |
| 14    | 57     | Ash Kahn          |
| 15    | 52     | Craig Squires     |
| 16    | 50     | Jimmy             |
| 17    | 48     | Felix             |
| 18    | 41     | Zack              |
| 19    | 40     | Matt Schonert     |
| 20    | 40     | Sam Genchi        |
| 21    | 38     | Josh Keith        |
| 22    | 37     | Alex              |
| 23    | 36     | Dave Noonan       |
| 24    | 33     | Robert Low        |
| 25    | 32     | Eric Tokar        |
| 26    | 27     | Gabe Gonzales     |
| 27    | 22     | Michael Schonert  |

## SE Regionals

November 11, 2000

Tallahassee, Florida

## A-Division

- 1 Jacob Noel
- 2 Jason Olier
- 3 Chris Vedral
- 4 Justin Nix
- 5 Sean Curran

- 6 Timothy Simco
- 7 Tom Carlton
- 8 David Gutenplan
- 9 Jason Bourgeois
- 10 Grant Nichols
- 11 Richard Hertzberg

## AA-Division

- 1 Masahiro Tanikawa
- 2 Damian Taimvera
- 3 Eric Dunlop
- 4 Payden Sutherland
- 5 Mina Tanikawa

## 2000 DFW Metroplex Yo-Yo Championship

Sunday, December 17th

## Ladder Ages 11-13

- 1st Dwalyn Morgan (Euleess)

- 2nd Clinton Howie (Terrell)

## Ladder Ages 14-17

- 1st Miguel Correa (Garland)

- 2nd Kyle Weeks (Houston)

- 3rd Skyler Seamans (Dallas)

## Ladder 18 & Over

- 1st Larry Kilby (Plano)

- 2nd Gary Hall (Euleess)

## 'A' Freestyle

- 1st Miguel Correa (Garland)

- 2nd Dwalyn Morgan (Bedford)

- 3rd Phillip Howie (Terrell)

## 'AA' Freestyle

- 1st John Ando (Dallas)

- 2nd Eric Hesterman (Terrell)

- 3rd Jesse Garcia (Dallas)

## Mid-Winter 2001 Yo-Yo Contest

Roseville, MN

Rosedale Mall

Saturday, Jan 13

## Novice Division

|                      | Score     | Tie breaker |
|----------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Aaron Brun        | 50 points | 16 Loops    |
| 2. Jacob Olsen       | 50 points | 11 loops    |
| 3. Claire Dozier     | 50 points | 3 loops     |
| 4. Sven Peterson     | 50 points | 2 loops     |
| 5. Derek Piche       | 48 points |             |
| 6. Joshua Nelson     | 43 Points |             |
| 7. Kevin Elvin       | 41 Points |             |
| 8. Jeffrey Richards  | 40 Points |             |
| 9. Sean Sauter       | 34 Points |             |
| 10. Chris Harrington | 33 Points |             |

## Advanced Division

|                  | Score     | Tie breaker |
|------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 1. Tyler Rentz   | 43 Points |             |
| 2. Ricky Bristol | 40 points |             |
| 3. Chuck Bristol | 38 points | 84 loops    |
| 4. Rick Rentz    | 38 Points | 38 Loops    |
| 5. Travis Vosika | 38 Points | 6 Loops     |
| 6. Brenda Sauter | 22 Points |             |
| 7. Tom Stamp     | 20 Points |             |

## Super Division

1. Conway Yung 58 Points
2. Matt Schmidt 56 Points
3. Mike McCabe 46.5 Points
4. Nick Voss 46 Points
5. Seth Peterson 39.5 Points
6. Eric Wassenaar 37 Points

# Recent Contests (cont)

## Yo Bowl 2001

Wilmington, DE  
Saturday, Jan 20, 2001

Well, it's all over, but for the repercussions of certain unnamed contestants who were disqualified for using a potty-mouth song (you know who you are). It was swell! We fought a nasty snow storm and were happy that so many people braved the winter weather to make it to our little competition. DocPop enlightened us with some swell demos and shiny pants. Freestyle videos will be posted. Thanks again and mark down September 15 for Mid-Atlantic Regionals!

