



# SWIS 2015-2016 NEWSLETTER



SWIS District

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## Message from Governor Howard



Howard Crofoot

Welcome to all SWIS District Optimists! Summer is closing fast and many clubs are gearing up for projects to support children in the new school year!

We have our end of the Optimist year SWIS District Convention coming up soon on August 26 and 27 at the Sheraton in Brookfield again. Friday afternoon is filled with training by incoming Governor Josh Zaidel and OI Board Member Judy Boyd. I am encouraging all officers for next year to take advantage of the training sessions on Friday and on Saturday. There are changes to the rules for Honor Club recognition for next year and you need to hear them. All clubs should strive to be recognized as Honor Club. Incoming Presidents need to make a plan get buy in from the club and execute the plan to have a successful year.

At our Convention we will also be recognizing the achievements of many different people and clubs. Topping the list of individual achievement is recognition of Grant Cadwell. He was the Oratorical Contest winner sponsored by the Baraboo Club. He took first place in the District competition at the Kalahari. In June he went on to compete in the first ever World Oratorical contest. He won the Regional contest and took Second Place in the Finals! We will be recognizing this talented young man and his family at the luncheon. We will recognize our newest club – Southwest Milwaukee and those who made it happen: Club President Jerry Kuhn, Vice President Jessica Hodgson, and Club Services Chair Vern Andren. Thanks also to the Metro Milwaukee and Madison Downtown clubs as the sponsors. We will recognize those who have worked hard on membership in the “One and Done” campaign. Last, but not least, we will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the original Milwaukee Optimist Club!

At the end of the Convention, OI Board Member Judy Boyd will induct Josh Zaidel and his slate of officers for the 2016 – 2017 Optimist year. After the Convention we will celebrate with a tailgate party and Brewers baseball game at Miller Park. If you want to go to that, please talk to Jo’El Pearlman.

## Continued - Message from Governor Howard

I am humbled at the efforts of everyone in the District. As of August 10, we have 16 clubs that are net positive in membership and another 26 that are between net even and -2. We have 42 clubs out of 55 that meet or are very close to meeting the Honor Club requirements for membership of net +1. Talk to people in the community. Encourage businesses to be Friends of Optimists. While you are at it, remember the other criteria for Honor Club: 3 projects, recognize a club member or community member with an award, be current in dues to SWIS and OI, and fill out your 2 reports – the Club Officer Elect Report and the year-end President’s Pride report. The President’s Pride report is on line at [optimistleaders.org](http://optimistleaders.org). You can enter your items now and wait until September 30 to “submit”. This report documents your projects and award to the Club or community member. Let’s work hard and have as many clubs as possible make Honor Club!

We need to finish the year strong and make a smooth transition for Josh and his slate of officers. The children do not care whether it is September 30 or October 1. They need the support of each and every Optimist. Let’s work “Right Here, Right Now” to make this year the best it can be so that next year “Together We Can” make a difference in the lives of children.



## Club Fitness Committee

July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Let’s finish strong!</li> <li>*Review Goals from Annual Club Meeting Conference (ACPC) Report from last Oct 2015.</li> <li>*Keep going even if your club might not meet their goal - &amp; strive for greater achievements in the future.</li> <li>*for clubs that didn’t have a NOW program, plan one for September</li> </ul>
August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Summarize activities during first three quarters and share with incoming Lt. Governors &amp; President</li> <li>*Fill out Club assessments and communicate with Club President Elect &amp; Growth Teams where club is at</li> </ul>
September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*Hold NOW program if not completed in July or August.</li> <li>*Finish transition process by end of month/year to be ready for the next year</li> </ul> <p><b>THANKS EVERYONE FOR BEING OPTIMISTS!!</b></p>

Hi Club Presidents and GROWTH Teams,

Above is a calendar review to help summarize the information to finish your Optimist year Strong to make Honor Club.

Be PLUS One in membership by Sept 30; complete the President’s Pride Report; be sure your Club Officers are recorded for the next year with OI; be sure ALL Dues are Up to Date; and I trust your club has completed at least 3 projects

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throughout the year; and HONORED ONE person in your club or community! This ends the Board Recommendations for the last 5 years.

For the next 5 years, all details for HONOR CLUB are similar EXCEPT you will need to add PLUS 3 members by year end!

