



# Chalk Talk

The Monthly Newsletter of The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

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## spring Break

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

Will Be Closed

Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011 – Thursday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Classes Will Resume on Friday April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

We are aware that many schools have adjusted their spring break; our break will still remain as stated above.

Please refer to our Policies & Guidelines regarding scheduled closings.

## Calendar

### April '11

- 9 NEOBGL Meet @ Sokol Greater Cleveland
- 9-10 USAG Level 7 & 8 State Championships @ Bowling Green University
- 15 Summer Schedule Available
- 15 - 17 USAG Boys Region 5 Championships in Columbus, OH
- 15 - 17 NCAA Men's National Championships in Columbus, OH
- 15 - 17 NCAA Women's National Championships in Cleveland, OH
- 16-18 USAG Girls Level 8 Region 5 Championships
- 22-28 Spring Break-OGI Closed

### May '11

- 7-8 Level 4, 6, PO NEOGL Championships @ Home
- 9-15 Summer Registration for Currently Enrolled Students
- 14-15 Level 3 & 5 NEOGL Championships @ 10.0 Gymnastics in North Ridgeville, OH.
- 16-22 Summer Registration for New & Returning Students
- 21-22 AAU District Championships @ Home
- 30 Memorial Day-OGI Closed
- 31 Competitive Team May Move-Up Date

### June '11

- 4 Spring Intra-Class Competition
- 5 Jungle Gym Exhibition
- 13 Summer Schedule Begins
- 13 Banana Split Club Begins

## Open Gym, Pizza & A Movie

Saturday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011

This Month's Movie is

"Tangled"

**\$3 off**

1 ½ Hours Gym Time

Pizza, Juice

& a Great Movie!

**\$3 off**

\$17.50 Member

\$20 Non-Members

\*Present this coupon for the \$3.00 off.

## NEOGL Champions

All-Around Winners

Atianna Caggiano

Alisa Telega

Kalienna VanSuch



# April Birthdays

Avery Amedia	Ava Arundel	Ayshia Barnes	Bethany Bolha
Katie Brazelton	Krista Carlisle	Jordan Corll	Ashley Deans
Giavonna Dilts	Timothy Douglas	Alexis Gigax	Liliana Hammond
Alexis Hudock	Annabelle Humphrey	Carter Kibler	Kelsey King
Jensen Rose Kniska	Hannah Lawrence	Payton Loomis	Kaley Lopuchovsky
Madison McVay	Gracie Miller	Kennedy Miller	Gwendolyn Pfrenger
Emily Prusak	Robert Stoy	Emma Tancer	Paige Weiland
Eliana Williams	Connor Wills	Elliot Wright	Emily Wyant
Staff:	Ronnie Ferris	April Solic	



## Athlete of the Month

We are proud to announce that our April Athlete of the Month is Dominique Trimboli. Dominique, who will be 14 this July, is the daughter of Dominic and Kimberly Trimboli. Dominique resides in North Jackson with her parents and older brother Mickey. She presently attends 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Jackson Milton Middle School where she enjoys math.

Dominique is currently enrolled in our Just BackHandsprings class, where her instructor is Mrs. Juli! Juli says that Dominique is a hard worker and always tries her best. Dominique began at OGI back in 2005 as a Girl's Beginner.

In the gym, Dominique really enjoys working on her tumbling. She has already mastered her back handspring on the Trampoline and is very close to performing it on the Floor all by herself. She also looks forward to learning her round-off back handspring this summer!

When she is not at OGI, Dominique enjoys hanging out with her friends. She also spends a lot of time practicing her cheers, as she hopes to make the freshman cheer squad next year! Dominique also enjoys spending time with her pets. She has a dog named Odie and a cat named Speckle!

When Dominique grows up she plans to attend college and become a pediatric nurse!

One thing that most people may not know about Dominique is that her favorite color is purple!

Congratulations Dominique!  
OGI's April Athlete of the Month!

## Staff Spotlight

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. is proud to announce that our April Staff Spotlight is Ron Ferris!

Ron Ferris opened the Ohio Gymnastics Institute in May of 1986 with less than 40 students. Since that time the company has grown to over 25 employees and provides learning opportunities and physical fitness for over 700 students every week.

