



Olympia Gymnastics News April 2010

OLYMPIA SENDS 9 TO NATIONALS

Congratulations in order for both our men's and women's teams on a job well done at their Regional Competitions!! Justin Hopgood, Level 9, qualified to the Men's National Competition in Knoxville, Tennessee the weekend of May 7th.

The following young ladies qualified to the Women's Level 9 National Championships in Charleston, West Virginia: Kara Witgen, Jessica Filbin, Kelsey Hood, Theresa Bolchi, Madison Fantin and Megan Bastuba. Level 9 Nationals will be held the weekend of April 30th. Both of our Level 10, graduating Seniors also qualified to compete in Dallas Texas. Lauren Bledsoe and Brittany Petzold will travel South the weekend of May 7th. We wish all of our athletes the best of luck and are so proud that they will represent Olympia on a National Level!!!

Congratulations!



**HAVE
YOU
HEARD?**

Congratulations to Michigan's Female Optional
Coach of the Year

Lori Koch

Owner & Head Coach of Olympia

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Congratulations to Michigan's Judge of the Year

Karrie Brown

Coach at Olympia

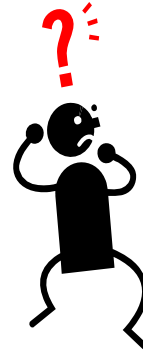




A FEW FRIENDLY REMINDERS

The side entrance to the gym is a walkway only. It is considered a fire hazard by the city for that area to be blocked. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

ALL BALANCES MUST BE CURRENT WITH BOTH THE BOOSTER CLUB AS WELL AS OLYMPIA IN ORDER FOR YOUR ATHLETE TO PARTICIPATE.



Don't know the answer.....ask a coach. Parents please do not hesitate to contact a team staff member when you have a question regarding your child. It is better to get the correct information than it is to speculate the correct information.



OGBC HITS ONE OUT OF THE PARK

As most of you know Olympia Gymnastics Booster Club hosted a competition here at the gym the weekend of April 9th, 10th & 11th. The event was an amazing success! This success, of course, could not have been accomplished without the hard work of our board members and you the families of Olympia! I also want to thank Bob & Lori Koch for generously donating the use of their facility, allowing the booster club to run a profitable fundraiser for the benefit of the girls and boys teams.

Running an event like this truly takes a lot of hard work and determination on everyone's part. It starts with Olympia's staff along with the help of the girls and boy's teams. They all worked so hard to clean the gym and present it to the booster club in an organized & clean fashion for them to use. They truly go above and beyond with the amount of work they put into it. The booster club board has the responsibility of creating ideas that will make this a successful fundraiser for our teams. The board put in many hours contacting vendors, collecting donations and organizing the volunteers that show their support by working the event. On top of all that....most of them were working all 9 sessions!!! Last but not least, the volunteers deserve a big round of applause. Thank you to all the families that donated, worked, cooked, mopped, vacuumed and cleaned. Without all of your help this event would not have ran as seamlessly as it did.

Running an event like the All-Star Invitational takes a special group of people. Running such a classy event could only be done by Olympia's Booster club and the Olympia Family! Thank you so much, it was a pleasure to work with you all!

Jennifer Pulich
Meet Director

Olympia would like to welcome the newest additions to our Team in Training Program!

These girls have been chosen out of our recreational program to participate in team training for the remainder of the season. They will then be placed into their appropriate training group for the summer. Please welcome the following girls to the Olympia Family:



OLYMPIA’S BOYS TRAVEL TO FLORIDA

The boys’ team recently competed at the Gasparilla Classic in St. Petersburg, Florida, and it certainly was a thrilling experience. The meet took place at Tropicana Field, where Major League Baseball’s Tampa Bay Rays play their home games. Stepping onto the Astroturf, the boys stared with wonder at the complete enormity of the dome and the multitude of gyms arrayed throughout the field. It conveyed to them a sense of majesty that they had rarely experienced at previous competitions. They knew that they had arrived at a meet of significance. Their performance was heightened through this awe, and they executed their routines with extra style and grace. The level six team, though lacking some key routines from teammates who couldn’t make the trip, placed third in a talent saturated session. Charlie Kolacki and Grey Buxton placed first All Around in their respective age groups. Grey also won Pommel Horse and Parallel Bars, and Charlie took the gold on Rings. Other first place finishers included Colin Sheidler, who won Vault by an impressive five tenths. Spencer Strange, Caelan Verhelst, Maxwell Buxton, and Colton Stancavage also provided considerable performances in Olympia’s successful finish. Great work, boys!

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Boys Program