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Welcome to the 2006 World Yo-Yo Contest



This year is my 7th year running this event, and it is continuing to grow. This year we have players from 17 countries that have pre-registered, or whom I know will be attending. We welcome players from China, The Czech Republic, Iceland and Hungary to their first World Yo-Yo Contest. It is hard to believe that just 14 years ago, in downtown Montreal, on a small stage in Rue Berri square this contest was revived by Dale Oliver. It was a bright summer afternoon, and the park was filled with jugglers and Elvis Impersonators (This is a weird, and possibly uninteresting, story. If you can corner me at the event I may tell it to you). That year Dale Oliver competed against a very young Jennifer Baybrook and an always young Dale Myerberg for the first World title since the re-conception of this event. Nobody knew where this would go. There was a small crowd, these were the first freestyles in an open competition. Duncan had some freestyles in contests they ran back during their Yo-Yo Olympics promotion, but it seemed not to go anywhere. This was the first modern yo-yo contest, and it was a vision of Dale Oliver.

So here we are 14 years later. Those three competitors are here for this year's event. Dale Oliver has not changed, Dale Myrberg still sports those suspenders, and Jennifer Baybrook is a little taller. (If you are interested in seeing videos of that contest, go to <http://www.yoyoing.com/videos> and do an advanced search for "1992." At least one of them is up).

The contest is growing. We have added a third workshop room to handle the larger turnout. We have new events like the combined division, and we still have the traditions like Lucky's BBQ. We also bring back the live internet video stream, a technology that would have just confused us back in 1992.

This year we also send our best wishes to Carol and Dennis McBride, who wanted to come but, due to health issues, are unable to attend this year. There will be an auction, with proceeds to help them through these difficult times.

But this is not my only project, I have also spent quite some time expanding yoyoing.com over the last year. Its front page is now a true jump off page to the on-line resources we provide. We have a new major section, The video site that as of the time of this writing hosts 868 yo-yo related videos that have now been downloaded almost 150,000 times in a span of three months.

But new things always make for a good party, and the World Yo-Yo Contest is the best party I can throw. Thank you for coming to Orlando and for making this something I look forward to every year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gregory Cohen". The signature is stylized with a cursive font.

Gregory Cohen

Chairman 2006 World Yo-Yo Contest.

Carol and Dennis McBride, 2006 Lifetime Achievement Winners

by Joe Mitchell

This year we are honoring Dennis McBride, National Yo-Yo Grand Master and World Yo-Yo champion and Carol McBride with the "Harvey Lowe Lifetime Achievement Award".

Dennis began his yo-yo career at the age of eight, and as a child earned more than 15 yo-yo titles. He competed in many Duncan contests in his native California through the local parks and recreation departments- from playground level contests, to city level contests, to the county level and finally in California State contests. He competed until 1960, when he retired at the "ripe old age of 15."

His first yo-yo was a wooden Duncan with Egyptian fiber string- which competitors had to tune themselves. [Duncan's organizer of contests in California] "Bob [Allen] was really strict - because he would actually look at every yo-yo and if you sanded that axle, especially the width, too much, he wouldn't allow you to use it because it was an unfair advantage for tricks like double or nothing or trapeze and those kind of things" "You got about a 20 second spinner out of it, and so what you did, you had to do within that length of spin"



Dennis didn't start working professionally until the 80's. He got a hold of a couple of Tom Kuhn yo-yos - "they were so beautifully balanced and really worked great." Duncan hired him part time in the 1980's.

In 1995, the National Yo-Yo Museum named Dennis one of the initial three "National Masters" and has since elevated his title to "National Grand master."

In 1997, he went to work, full-time, for Alan Nagao with THP in Hawaii. "THP was part of a marketing strategy that Alan developed and test marketed in Hawaii, and his primary target was Japan and teaming up with Bandai" Alan hired him and Carol to come to Hawaii to train a group of kids - most were 'at-risk' kids - they formed teams to sell yo-yos. They would take them to local school assemblies and around the world - to places like Japan, Hong Kong, France, Germany, Singapore and all around the United States. Some of those kids had never left the island and were all of the sudden stars throughout the world.