### Novice JR

| Name                        | Pts | Hometown           |
|-----------------------------|-----|--------------------|
| 1 - Emma Cramer             | 38  | Kennett Square, PA |
| 2 - Mark Brockrath          | 33  | Wilmington, DE     |
| 3 - Jim Tucker              | 30  | Wilmington, DE     |
| 4 - Kyle Anderson           | 27  | Wilmington, DE     |
| 5 - Eric Watts              | 23  | Pennsauken, NJ     |
| 5 - Justin DeHart           | 23  | Wilmington, DE     |
| 7 - Stephen O'Flynn O'Brien | 18  | Wilmington, DE     |

### Novice SR

|                   |    |                  |
|-------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 - OJ Fleck      | 36 | Bear, DE         |
| 2 - Casey Evanoff | 30 | Falls Church, VA |

### Advanced JR

|                    |    |            |
|--------------------|----|------------|
| 1 - Jonathan Weber | 36 | Newark, DE |
| 2 - Chris Bulman   | 34 | Delran, NJ |

### Expert

|                    |    |                    |
|--------------------|----|--------------------|
| 1 - Bill Watts     | 42 | Pennsauken, NJ     |
| 2 - Greg Beatty    | 41 | Fairfax, VA        |
| 3 - Tom Connolly   | 33 | Springfield, VA    |
| 4 - Maximus Cramer | 29 | Kennett Square, PA |
| 5 - Jim Feeney     | 24 | Newark, DE         |

### A/AA Division

| Name                       | Hometown           | Final Score |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| 1 - Masahiro Tanikawa      | Summerville, SC    | 118         |
| 2 - Jordan Cooper          | Westfield, MA      | 107         |
| 3 - Alex Lozyniak          | Westfield, MA      | 103         |
| 4 - Mark Montgomery        | North Falmouth, MA | 101         |
| 5 - Mike Morris            | Rehoboth, DE       | 96          |
| 6 - Justin Weber           | Newark, DE         | 90          |
| 7 - Ben Creekmore          | Edgewater, MD      | 87          |
| 8 - Nathan Auger           | Westfield, MA      | 84          |
| 9 - Raleigh Booze          | Wilmington, DE     | 79          |
| 10 - Jonathan Vaudreuil    | Spencer, MA        | 78          |
| 11 - Greg "The Man" Clarke | Mount Airy, MD     | 75          |
| 12 - Mina Tanikawa         | Summerville, SC    | 73          |
| 13 - Nate Sutter           | Westfield, MA      | 72          |
| 14 - Luke Smith            | Wilmington, DE     | 66          |
| 15 - Matt Bumerjit         | Glen Burnie, MD    | 56          |
| 16 - James Keenan          | Bear, DE           | 18          |

### Spin Top

| Name                | Score | Hometown           |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1 - Nate Sutter     | 18    | Westfield, MA      |
| 2 - Nathan Auger    | 16    | Westfield, MA      |
| 3 - Tom Connolly    | 15    | Springfield, VA    |
| 4 - Mark Montgomery | 14    | North Falmouth, MA |

### Diabolo

| Name                | Last Trick Completed | Hometown           |
|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1 - AJ Kirk         | 16                   | New Castle, DE     |
| 2 - Raleigh Booze   | 12                   | Wilmington, DE     |
| 3 - Luke Smith      | 9                    | Wilmington, DE     |
| 4 - Mark Montgomery | 8                    | North Falmouth, MA |

## 2001 Michigan State Yo-Yo Championships.

March 10, 2001  
Grand Rapids, MI

### Beginner Division - Ages 7-8

|                      |
|----------------------|
| 1st Place - Shane P. |
| 2nd Place - Evan S.  |
| 3rd Place - Eric S.  |

### Beginner Division - Ages 11-12

|                        |
|------------------------|
| 1st Place - Emilio M.  |
| Advanced Division      |
| 1st Place - Rob K.     |
| 2nd Place - Andy J.    |
| 3rd Place - Derrick W. |
| 4th Place - Alex S.    |

### Expert Division - 1 Handed

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| 1st Place - Dennis S. |
| 2nd Place - Jake M.   |
| 3rd Place - Ted F.    |

### Expert Division - 2 Handed

|                     |
|---------------------|
| 1st Place - Drew O. |
| 2nd Place - Nick T. |
| 3rd Place - Mike T. |

## Western Canadian Yo-Yo Championships

March 17, 2001  
Kamloops, British Columbia

### Freestyle Division

|                |
|----------------|
| Jensen Kimmitt |
| Damir Hot      |
| Ken Chambers   |

### A Division

|                |
|----------------|
| Jensen Kimmitt |
| Damir Hot      |
| Ken Chambers   |

### Advanced Division

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| Jon Davies            |
| Ema Salja (see below) |
| Tom Maloney           |

### Novice Division 11 & up

Ema Salja

(Ema competed in Advanced division due to lack of competitors in her own age group and placed second there. However, she received the trophy for her intended division)

### Novice Division 10 & under

|                  |
|------------------|
| Benj Davies      |
| Blair (Tie)      |
| Deni Salja (Tie) |
| Jordan Kalmakoff |