As a competitor, Ron lettered in Gymnastics as a Junior and Senior at Annandale High School in Virginia. Ron also received a Varsity Letter all four years of College at James Madison University in Virginia. Ron attended JMU as a walk-on and was selected as the team All Around. Voted MVP for 3 years and team captain for 3 years, Ron received a gymnastics scholarship for Sophomore, Junior and Senior years and Competed at the NCAA Regional Championships in 1979 at LSU on Vaulting and Horizontal bar. While at JMU Mr. Ferris earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and three minors in Secondary Education, Coaching and Spanish.

Mr. Ferris has two sons, Ronald G & David L both of whom competed at the NCAA Level in Gymnastics. Ronald went to Ohio State where he became the 2005 NCAA National Champion on Horizontal Bar. David went to the US Naval Academy and currently is an Officer assigned to the USS Ohio - a nuclear powered Submarine. Ron resides in Canfield with his fiancé Anita Goff and her daughter Morgan Cheeks who is enrolled at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Some of Ron's professional accomplishments:

- Currently a member of the USA Gymnastics Board of Directors
- Currently the AAU National Sport Chair for Gymnastics
- Ohio Boys USAG State Chairman from 1997 to 2011.
- Currently the Lake Erie District AAU Boys' Gymnastics Sport Chairman
- Brevet Men's Gymnastics Judge from 2000 to 2004.
- Nationally Rated Men's Gymnastics Judge from 1979 to present
- Currently the Meet Director for the AAU Winter Nationals - a gymnastics competition held each Presidents Day Weekend
- Currently a member of several national committees with AAU
- Web master for these websites – [www.lakeerieaaau.org](http://www.lakeerieaaau.org) , [www.MyTeamOGI.com](http://www.MyTeamOGI.com) , [www.aauwinternationals.com](http://www.aauwinternationals.com)

Congratulations Ron!  
Team OGI Owner and Manager!



## Accomplishments

Kylie DeVito learned her Glide Kip on the Uneven Parallel Bars!

Adreawna Dixon joined the 9.0 club with her score of a 9.05 on Vault at the NEOGL meet at Johnson's!

Eliana Williams learned her Seat Drop to stand on the Trampoline!



## 2011 Jungle Gym Exhibition

Sunday June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011

The Jungle Gym Exhibition is the perfect opportunity for your little athlete to showcase just how much they have been learning to their family and friends.

Participants will receive a T-Shirt, Goody Bag, and a Medal!

Information will be distributed to all Jungle Gym classes the week of April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Registration Deadline Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

## A Reminder from the Office

These are just a few of the great perks you receive here at The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc.

- 2 Weeks Vacation Credit- This can be used one or two weeks at a time whenever you choose!
- Prepay Discounts- receive an addition discount off monthly fees when you pay 3, 6, or 12 months in advance!
- Steady Customer Discount- Once your child has been enrolled for a consecutive year, you begin to receive a discount off your monthly fees!

Remember...we also offer second class and family discounts! See the office for more details!

# Happy 25th Birthday Team OGI!

## Team OGI Improvements

As most of you have noticed, our pit area has been closed for some much needed TLC. The Team OGI staff is diligently working to set up the pit area as soon as possible, as we know all of your athletes love using the pit!

The Ohio Gymnastics Institute, Inc. works hard to make sure we provide your child with the safest, cleanest, and healthiest environment possible. In addition to daily maintenance, the pit system will be thoroughly cleaned out twice a year.



## Adult Gymnastics

Saturdays 2-3:30 pm

Stop by the office for more details!

## New Apparel

Don't forget to stop by OGI's Apparel Shop for a great selection of Leotards, Shorts, and other gymnastics and cheerleading apparel!

Be sure to check out the great new selection of Team OGI shirts and sweatshirts!

# Students Say...

I like gymnastics because it's a lot of fun and I get to practice my round-offs!

-Miranda A. ~ Girls Beginner, Age 7

*I like OGI because it's fun and I get to do round-off back handsprings! I really enjoy going to competitions and winning medals!*

-Paityn P. ~ Girls Team Level 4, Age 7

**I love to come to OGI because I have a lot of fun here! I really like the Trampolines and working on my handstands!**

- Rylie G. ~ Leaping Lions, Age 6