"When we first went to Japan, we would do toy stores, real tight quarters, we'd hand out stickers and yo-yos to get the momentum going - a few months later, we went back with the team to Japan, by the time we got back, the thing had been ignited. On April 4, 1998, there was a yo-yo event at a sports complex outside of Tokyo - 40,000 people. It was incredible and it was all yo-yos." Dennis worked for THP for three and a half years.

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In March of 1999, the Senate of the Twentieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii honored Dennis as one who "has exhibited the mastery of using a skill toy and has won the hearts of all who watch him. He has maintained a standard of excellence and is recognized as a positive and inspiring role model simply because he believes that with discipline, hard work, and enthusiasm, he can go places beyond his imagination. The Aloha Spirit is alive in mind, body, and spirit with Dennis McBride."

Dennis has performed with the Mickey Mouse Club Mouseketeers and "Yo-Yo Man" Tommy Smothers. His first professional yo-yo performance was in Walt Disney's first 3-Dimensional movie, which played exclusively at the grand opening of the Mickey Mouse Club Theater in the Disneyland theme park.

Dennis has judged major yo-yo competitions, including US Nationals and Worlds. He has produced and starred in nine yo-yo instructional videos, including his most recent 4-volume series titled "Mastering the Art of Yo-Yo Play" - most of which are still available.

Among the highlights of his career, in terms of events, are the videos he made, the April 4, 1998 event. But the real highlight, he says, are "the people we've met along the way."

Dennis' wife, Carol is an accomplished singer, humorist, and yo-yo player. Carol toured with Dennis throughout his career.

They stopped touring in 2000, when Dennis became involved as a pastor in a church in Solvang, California. They still do some local events, but they try to stay pretty close to home. They have one son, a daughter-in-law, and three grandchildren. Their son, Jamie, is also an accomplished and enthusiastic yo-yo player.

WORKSHOPS

(Workshop schedule subject to change, please check at the registration area for any changes.)
Workshop times are listed on the back cover.

BEGINNING WORKSHOPS

Beginners Yo-Yoing

Don't know how to yo-yo, but you came to the World Yo-Yo Contest? This is the workshop for you!

Thu 1PM, Fri 11AM, Sat 11AM

Beginners 2A

Dale Myrberg, National Grand Master and master looping instructor will help you get past that barrier into two handed play.

Fri 12PM, Sat 12:30PM

Beginners 3A

Learn two handed non-looping tricks with Tim Simco. **Thu 11:30AM**

Beginners 4A

Learn the basics of yo-yo tricks, where the yo-yo is not attached to the string. **Sat 12AM**

Beginners 5A

Learn the basics of counter weight (freehand) tricks with Jack Ringca.

Sat 11AM

Beginners Top Throwing

Learn to throw a spin top with Dale Oliver.

Thu 1:30PM

Throw Dough

The art of pizza dough spinning.

Fri 11AM, Sat 1:30PM

Beginners Juggling

Nick Civitello will teach an intro to 3 ball juggling and contact juggling class.

Fri 2PM

Beginners Diabolo

Stupendous will teach beginning diabolo.