## Minnesota State Championships 2001

March 24, 2001  
Southdale Mall in Edina, Minnesota

The Judges: Annie Baril, Dazzling Dave Schulte and Doctor Popular

### Novice Division - 22 contestants

|            | Score                               |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1st Place  | Sven Peterson ..... 50 points       |
| 2nd Place  | John Narum ..... 48 points          |
| 3rd Place  | Daniel Christiansen ..... 48 points |
| 4th Place  | Geoffrey Wasmuth ..... 48 points    |
| 4th Place  | Daniel Dean ..... 48 points         |
| 6th Place  | Derek Piche ..... 46 Points         |
| 7th Place  | Matt Forberber ..... 45 Points      |
| 7th Place  | Zach Mosbek ..... 45 Points         |
| 7th Place  | Joe Kelly ..... 45 Points           |
| 10th Place | Dylan Vosika ..... 44 Points        |

### Advanced Division - 11 contestants

|            | Score                           |
|------------|---------------------------------|
| 1st Place  | Blake Madsen ..... 50 Points    |
| 2nd Place  | Nathan Carrol ..... 48 points   |
| 3rd Place  | Travis Vosika ..... 46 points   |
| 4th Place  | Max Leder ..... 45 Points       |
| 4th Place  | Chuck Bristol ..... 45 Points   |
| 4th Place  | Rick Bristol ..... 45 Points    |
| 7th Place  | Jacob Olsen ..... 44 Points     |
| 8th Place  | Joe Volner ..... 41 Points      |
| 9th Place  | Clarissa Dozier ..... 40 Points |
| 10th Place | Justin Duran ..... 33 Points    |
| 11th Place | Jesse Castro ..... 29 Points    |

### Single "A" Division - 8 contestants

|           | Final Score                      |
|-----------|----------------------------------|
| 1st Place | Conway Yung ..... 95 Points      |
| 2nd Place | Hung Su ..... 89 Points          |
| 3rd Place | Mike McCabe ..... 72 Points      |
| 4th Place | Eric Wassenaar ..... 70.5 Points |
| 5th Place | Seth Peterson ..... 69.5 Points  |
| 6th Place | Tyler Grundman ..... 64 Points   |
| 7th Place | Ian Seavey ..... 38 Points       |
| 8th Place | Rich Rentz ..... 36 Points       |

### Double "A" Division - 2 contestants

|           | Final Score                    |
|-----------|--------------------------------|
| 1st Place | Paul Yath ..... 80 Points      |
| 2nd Place | Ryan McQuillan ..... 69 Points |

## BP ProYo Club Competition

March 24, 2001  
Amcorp Mall, Petaling Jaya - Malaysia

### Masters Division

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| Champion : John J. Sekar |
| Runner-up : Mohd Nazri   |
| 2nd Runner Up : Raymond  |

### A Division

|                         |
|-------------------------|
| Champion : Dinesh Kumar |
| Runner-up : Mohd Nazri  |
| 2nd Runner Up : Luanne  |

### AA Division

|                               |
|-------------------------------|
| Champion : Hasyik             |
| Runner-Up: Dinesh Kumar       |
| 2nd Runner-Up : Lee Wai Leong |

source : M-Yo.com

## 2001 Canadian National Championships

April 7, 2001

Judges - Harvey Lowe, Rob Davies and John Patterson.

Canadian National Champion: Jensen Kimmitt

2nd Place: Ken Chambers

3rd Place: Damir Hot

### Expert Division

|                           |
|---------------------------|
| 1st Place: James Davies   |
| 2nd Place: Nigel Wakita   |
| 3rd Place: Steve Babister |

### Sports Division

|                          |
|--------------------------|
| 1st Place: Eric Lo       |
| 2nd Place: Seth Stratton |
| 3rd Place: Jon Davies    |

### Novice Division

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| 1st Place: Richard Field   |
| 2nd Place: Benjamin Davies |
| 3rd Place: Eric LeBlanc    |