Thanks for being Optimists,

Club Fitness Committee

Vern Andren

Joanne Ganske



## TRI-STAR BASKETBALL UPDATE

*As promised, in this newsletter is a listing of all of the district winners from our event held in April. Photos from the day are available on our SWIS District Facebook page and the district website.*

*Looking ahead: The date for next year has just been confirmed - please note **Saturday, April 29, 2017** on your calendars for the annual District Tri-Star Basketball Event, again at Mukwonago High School in Mukwonago.*

*If you or your club would like more information on this program in order to participate in the future - or to enhance what you are currently doing - simply reach out to one of us at the contact information below. We're always glad to help.*

*Enjoy the balance of your summer,*

*Joe Mundwiler and Amy Soleimani-Mafi, Co-Chairs, SWIS District Tri-Star Basketball*

*Joe Mundwiler*

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## 2016 SWIS District Tri-Star Basketball Winners

<b>Boys</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Girls</b>	<b>Club</b>
<b>6-year olds</b>			
1. Cayden Burtness	Waukesha	Grace Warborg	Jefferson
2. Aiden Weigel	Platteville		
3. Landen Malcook	Brodhead		
<b>7-year olds</b>			
1. Logan Taylor	Monroe	Megan Hanson	Sun Prairie
2. Jackson Albee	Mukwonago	Lexie Wonders	Darlington
3. Ave Sherman	Cross Plains	Az'Jea Johnson	Kenosha
<b>8-year olds</b>			
1. Lucas Ludlum	Platteville	Erin Williams	Lake Mills
2. Max Raimer	Sun Prairie	Makenzie Woodhouse	Portage
3. Carter Patti	Menomonee Falls	Sydney Glynn	Sun Prairie
<b>9-year olds</b>			
1. Aiden Kammer	Jefferson	Kylie Stark	Beloit
2. Ryan Richter	Waukesha	Vayda Osmanski	Waukesha
3. Davyn Edge	Platteville	Maddie Swiggum	Mount Horeb
<b>10-year olds</b>			
1. Carter LaValle	Waukesha	Marie Outlay	Sun Prairie
2. Tyler Sutherland	Beloit	Kindyl Kilar	Jefferson
3. Riley Donahoe	Platteville	Rebecca Libby	Mukwonago
<b>11-year olds</b>			
1. Tommie Lane	Jefferson	Meghan Magner	Jefferson
2. Derek Bruce	Lake Mills	Emma Pennekamp	Platteville
3. Alex Droessler	Platteville	Kiki Stucker	Waukesha
<b>12-year olds</b>			
1. Ryan Roob	Waukesha	Hannah Lamke	Lake Mills
2. Greg Hammer	Portage	Laura Sturtz	Darlington
3. Brendyn Edge	Platteville	Maggie Mueller	Waukesha
<b>13-year olds</b>			
1. Connor Selbach	Menomonee Falls	Sadie Conway	Monroe
2. Dylan Prestegard	Platteville	Kayla Will	Lake Mills
3. Nick LeBlanc	Mukwonago	Ainsley Howard	Jefferson

## **“Together We Make It Happen” at Optimist International Foundation.**

**1.5 million youth are served annually by programs funded by the foundation. The Foundation depends on support from Optimist clubs and individual members, the general public, businesses and corporations.**

**I want to personally thank all of the Club Foundation Representatives (CFRs), clubs and members out there that have contributed to the foundation for the 2015-2016 year. I appreciate all the work your clubs do to support the foundation. The foundation reaches out to youth and service programs and is proudly served by Optimist clubs and the community. It is still not too late for your clubs or individual members to consider giving to the foundation for the 2015-2016 Optimist year. Those of you that have the honor as serving as President for the 2016-2017 year, should be thinking about what member will be your Club Foundation Representative (CFR).**

**My club, the Sun Prairie Optimist club was recently awarded a \$1000.00 grant from the Allstate Foundation thanks to a member of ours Monica Titley, CEO and Exclusive agent at Allstate Insurance. If your Optimist club is seeking grant funds or contributions for funding of your charitable community service projects or other charitable, literacy or educational programs, you may request the assistance of Optimist International Foundation (OIF) as a 501 (c) (3) charitable organization.**

**Please follow the guidelines below to qualify for the Club Through Grant Program.**

### **Guidelines:**

**Complete the OIF Pass Through Grant Application and mail or fax to the Optimist International Foundation office.**

**If you are trying to secure a grant from a corporation or foundation that has their own Grant Application Form, please complete any information pertaining to the Club (but leave the 501 (c) (3) signature section blank) and forward that to the Philanthropy Relations Manager, OIF. They will complete the information regarding the 501 (c) (3) and attach any documents that may be necessary. The foundation will also send the completed form and documents to the corporation/foundation/grantor.**

**Checks received from corporations/foundations/grantors must be made payable to “Optimist International Foundation”. OIF will deposit the check and issue a check to the Club for the amount received after the check has cleared the OIF bank. Unless otherwise directed, the check will be sent to the Club officer who signed the application form. A tax receipt will be issued to the corporation/foundation/grantor in January of the following year.**

**The Club must report to OIF a final accounting of all grant funds received, using the form that will be mailed with the OIF check issued to the Club. OIF cannot proceed with any further Club Pass Through Grants for the Club until a final report is received from the Club.**

### **Please Note:**

**The amount of funds qualifying for this program is \$100 or more per Donor/grantor. OIF cannot process Pass through gifts that are property or real estate. Recognition items are not applicable with Pass Through Grant funds.**

**To find out about more programs the foundation supports for clubs and the community go to [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org). You can always contact me at [mosey30@yahoo.com](mailto:mosey30@yahoo.com) or [608-576-5819](tel:608-576-5819).**

## Foundation Donation

The Allstate Foundation donated \$1000.00 to the Sun Prairie Optimist Club. According to Sun Prairie Optimist club President Maureen Crombie the money will go to Optimist programs such as a summer program at Westside Elementary and a bilingual storytime at the Sun Prairie Public Library.