Thu 11AM

SKILLS

The Magic of Grinds

Andre Boulay

From finger to arm grinds, this workshop will teach you the basics, and go into the ridiculously advanced. **Sat 1:30PM**

Rapping About Wraps

Two handed wraps from beginner to advanced. Learn teach trade. Led by Pat Mitchell. **Thu 12PM**

How to Practice

Jason Garfield, the head of the World Juggling Federation, has one of the best practice regimens around. He will share his strategy for improving one's skills through practice. **Fri 1PM**

Numbers Juggling

Jason Garfield, one of the best numbers jugglers around, will teach the techniques of numbers juggling, or how to juggle 5 or more objects. **Thu 3:30PM**

MODDING AND BUILDING

Modding with Hand Tools

Johnnie DeValle

Using simple, easy-to-get tools such as dremels, Johnnie will teach modding techniques. **Sat 12:00AM**

Different Response Systems

Eric Wolff

Eric Wolff will lead a class on how to maximize the performance of your yo-yo with different response systems. **Fri 1PM**

Intro to Wood Lathes

Alan Gray

How to shop for, how to set up, and what do you need when you get a wood lathe. **Thu 12PM**

Intro to Metal Lathes

Rob Tsou

How to shop for, how to set up, and what do you need when you get a metal lathe. **Thu 1PM**

MODDING AND BUILDING (CONT.)

Beginning Wood Turning

Eric Wolff

Learn the basics of working with a wood lathe. Learn the skills that will later allow you how to mod. **Fri 11AM**

Beginning Metal Turning

Rob Tsou

Learn the basics of working with a metal lathe. **Sat 12AM**

Modding with a Wood Lathe

Rob Tsou

Learn how to select and use a wood lathe for both turning and modding yo-yos. **Sat 1PM**

Modding with a Metal Lathe

Rob Tsou

Learn how to set up and use a metal lathe for modding yo-yos and milling custom parts. **Sat 3PM**

Turning Spin Tops

Alan Gray

Using wood and metal lath to make spin tops. **Thu 3PM**

Making Wooden Yo-Yos

Alan Gray

Using Lathes to make wooden yo-yos from scratch. **Sat 11AM**

Modding Old Yo-Yos

Alan Gray

Modding old yo-yos using lathes, to bring them up to date, or just have fun. **Sat 2PM**

How to design yo-yos

A moderated panel discussion about designing and making metal yo-yos. Listen to Kyle Weems (Phi), Cristoph Kayatz (G&E), Frank Difeo (Dif-e-yo) and Kiya (Fluchs). **Sat 3:30PM**

DEADLINES NOT TO MISS

Combined Division

You must be registered for this division by 12 noon Thursday at the registration desk.

Mod Contest

Entry yo-yos must be turned in at the registration desk no later than 4 PM on Thursday.

Freestyle Music

Freestyle music is due to the sound area 1 hour before Freestyles start (Thu 1PM, Fri & Sat 6PM).

Luckys BBQ

The BBQ starts at 6, but World Record attempts and other things start at 4pm. Don't forget your bathing suit and towel!

BREAKOUTS

A breakout is a place to trade tricks and tips. Everyone is the teacher, and everyone is the student.

Fixed Axle Breakout - Jack Ringca
Thu 12:30PM

1A Breakout - Johnnie DeValle
Fri 3PM

2A Breakout - TBA Sat 2:30PM

3A Breakout - Drew Tetz Thu 12PM

4A Breakout - Jeff Coons
Sat 12:30PM

5A Breakout - Jack Ringca
Sat 11:30AM

Top Breakout - Matt Ritter Thu 2PM

Diabolo Breakout - Kyle Weems
Thu 3:30PM

THE IRON CHEF OF YO-YOING

Two teams, secret ingredient, yo-yo theme. Takeshi and Seth Peterson vs Eric Wolff and Alan Gray turned loose on a workshop to mod three yo-yos from a secret ingredient to be announced when the battle begins. Find out whose mod reigns supreme.
Fri 3PM

THEORETICAL YO-YOING

Shooting Yo-Yo Videos

Mark McBride divides this workshop into 2 parts: improving your lighting and shooting of yo-yo videos. He will then turn the floor open to an open discussion of the videography of yo-yoing. Sat 3PM

Making a Good Clip Video

Takeshi shows how to avoid making a boring video, and how to make an exciting one. Thu 11AM

Demoing Yo-Yoing in Schools.