Freestyle Winner: Nigel Wakita

## 2001 Florida State Yo-Yo Contest

April 14, 2001  
Orlando, Florida

# Recent Contests (cont)

## PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP OF QUEBEC

April 14 2001  
Montreal, Ontario, Canada

### Tops

- 1-Nicolas Germain
- 2-Aime Adam
- 3-Justin Adam

### Yoyo Novice

- 1-Ethan Kalman
- 2-Justin Desforges
- 3-Jerome Demers

### Advanced

- 1-Chris Martin
- 2-Kevin Dubeau
- 3-Jeremy Eldridge

### Expert

- 1-Nicolaime Lareau
- 2-Justin Adam
- 3-Francois Lalonde

### Champion Single A

- 1-Patrick Provost
- 2-Nicolas Germain
- 3-Hans Godbout

## The 1st Annual WPI Yo-Yo Competition

April 22, 2001  
Worcester, Massachusetts

### Beginner - Jr.

1. Lindsay Sheffield - 40
2. Isaac Di Geronimo - 38
3. Zak Carlson-Sypek - 36
4. Jason Cross - 35

### Beginner - Sr.

1. David Ramshaw - 36
2. Daniel Keefe - 31 (tiebreaker)
3. Aris Auxgoustopoulos - 31

### Advanced - Jr.

1. Ian O'Leary - 35
2. Ben Liu - 28 (tiebreaker)
3. Chris Labombard - 28
4. Chris Dunne - 20
5. Ben Carlson-Sypek - 13

### Advanced - Sr.

1. Dan Roberts - 31
2. Michael Liu - 28
3. Caretia Fernandez - 21

### Expert

1. Eddie Comini - 45
2. Nikoli Zygo - 33 (tiebreaker)
3. Andre Boulay - 33
4. Ron Graves - 28

For A and AA, the freestyle score is listed after the compulsory score. The freestyle score was out of 100 and was used to determine all winners.

### A

1. Mark Montgomery - 50 - 88
2. Alex Lozyniak - 43 - 65
3. Tomer Moscovich - 31 - 57
4. Nate Sutter - 39 - 55
5. Jerry Yuan - 50 - 52
6. Jordan Cooper - 45 - 46
7. Dana Bennett - 35 - 44
8. Nate Auger - 43 - 43
9. Brandon Baines - 26 - 41
10. Stan Zygo - 33 - 37

### AA

1. Matt Kubera - 43 - 84
2. Shane Karan - 50 - 76
3. Mike Carreiro - 38 - 58
4. Eric Twark - 39 - 55

### Spin Tops

1. Andre Boulay - 50
2. Alex Lozyniak - 34
3. Mark Montgomery - 28
4. Nate Sutter - 26
5. Nate Auger - 20

## Mid-West Regionals

April 21-22, 2001  
Mall Of America, Bloomington, Minnesota

### Sport Ladder

#### 7-9 Years

1. Jacob Olsen
2. Dylan Vosika

#### 10-13 Years

1. Travis Vosika
2. Alex Berenguel
3. Cody Taylor

#### 14-17 Years

1. Rob Kitts
2. Max Leder
3. Matt Schmidt

#### 18-25 Years

1. Kyle Nguyen

#### 26 & Up

1. Pat Wood
2. Rich Rains
3. David Noonan

### Single A

- |                             |      |
|-----------------------------|------|
| 1. Brent Dellinger .....    | 93.2 |
| 2. Conway Yung .....        | 83.6 |
| 3. Dan Compton .....        | 81.6 |
| 4. Tyler Richenberger ..... | 80   |
| 5. Shawn Adkins .....       | 78   |
| 6. Nathan Carroll .....     | 73.4 |
| 7. Jonathan Hanes .....     | 73.2 |
| 8. Tyler Boshears .....     | 72.8 |
| 9. Charlie Abbott .....     | 72.2 |
| 10. Jake Maloney .....      | 72   |
| 11. Dennis Shatter .....    | 69.8 |
| 12. Paul Yath .....         | 68.6 |
| 13. Justin Holinka .....    | 57.6 |

### Double A

- |                        |      |
|------------------------|------|
| 1. Matt Harlow .....   | 96.8 |
| 2. Tim Skalland .....  | 94   |
| 3. Josh Hanes .....    | 52.8 |
| 4. Markus Lawson ..... | 46.4 |
| 5. Drew Owen .....     | 45.6 |

## Renegade Painting Contest

- |                         |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Betsy Peterson .....    | 1st |
| Sherry Bristol .....    | 2nd |
| Mom & Matt Harlow ..... | 3rd |

Check <http://www.atraffic.com/YoYos/yotopevents.htm>

## New York University Open

April 28th, 2001  
New York, New York

### Beginner

- 1st (34 pts): Sam (also known as "8 a.m.")
- 2nd (32 pts): Steve Schowiak
- 3rd (28 pts): David Pramshaw

### Intermediate

- 1st (36 pts): Ken Franco
- 2nd (26 pts): Jordan
- 3rd (15 pts): Erin Finnegan

### Advanced

- 1st (68 pts): Eric Girardi
- 2nd (65 pts): Jordan Cooper
- 3rd (64 pts): Mark Montgomery

### Two-handed

- 1st: Nikoli Zygo
- 2nd: Stan Zygo
- 3rd: Nate Sutter

### Freestyle

- 1st: Mark Montgomery
- 2nd: Jordan Cooper
- 3rd: Eric Girardi

Judges:

Thanks to Steve Brown and Doctor Popular for doing an excellent job judging our contest and picking on Tomer.

