

March, 2021

ILNAWGJ NOTES

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAR FRIEND AND
COLLEAGUE.

“IN”

WE WILL MISS YOU DIANNE!



MARCH ON

What do you say when a friend and colleague passes on to glory? The loss of words shines a light on the fragility of life for us. We are reminded of the hole in our ranks with the passing of Dianne. We in Illinois were so fortunate to have had Dianne with us and for her to have left her stamp upon us. Dianne left a legacy of goodness that will be hard to duplicate. Keep Dianne’s husband and family in your thoughts and prayers as we reconcile her loss and its effect on our community.

March has come to the “IN”. It seems like we just got started and halftime of the season is over and we are entering the third quarter of the season with the fourth quarter right around the corner.

This is a friendly reminder to be mindful of what you are posting on social media. You may believe your post is something of great significance but someone else may view your post and take offense. It is incumbent on us as professional judges to abide by Canon 15 which states: “A judge should exercise good judgment when using social networking media...to avoid communicating with coaches or gymnasts during, before or after a competition; or refrain from making inappropriate statements about fellow judges, coaches, gymnasts, clubs or parents.”

This has been a challenging season. As judges you have had to adapt to different meet formats: live, virtual or live and virtual at the same time. Keep up the good work! For those judges who have not received as many assignments as they would have liked, patience is the operative word. Remember, meets are assigned to judges based on the needs of the meet, ratings that are needed at the meet, geography and requests from meet directors. The assigners have tried to even out assignments wherever they can but it has not been easy. The hope is we will be able to return to a more normal year in the fall and meet assignments will be made in a more flexible manner.

In this issue, Linda highlights Dianne’s career and we celebrate those judges who received state meet assignments.

I’m interested in what you would like to see included in the “IN” or any other comments you may have. You can contact me, Kathy Krebs at ilnawqjkathy@gmail.com.

NOTEWORTHY NOTES FROM YOUR SJD - Linda McDonald



June 17, 1968 Dianne Durham February 4, 2021

We sadly lost Dianne Durham, one of our NAWGJ members, on February 4th. Dianne was a trailblazer in our sport. Dianne was the first black female gymnast to win the US All Around Championship. She had previously won two Junior National Championships and was the first American to perform a full twisting double back in competition. She paved the way for so many gymnasts. Known for her stunningly long nails and sense of style, Dianne was also known for the unfortunate timing of an injury at the 1984 Olympic Trials. Had Dianne been allowed to represent the USA in those games, we surely would have won the Gold. Dianne had a heart of gold. She was caring and funny. She could make you laugh so hard your stomach hurt! If you were lucky enough to be her friend, you knew true friendship. Taken from us way too soon, Dianne will be missed but her legacy carries on.

Dianne walked so Dominique could run, so that Gabby could fly, so Simone could be a rocket ship!

Please visit our website www.ilnawgj.com to learn more about the Dianne Durham Humanitarian Award

CELEBRATROY NOTES - STATE MEET ASSIGNMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE JUDGES WHO AWARDED STATE MEETS
BY THE USA GYMNASTICS STATE COMMITTEE!

Level 9/10, XP and XD

Heather Forbes – Meet Referee

Mary Lou Ackman

Brooke Bennett

Susan Brosnan

Hilary Carlson

Amy Delaney

Jean Johnson

Linda McDonald

Renee Tubbs

Cindy Morano – 1st Alt

Sharon Sargeant – 2nd Alt

Level 7/8

Jessica Holtz – Meet Referee

Mary Lou Ackman

Susan Brosnan

Hilary Carlson

Heather Forbes

Jean Johnson

Cindy Morano

Shane Sanders

Renee Tubbs

Connie Ulrich

Brooke Bennett

Connie Ulrich-Rodriguez - 1st Alt

Brooke Bennett - 2nd Alt

Level 6 and XS

Cindy Morano – Meet Referee

Mary Lou Ackman

Heather Forbes

Jean Johnson

Christi Kearns

Sharon Sargeant

Cheryl Schuh

Rachel Wheeler

Sue Woloszyk

Karin Rousey – 1st Alt

Betty Axelson-McClelland – 2nd Alt

Level 5 and XG

Hilary Carlson – Meet Referee

Heather Forbes

Cindy Morano

Shane Sanders

Sharon Sargeant

Renee Tubbs

Rachel Wheeler

Sue Woloszyk

Connie Ulrich-Rodriguez

Cheryl Schuh – 1st Alt

Betty Axelson-McClelland – 2nd Alt

Level 4

Renee Tubbs – Meet Referee

Mary Lou Ackman

Hilary Carlson

Heather Forbes

Jessica Holtz

Christi Kearns

Cindy Morano

Shane Sanders

Sharon Sargeant

Cheryl Schuh – 1st Alt

Karin Rousey – 2nd Alt

“IN”

Level 3 and XB

Betty Axelson-McClelland – Meet Referee

Mary Lou Ackman

Heather Forbes

Jessica Holtz

Cindy Morano

Karin Rousey

Shane Sanders

Sharon Sargeant

Renee Tubbs

Cheryl Schuh – 1st Alt

Ellen McDermott – 2nd Alt