



# USATOWA

The Official Newsletter of the United States Amateur Tug of War Association

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## 2017 USATOWA Events

*United States Amateur Tug of War Association*

<b>OUTDOOR EVENT LOCATION</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Weigh In Time</b>	<b>Competition Begins</b>	<b>Event Date</b>
Elko, Minnesota	Bill Gallager	11:00 AM to Noon	12:30 PM	05/20/17
Greeley, Iowa	Dave Kruse	10:30 AM to Noon	12:30 PM	06/17/17
Oregon, Wisconsin	Shelby Richardson	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Noon	06/24/17
Footville, Wisconsin	Shelby Richardson	4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	6:00 PM	06/24/17
Nationals / Monroe, Wisconsin	Joe Hunter	9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	11:00 AM	07/22/17
<i>Tug Fest / Illinois &amp; Iowa</i>	<i>Kari Long</i>		12:30 PM	08/12/17
Irish Fest / Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Brenda Frary	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Noon	08/19/17
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Celtic Games/Davenport IA	Roger Knapp	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Noon	09/16/17
<i>Outdoor European Tug of War Championships in Lancashire England</i>	Shelby Richardson	-----	-----	09/21/17 to 09/24/17

## **USATOWA memberships 2017**

USATOWA memberships are due one week prior to the first event May 20<sup>th</sup>. First year – high school member fees are \$15 and senior member fees are \$30. NEW members please use this form [USATOWA membership application](#).

Club managers, please mail list of your individual members with correct emails and fees to Treasurer Ginny Nyhus 5729 Candy Cover TR Prior Lake MN 55372.

## **USATOWA Judges Course 3/25/17**

Congratulations to our two new Judges - Bruce Ebnet and Keenan Campbell. We will be looking forward to working with you both!

## **TWIF Indoor World Championships 2018**

The TWIF Indoor World Championships 2018 will be held in Xuzhou China March 8 – 11, 2018. More information will be available in the coming months. If interested attending/participating, please contact Shelby.

## **Indoor practice/pulling event Peosta IA 3/25/17**



Power Train putting the pressure on.



DJ's working hard.

Sorry Oregon and Muddy River – no photos this time!



On July 8th, 2017, the Friends of Allyson Norland Scholarship (FANS) will hold their third annual fun run and rope pull. Funds support scholarships at Oregon High School in Oregon, WI.

Allyson Norland was an enthusiastic, first-year member of the Girls Love Dirt tug of war team. She and her brother Steven truly devoted themselves to tug of war, practicing three nights every week with both Girls Love Dirt and the Mt Vernon tug of war team. Allyson quickly learned the sport and was a fine athlete. She enjoyed competitions in Monticello, Monroe and Milwaukee, with a final appearance in the open competition at World Championships in Madison. Allyson was eager to start indoor practice in 2015, and enjoyed a practice in late January 2015 with her team. She was studying for the college entrance exam and had so much ahead of her. Allyson was tragically killed in a car accident on February 11, 2015.

FANS was created to honor her life and love of tug of war and running alive. FANS will be awarding five scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to the class of 2017. Help us keep her memory alive by participating in the chip-timed 10k/5k run or 2 mi walk and of course the tug of war!

The tug of war event will be held indoors this year, requiring only tennis shoes. Please plan on joining us to show your support. Volunteers from USATOWA to help judge and keep score would be most appreciated. Register online: <http://www.fansrun.org/index.html>

Date: July 8th, 2017    Time: Run/Walk 9am    Tug of War 10am

Location: Madison 56ers Soccer Club

155 Braun Rd

Oregon, WI



## **Host Hotel for Irish Fest 2017**

There will be 35 rooms blocked at the Best Western by the airport that will be available until July 15, 2017. Room rate is \$109.00 for 1-2 adults per Double Queen or Single King room. Children 18 and under stay free in the same room as the parent/guardian. Room includes a full American Breakfast Buffet from 6am-10am, daily.

Check in is at 3:00 pm and check out is at 12:00 pm. The group rate will be honored 3 days before and after the contracted group dates based on availability.