Awards and sponsors:

The Yo-Yo Club would like to thank Henry's, Duncan, BC, Yomega, Spintastics, and ProYo for donating prizes. For more information on the NYU Club or Events - <http://dorkart.com/yoyo>



# Upcoming Events

## Kansas City Contest

May 19, 2001 • 10-2  
Bonner Springs, Kansas

Americana Weekend at Bonner Springs, Kansas  
Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced competition. Yoyo demonstrations, juggling demonstrations Registration @ 9:00 to 10:00 at Kids Tent. For More information contact carolyn@windwizards.com or at 913-856-0145

## 2001 Bay Area Classic (BAC)

May 26, 2001  
San Mateo, California

The 2001 BAC will be held Saturday May 26th 2001 at Talbott's Toyland located at 445 South B Street, San Mateo, California 94401 (650) 342-0126.

The ladder starts at 10:00 am and Freestyles begin at 12:00 Noon. Players in the one hand division must be pre-qualified to enter freestyle division. All players in the two hand division will be able to Freestyle.

There will also be a Special Top Freestyle show-down division with more info to be posted on a special contest web site soon! For more information contact the event promoter Dave Bazan at alienyobro@aol.com.

Here is the list. The web page is still under progress, so a more detailed description will be available soon. One hand pre-qualified entrants will be anyone who was included in the freestyle division last year will be able to freestyle again. I will post a contest list for this year also that will include all of last years contests nationals, worlds, regionals etc., please e-mail me to confirm your entry.

### Two Hand List

**1. Warped horse 10x.** Start with warp drive then finish riding the horse ten reps.

**2. Devil wings 5x.** Two hand looping with both arms crossed behind back.

**3. Wrist cross-over loops 10x.** Looping with both hands move your right hand over left arm then move your left hand over your right arm, this will be one rep, you must do 10 reps.

**4. Cross-over fountain.** You must start by doing milk the cow with your arms crossed then go straight up to fountain with arms crossed into 3 reps over your head.

**5. Twisted Staircase.** You must do staircase in both directions without stopping the yo yos. You will start doing fountain to the left or right, when you get the yo yos over your head you bring them down the repeat the trick in the opposite direction.

**6. Jumping cows 10x.** Start milking the cow then hop your left hand over your right then right over left this will be one rep. repeat 10x.

**7. Circle the moon 10x.** One hand doing a vertical punching bag and the other doing reach for the moon, reps counted with moon hand 10x.

**8. Behind the back cattle crossing 5x.** Do cattle crossing behind your back, yo yos must cross 5x.

**9. Lay on back crossarm moons 10x.** Lay on your back with head touching the floor doing reach for the moon with your arms crossed 10x. You may start the trick with your head off the floor but your head must be touching the floor while arms are crossed doing reps.

**10. Circle moon Rewind 3 reps.** Start doing reach for the moon with one hand and a vertical punching bag with the other when you do 3 moons you transition that hand into a vertical punching bag and transition the other hand into reach for the moon when you do 3 moons repeat the transition from moon to vertical punch and vertical punch into moon you must do this complete transition 3 times without recoveries.

ONE HAND LADDER COMING SOON WITH TOP 3 OVERALL SCORERS MAKING THE FINAL. SPECIAL FREESTYLE TOP CONTEST

## Washington Unlimited

June 2, 2001 • 1:00  
Woodinville, Washington

### BEGINNERS BRACKET:

1. Rock the baby (2 rocks)
  2. Forward pass
  3. Walk the dog (2 feet)
  4. Break away
  5. Around the world (2 revolutions)
- TIE BREAKER-trapeezes

### INTERMEDIATE BRACKET:

1. Pinwheel (3 revolutions)
  2. Time warp
  3. Trapeeze
  4. Double or nothing
  5. Skin the cat
  6. Boomerang (2 repetitions)
  7. Braintwister (2 somersaults)
  8. Hop the fence (3 repetitions)
- TIE BREAKER-loop off

### ADVANCED BRACKET:

1. Split the atom (braintwister ending)
  2. Mach 5 (5 revolutions)
  3. Mondial
  4. Boing-e-boing (5 bounces)
  5. Eli hops (4 repetitions)
  6. Boomerang (7 repetitions)
  7. Shoot the moon (5 repetitions)
  8. Suicide
- TIE BREAKER-triple trapeezes

The Washington Unlimited (dum dum dum duuuuuuuuum) is to be held on June 2nd at 1:00 in the parking lot of "ERNIE'S TOYS 2000" located at 17325 140th AVE. NE Woodinville WA. 98072. By the way, this event will help benefit a local charity which is yet to be named.