## PTO here.

I am wondering if it would make good sense to appoint someone within your club to monitor member's attendance at meetings and involvement in club activities. Not government type monitoring but loving "parent type" monitoring. We all know the golden rule that suggests - "Assign an activity to a new member and get them involved in a club activity as soon as possible." The reason for this, of course, is to make the new member feel comfortable and give them a sense of belonging and self worth. It is a good idea and well worth pursuing.

PTO Question - Are you paying attention to the attendance and activities of member's that have more "time in grade"? These folks make up the heart and soul of your club and unfortunately they are also the folks that we get into the bad habit of depending upon to do all of the work - **or none of the work**. Our mistake is that we allow them to do the bulk of the work over and over again because they "know how" - "have always done it" - "want to do it" and on and on. While all of these reasons may be true - doesn't it make sense to ask those that haven't been too involved to help as well?



Think of the benefits. Clubs lose members because a member loses interest in the club - usually because they feel "burned out" and not appreciated or they have not gotten involved and they get bored - they simply lose interest.

Having someone looking at attendance and participation on a regular basis makes good sense and will help with member retention. Giving some help to the busy and active members makes good sense. Paying attention to those members that are coasting along - makes good sense. It is an easy task that can help your club remain strong.

Please give it some thought. Just remember - Everyone joined your club for a reason. Revisit those reasons and see if you are meeting their needs. Make your members feel that there is something in them and help their Optimism come true.

Pete Olson



## Optimist International Junior Golf Championships



### About

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is one of the largest and best-known junior golf tournaments in the world. Each year, more than 600 golfers participate in THE OPTIMIST. Optimists have been involved in the sport of junior golf for more than 30 years by holding local, regional and international tournaments. [more](#)

### Location & Dates

[PGA National Resort & Spa](#)

Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, USA

**July 20-25, 2016**

Boys 10-11, 12-13 and Girls 10-12

**July 25-30, 2016**

Boys 14-15 and Girls 13-14

**July 30-August 4, 2016**

Boys 16-18 and Girls 15-18

### Registration, Pairings & Results

For championship pairings, tee times and results, [click here](#).

Junior golfers **eligible to advance** to the championships, [click here](#).

Junior golfers **registered** for the championships, [click here](#).

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### How to Qualify

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### Rankings

The Optimist International Junior Golf Championships is nationally ranked by the *Junior Golf Scoreboard*, *World Amateur Golf*, *Golfweek* and is included in the *AJGA Performance Based Entry* process.





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WORLD  
AMATEUR  
GOLF  
RANKING

GOLF WEEK

### AJGA Performance Based Entry Chart

**Boys 16-18** - Champion (12 stars); Top 5 (8 stars); Top 10 (4 stars)

**Girls 15-18** - Champion (12 stars); Top 3 (8 stars); Top 5 (4 stars)

**Boys 14-15** - Top 10 (2 stars)

**Boys 12-13** - Top 5 (2 stars)

**Girls 13-14** - Top 3 (2 stars)

**Girls 12 & Under** - Champion (2 stars)

### **More Information**

**Past Championships**

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### **Contact**

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## President's Pride Report

Has your Club completed successful programs and activities this year? Make sure to note them on the President's Pride Report for 2015-16. The report is available on the Optimist Leaders website. Go to [www.optimistleaders.org](http://www.optimistleaders.org), log in and click on "Reports" on the right side of the screen. On the next screen, select the President's Pride Report. Hard copies can be printed from the Forms page of the Optimist website, [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org), and faxed or mailed to Optimist International. The form is due online by September 30, but hard copies sent or faxed to Optimist International headquarters will be accepted after September 30. If you have any questions, please contact the Programs Department at [\(800\) 500-8130](tel:8005008130) or via e-mail at [programs@optimist.org](mailto:programs@optimist.org).

## Club Officer Elect Report

Does your Club have a leadership team in place now for the 2016-17 Optimist year? An August mailing will be sent to all Club President-Elects who have completed the Club Officer Elect Report. A current Club officer will need to login to the [Optimist Leaders website](#) and click "Reports" on the right-hand side of the screen. Then click on "Club Officer Elect Report" and you will be able to select the names of the Club Members who will be filling leadership roles during the upcoming Optimist year. If you have questions or need assistance, contact Charlotte in the Member Services Department at [charlotte.baker@optimist.org](mailto:charlotte.baker@optimist.org).