How to do school programs by Dale Oliver and Rich Rains. Fri 1PM

Performing for Groups

Professional performer and juggler Jason Garfield will lead a class on performing in front of an audience. He will cover how to create material and how to present it.
Sat 2PM

Hosting a Yo-Yo Event

A round table on how to set up a yo-yo event. Thu 1:30PM

Advance and Promote Yo-Yoing

A Workshop and open discussion for parents of yo-yo players to discuss the future of the sport. - Mrs. Montgomery. Fri 3:30PM

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Coffee for Yo-Yo Parents And Spouses

Sarah Cohen will host a coffee hour for non-yo-yoing parents, spouses, and friends. Ask for directions at the registration booth.
Fri/Sat 10:00AM

Meeting of National Yo-yo Contests

We are hoping to have a round table on the World Yo-Yo Contest with a representative from every recognized contest around the world.
Fri 2PM

Schedule of Activity

	Main Hall	Salon 14	Salon 13	Salon 12
Thursday				
9:00	Volunteers Meeting (Room 233)			
10:00	Registration Opens			
11:00	Workshops Start		Intro to Diabolo	What Makes a Good Clip Videos
11:30	Judges Meeting *		Beginners 3A	
12:00	Combined Division Registration Deadline	Intro to Wood Lathes	3A Breakout	Rapping About Wraps
12:30				Fixed Axle Breakout
1:00	Diabolo Ladder	Intro to Metal Lathes	Beginning Yo-Yoing	
1:30			Beginning Top Throwing	Hosting a Yo-Yo Event
2:00	Combined Freestyles		Top Throwing Breakout	
3:00		Turning Tops		
3:30	Deadline for entering Mod Contest		Diabolo Break Out	Numbers Juggling
4:00	World Records at Luckys House**			
5:00	15 Seconds of Fame**			
6:30	BBQ**			
10:30	Wheel of Penalty.			

Friday				
9:00	Volunteers Meeting (Room 233)			
10:00	Registration Opens	Coffee For Yo-Yo Parents and Spouses*		
11:00	1A Compulsories	Beginners Wood Turning	Beginners Yo-Yoing	Throw Dough Workshop
12:00	2A & 4A Compulsories	Beginners Metal Turning	Beginners 2A	
1:00	5A Compusories	Turning Acrylic	Demoing Yo-Yos in schols	How to Practice
2:00	World Throw Dough Freestyle		Beginners Juggling	Meeting of National Yo-Yo Contests

*These events will be held in Hospitality Suite 237.

**These events happen off-site at Lucky's BBQ.

	Main Hall	Salon 14	Salon 13	Salon 12
Friday (continued)				
3:00		Iron Mod Contest	Iron Mod Contest	1A Break Out
6:00	Contestants and Judges Meetings for AP, 4A, 5A and Combined			
7PM-10pm	Freestyles (order to be announced)			
10PM	Awards Ceremony			

Saturday				
9:00	Volunteers Meeting (Room 233)			
10:00	Registration Opens	Coffee For Yo-Yo Parents and Spouses*		
11:00	1A Compulsories	Making Wooden Yo-Yos	Beginners Yo-Yoing	Beginners 5A
11:30				5A Breakout
12:00	Tops Compulsories	Modding with Hand Tools	Beginners 4A	
12:30	1S & 2S Compulsories		4A Breakout	Beginners 2A
1:00		Modding with a Wood Lathe		
1:30			Magic of Grinds	Throw Dough Workshops
2:00	Duncan Contest	Modding Old Yo-Yos		Performing for Groups
2:30			2A Breakout	
3:00		Modding Yo-Yos with a Metal Lathe		Shooting Yo-Yo Videos
4:00			How to Design Yo-Yos	
6:00	Contestant and Judges Meeting for 1A,2A,3A Tops			
7:00-10:00	Freestyles (order to be announced)			
10:00	Awards Ceremony			

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