### RULES:

1. first attempt = 5, points second = 3, third = 0
  2. must be caught with one hand without use of body
  3. no more than 5 inches of string remaining outside or else it's a miss
  4. all throws made within the trick box counts as an attempt
  5. contestants may make string adjustment prior to performing (this includes single loops, sleeper, and sleeping beauty)
  6. Practicing competition tricks while competition is in progress is FORBIDDEN
  7. BOOING of any contestant is an instant disqualification from any and all brackets as will any misconduct.
  8. the judges are always right
- Basically it's just a "show up, have fun, enjoy the show" type deal. There'll be BBQ, Hot Rods, and a freestyle division too. Proceeds from this event are going towards "HOPE LINK", a charity for low income families. They handle food, clothing, financial aid, the works.

## North West Regional Yo-Yo Championships

Fir Crest, Washington  
June 16, 2001

The 2001 North West Regional Yo-Yo Championships is the biggest yo-yo event to ever hit the NW! This all-day affair will include competition, action, learning, trading, and fun! If you're into yo-yo's, you don't want to miss this event.

The contest will be held on June 16, 2001, in Fir Crest, WA. The contest will start at 11:00 a.m. You must sign up to compete in the contest. Registration will start at 10:00 a.m. More information will be added as it arrives, so check back often.

Last years contest was a huge success with over 45 competitors. If you have any questions or comments, check <http://nwregionals.freeyellow.com/index.html> or feel free to email Chris Barack at cbarack@juno.com.

## The Northeast International Invitational Yo-Yo Meet

St. Albans, VY  
June 22-24, 2001

The Northeast International Invitational Yo-Yo Meet will be held next year at the Saint Albans (Vermont) town beach. New events that will be added include a swap meet, a pig roast at 5 p.m. after the competition is over (cost \$6.50), entrance fee of \$8.00 (which will include the pig roast), a barbecue on Friday afternoon at the Baybrooks' residence.

There will also be two new competition levels: a parents' competition and a unicycle/yo-yo event. Info: Northeast Yo-Yo Meet, 97 Parah Dr., Saint Albans, VT 05478, yoyorjb@sover.net

## Lone Star Open

Six Flags Over Texas - Arlington  
June 16, 2001

Contest Judges: Yo-Yo Pros Dave Bazan, Dale Oliver and Valerie Krantz

Sponsored by Six Flags Over Texas and Spintastics Skill Toys, Inc., Sanctioned by the American Yo-Yo Association.

Contest consists of One and Two Hand Ladder Divisions, One and Two Hand Freestyle Divisions, and spin top competitions (details TBA).

### Schedule of Events:

- 11-12 Registration for those not pre-registered
- 12-1 One-Hand Ladder Division
- 1-1:30 Awards for Ladder Division
- 1:30-5:00 One and Two Hand Yo-Yo Freestyle Divisions and Spin Top Freestyle Division

**Cost:** Contest fee - none.

Free entrance fee to Six Flags Over Texas to all players who pre-register via email by June 2, 2001 Spectators will pay HALF the normal park admission price. Email to alienyo@aol.com for registration Tricks and rules will be posted on website [www.spintastics.com/eventslinks](http://www.spintastics.com/eventslinks)

### Hotel information:

La Quinta Inn  
825 N. Watson  
Arlington, Texas 76011  
1-800-453-7909

Mention Spintastics group #45725 for the rate of \$69.99. Rates are good for June 15 and 16, 2001.

# Upcoming Events (cont)

## YO-YO LADDER

### AGE CATEGORIES:

8 & Under, 9-15, 16-21, 22-34, 35 & Up

### RULES FOR LADDER:

You may use up to two different yo-yos.

All tricks performed on first attempt receive 5 points. A successful second attempt, if necessary, receives 3 points. First trick missed on both attempts will be forgiven. Second trick missed on both attempts will retire the contestant. If player's first miss is trick 35, they receive a second attempt on this trick.

Tie breakers: Contest continues with first trick that none of the tied contestants have reached and continued until a trick is missed. One attempt only per trick. If tie remains after all ladder tricks, a loop-off will determine the winner. Contestant is allowed to change yo-yos for the loop-off if desired.

The yo-yo must be caught with one hand and not trapped against the body. If more than five inches of string remains outside the yo-yo when caught, it is considered a miss. Any throw made while in the trick circle (or Box) counts as a try. Only the following tricks may be done while the contestant is on deck (on stage but outside the trick ring): Throwdown, spinner, forward pass, a single Loop the Loop, or string adjustments (unless it is the trick being attempted). Practicing a contest trick outside the circle or box once the contest starts shall count as a miss. Loop the Loops must be done with feet fixed in one position within the trick circle or box. The judge(s) decision is final and not subject to appeal.