How to make a reservation:

Online by clicking on the following link:

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/groupSearch.do?groupId=2T2HY9Q0> and enter group ID as 2T2HY9Q0 or call 414-769-2100 x 0 for the front desk or Michelle directly at 414-831-3655 and ask to make a reservation for United States Amateur Tug of War Association at \$109.00 per night. Please place your reservation before July 18th, 2017 in order to get this reduced group rate. All rooms not reserved in the block will be dropped and released back to the hotel on this date. A major credit card will be needed to guarantee your reservations against no-show or late cancellation.

You will be able to cancel your reservation without penalty if you call before 3:00 PM, the day prior to your scheduled arrival date. Make sure you get your cancellation confirmation number.

At check-in, a picture ID and a major credit card will be required to guarantee payment of all charges. Cash payments are accepted, but a major credit card must still be registered at time of check-in.

It is understood that the individuals will call in for their own reservations and are responsible for paying their own room, tax and incidental charges.

## **PEACE AND SPORT OUTLINES GLOBAL VISION AT THE UNITED NATIONS IN NEW YORK AHEAD OF INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PEACE**

New York, USA 29 March 2017

Peace and Sport, the politically neutral, international organization founded in 2007, today outlined its ongoing campaign for the development of peace through sport at the headquarters of the United Nations in New York, marking the launch of the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace (IDSDP), on April 6.

The event, which was hosted by Peace and Sport in collaboration with the Permanent Representative of Monaco to the United Nations, urged sports organizations, governments, NGOs and businesses to mobilize and support IDSDP.

Peace and Sport founder Joël Bouzou shared his organizations plans to continue providing inspiration, guidance and expertise to those seeking to use sport to build sustainable peace around the world. "In the past three years, Peace and Sport has helped to set up more than 1000 projects worldwide, across 170 countries in five different continents, bringing social unity to over 350,000 people through the April6.org platform.

The event comes just days after Peace and Sport launched its annual #WhiteCard campaign, an initiative anchored around IDSDP which encourages people to take images of themselves holding up white cards before posting them to social media.

Also participating and speaking at the event were the heads of the International Fencing Federation (FIE) the International Table Tennis Federation (ITTF) and the World Taekwondo Federation (WTF). Top Olympic athletes from each federation, including Jade Jones, Daryl Homer and Tahl Leibowitz, as well as Maria Toorpakai, Peace and Sport Champion for Peace, put on demonstrations for both media and United Nations

staff before posing for a collective #WhiteCard picture with all attendees. During the day, the ITTF and the WTF organized a number of sporting activities together with the UN staff and with the participation of 30 children.

Peace and Sport founder Jo  l Bouzou said:

The International Day of Sport for Development and Peace is an important milestone, not only within sport but more broadly around the world. It is the day around which we anchor our #WhiteCard campaign and it serves as a reminder to all involved in sport about the positive impact we can have on the world, and our responsibility to create a better future for all.

Globally, more than 35,000 people are mobilized behind our vision, and much of that is down to the hard work done by athletes spreading the word. I want to thank everyone for their immense support, and I look forward to continuing our work to inspire and unite communities. Sport is a vehicle for social change, and on April 6 together we will make a difference once more.

## Broadcast the World Games Olympic Channel to 2017

**The Olympic Channel and the International World Games Association (IWGA) today announced a cooperation agreement which includes media rights to The World Games 2017. As part of the agreement, the Olympic Channel will live stream daily coverage from the 10<sup>th</sup> edition of The World Games, which take place 20-30 July, in Wroclaw, Poland.**

The IWGA is an IOC Recognized Organization and becomes the 50<sup>th</sup> federation and organization partner of the Olympic Channel.

“We are excited to work with the International World Games Association to showcase their premier event,” said Mark Parkman, general manager of the Olympic Channel. “The World Games are a great way to provide additional exposure to these growing sports and introduce new sports to our audiences.”

“Live streaming daily coverage of The World Games on the Olympic Channel is an important step forward for us and we are happy to promote our federations of our sports in this way too. This is a good addition to our already existing cooperation with the IOC,” said Joachim Gossow, CEO of the IWGA.