Awards will be given for top three scores in each age division and top three overall.

## YO-YO FREESTYLES

Anyone who wishes to enter the freestyle division may be asked to complete the final 10 ladder tricks. Freestyle yo-yo and spin top divisions are for all ages (no compulsories)

Freestyle yo-yo contest rules will follow the 2001 AYYA Trick List and Rules as referred to at [www.ayya.net/rules\\_2001.html](http://www.ayya.net/rules_2001.html)

Top 3 finishers in each division win prizes  
LOTS of free raffles

## SPIN TOP CONTEST AND FREESTYLE TRICKS AND RULES TO BE ANNOUNCED

### Champion Spinners Yo-Yo Classic IV

June 23, 2001

Rochester Hills, Michigan  
Canterbury Village

#### Noon: Registration

1:00 PM Novice Division - 12 years and younger.

2:00 PM Advanced Division - Open to all ages.

3:00 PM Best Trick Competition and  
Freestyle Performances.

4:00 PM Championship Division - Open to all ages.

5:30 PM Auction and Awards Presentation.

Check <http://home.earthlink.net/~walldon/classic2001.htm> - For more information, e-mail [walldon@earthlink.net](mailto:walldon@earthlink.net)

### Yo-Yo & Skill Toy Demonstration

June 27, 2001 • 12-2

Lawrence Hall Of Science  
Berkeley, California

John Stangle and Cliff Coleman will be demonstrating

and helping with YO-YO Tricks, Lunastix and Spin Tops from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM Wednesday June 27th 2001 at the famous Lawrence Hall of Science, Berkeley, CA. The event is open to the public with paid admission to the center. (Tip: All parking requires payment after you park - don't forget to pay before you enter the center).

### 2001 World YO-YO Contest

August 4th and 5th 2001

Orlando, Florida

See page 15 for more information on 2001 Worlds

### 3rd Annual "Yomega" World Yo-Yo Competition & Workshops

August 11th & 12th, 2001

Providence, Rhode Island

The 2001 Yomega World Yo-Yo Competition will once again be held in downtown Providence, Rhode Island, August 11 and 12, 2001.

The Y3A workshops will be held Saturday in the brand new Waterplace Ballroom at the Westin Hotel and the contest will be held Sunday in the ballroom at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

For more information contact Yomega at 800.338.8796 x287 or email Nicole Guinard ([n.guinard@yomega.com](mailto:n.guinard@yomega.com)) or visit their web site at [www.yomega.com](http://www.yomega.com).

### 2nd Annual 2001 Southwest Regional Yo-Yo Championships

August 18th 2001

Bakersfield, California

This event is still in the planning stage but will happen on August 18th 2001. Because of budget restraints the even location has been moved to the Martin Luther King Recreation Center run by the City of Bakersfield Recreations & Parks Department. For more information contact Jeannette ([Jtriscui@ci.bakersfield.ca.us](mailto:Jtriscui@ci.bakersfield.ca.us)) from the City of Bakersfield. The event will most likely be Sanctioned by the AYYA.

### IJA Festival

August 24-28

Madison, Wisconsin

The International Jugglers Association (IJA) will hold the 54th International Jugglers Festival at the Albert Energy Center in Madison, Wisc. It is not known at this time whether or not there will be a yoyo contest or yoyo workshops. For information on the festival itself, contact Ginny Rose at 413-367-9398, [ijugglersa@aol.com](mailto:ijugglersa@aol.com)

### California State YO-YO Championships

September 15th 2001

San Francisco, California

The California State YO-YO Championships will once again be hosted by The Cannery in San Francisco. The event is sponsored by Toy Symphony and is expected to be sanctioned by the American YO-YO Association.

The event will be held on Saturday September 15th from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM and is free and open to anyone that wishes to attend. Registration will be held the morning of the event and will close 5 min. prior to each division starting. Be sure to get there

early and register.

As more information becomes available we will be posting at this site. For more information you can contact The Cannery or John Stangle (the event Promoter) or Toy Symphony the official sponsor of the event!

### Mid-Atlantic Regionals

September 15, 2001

Wilmington, Delaware

### 2001 9th Annual National YO-YO Contest

October 5th & 6th, 2001

Chico, California

The 2001 National YoYo Contest will be held in Chico California. On October 5th there will be the "Friday Night Gong Show" and on October 6th will be the Saturday YO-YO Contest, (maybe a Spin-Top contest). There will be a Saturday Night Dinner & Guest Demonstrations event also.

The ninth year of the Nationals finds the popularity of the sport stronger and competitors better prepared. Never in history have there been so many players performing at such a high skill level.

The trick lists for the two Championship divisions are updated ever year due to the improving skills of the players. The new 2001 trick lists will be posted as soon as they are developed and tested.

Soon you will find descriptions and video clips of the tricks at [www.nationalyoyo.org](http://www.nationalyoyo.org). At this site you may access last years tricks of which many may be used this year.

The Nationals create an opportunity for players to attempt their best, while maintaining a historic root to all past contests. It is an experience you remember for a lifetime.

Recognition of performance through multiple judging is complex, but with improvements in our scoring method we are able to allow more players in the freestyle finals this year.

The one hand National A division will be all string tricks to give a full testing of the new rim-weighted ball-bearing yoyos and the long duration tricks that they have spawned.

The National AA division will be the most difficult two hand looping tricks with high level repetitions and transitions.

The thrilling Sport division will continue to challenge all players with an ascending ladder of difficult tricks with age-level and overall winners.

There is time to swap tricks, meet new friends, and learn from the very best players. Manufacturers will be on hand to highlight their best products.

Our Contest objective: to have fun and develop discipline to excel in one's goals. Stay in touch.

[www.nationalyoyo.org](http://www.nationalyoyo.org)

### 2nd Annual Peanut Fest YO-YO Contest

October 13, 2001

Suffolk, Virginia

The 2nd Annual Peanut Fest Yo-Yo Contest will be held in Suffolk VA on Saturday October 13th 2001. The event is expected to be AYYA Sanctioned. More details will be posted when available. For more information you can contact Dick Stohr at: [yoyoguy@erols.com](mailto:yoyoguy@erols.com).



# Official American Yo-Yo Association Membership Application

## **BENEFITS**

- Collectible AYYA Membership Card
- Embroidered (5 Color) AYYA Member Patch
- Three Yearly Issues of the Famous AYYA Newsletter
- Official AYYA Contest Rules
- Official AYYA Contest Tricks
- Official AYYA Judging Criteria
- Official AYYA Bylaws
- Voting Privileges in Industry and AYYA Topics
- Email link on official AYYA webpage
- Personal YO-YO webpage link on AYYA webpage.

...and much, much more.

## **AYYA MISSION**

*The mission of 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.*

*Membership also helps support AYYA contests, prizes, activities and ongoing efforts to establish yo-yoing as an international sport. To join, fill out the form below and send, along with your check or money order to:*

**AYYA**  
**12106 Fruitwood Drive**  
**Riverview, FL 33569**

## **DUES**

### **United States Members Membership Dues (US Dollars)**

- Active Member (First Year) ..... \$20
- Renewal Member - .....
  - 1 Year ..... \$18
  - 3 Years ..... \$50
- Family Membership ..... \$25  
(includes 2 persons, add \$5 for each additional family member)
- Full-Time Student (per year) ..... \$15
- Newsletter subscription only (3 issues) ... \$10

### **International Members**

Canada/Mexico add \$4 USD/year  
Outside North America, add \$8 USD/year

Check One ☐ New ☐ Renewal  
Check all that Apply: ☐ Player ☐ Collector ☐ Student ☐ Yo-Pro (gets paid) ☐ Sales/Mfg

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **ARE YOUR DUES DUE? How to renew your current Active Membership or upgrade your Associate life Membership:**

We look forward to receiving your current dues of renewals for 2001 and beyond. Please look at the mailing label on this page. You will see a the month and year which your dues are paid through. If the date reads August, 2001 or earlier, **THIS IS YOUR LAST ISSUE OF THE AYYA NEWSLETTER!**

You are considered an active member until the last day of the month listed on your label and are entitled to all benefits of an active member of the AYYA, thus you are receiving this issue of the AYYA Newsletter.

To pay your dues, please send a check or money order (in US Dollars, please) to the return address on this newsletter. It is best to include the Newsletter's official AYYA Membership Application and mark it as a 'renewal.'

Be sure to include any address changes and your e-mail address so that we can update the AYYA Membership roster. If you are not sure how much dues are, please refer to the AYYA Membership application in this newsletter.

The AYYA also offers a three (3) year renewal rate at \$50. Save money!

Dues are due the last day of the month your dues are paid through. If we do not receive your dues, we automatically reclassify your membership to an Inactive Membership level. We will also send you a reminder postcard indicating your dues as past due and the reclassification of your membership level.

Once again, thanks for your continued support of the American Yo-Yo Association and we look forward to meeting you at a future event.