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THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



President's Message

I hope everyone survived the weird winter season we had from tons of snow on the west coast, to sleet and snow in the north, to tons of rain in the Ohio valley to everything on the east coast. Hopefully we are entering spring and just about 4-months away from American Turners Premier event, the 56th American Turners National Festival hosted by New Ulm Turners July 25 thru 29. New Ulm, for those that are not aware, is a town founded by Turners; home to the second oldest private owned brewery, Schell's Brewery, in the United States, and known as the "Best city in Minnesota for festivals". A cool town to visit.

New this year is the Festival Youth Competition, revised from the "Miss Turner Contest." Contact the National Office to receive a copy of the new rules. Also added to the 2023 Festival is the "Water Ninja Course". This issue of Turner Topics will contain information for members to decide what events they want to participate in. Registration for this year's Festival will be on-line only. When checking in at New Ulm, you will receive a packet that will contain the local club schedule, map, pictures of the event locations, a welcome letter from New Ulm, a finalized schedule and other information of importance.

For the first time, we will be displaying American Turners owned banners at the Festival. Other items will also be on display.

Other events happening this year are American Turners National Bowling hosted by Elgin Turners in Elgin, IL during the weekends of April 15&16, 22&23 and 29&30; American Turners Golf Tournament hosted by Covington Turners in Covington, KY July 12-14 and American Turners National 12" Softball Tournament in Ft. Wayne June 24-25. The National Council meeting will be held in September or October.

Membership dues continue to come in for 2023 at \$12 per dues paying member. All payments are due by March 31, 2023. If you have not paid your 2023 dues please contact your Society to do so. Don't forget about your youth as they can be "Youth Members", they are the future of our organization.

On a final note, continue to either volunteer or help organize events at your local Society or District. If an office in your society becomes available, please run and help make a difference.

Craig Sniezek
National President

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Dear American Turner Members and Guests:

It is with great interest and anticipation that the City of New Ulm is looking forward to being the host city for the 2023 American Turners National Festival. I hereby extend an invitation to all American Turner members and guests to come to New Ulm to participate in the National Festival and enjoy all that New Ulm has to offer.

New Ulm takes great pride in preserving its rich history; it was founded in 1854 by a group of settlers of German heritage. New Ulm's German culture is celebrated during many festivals, reflected in historic businesses like Turner Hall and the August Schell Brewing Company and promoted with opportunities to shop for German style products and experience German traditions.

New Ulm, often referred to as the City of Charm and Tradition, provides a variety of opportunities for visitors to experience quality lodging, dining, locally brewed libations, entertainment, history and culture. Whether you choose to enjoy a meal at George's Steak House; indulge in a special brew at the Black Frost Distillery; taste special wine at Morgan Creek Winery, or beer at Schell's Brewery or the Starkeller Brewery & Taproom; take a walking tour of historic downtown New Ulm; spend an evening at the Grand Center for the Arts & Culture; tour the Hermann Monument; explore the past at the Brown County Museum or bask in the sun at one of the many parks in New Ulm; I believe your experience will be memorable.

I look forward to seeing you in New Ulm during the 2023 Turnverein Annual Festival and encourage you to explore, enjoy and experience all that New Ulm has to offer.

Best regards from New Ulm,

Kathleen L. Backer, Mayor
CITY OF NEW ULM





56th National Festival

July 25-29, 2023

Physical Events

- Check-in will start on Tuesday the 25th and continue Wednesday & Thursday at certain times. You must check-in at New Ulm Turners before you can compete or attend any competition. You will receive your “badge” which allows you access into the various venues.
- Competition will start on Wednesday morning and go thru Saturday
- Competition will be at New Ulm Recreation Center, New Ulm Middle School, Lincoln Park and New Ulm Turner Hall
- Saturday evening will be the Banquet, with all Society trophies and Special Festival Pins to be awarded
- Sunday is completely open for your safe travel home

REQUIREMENTS for COMPETITORS

Since the National Festival is fast approaching, you may know of some people interested in participating but are not members yet. Please don't wait until the last minute to get new members signed up. The rules state that (adult) competitors must be a member in good standing prior to the registration deadline. To clarify this rule, a membership number must be issued by the National Office. A membership number must be entered on all registration forms, not just for the Festival but for ALL national events. Make sure your members (new and renewals) are signed up and dues paid to the National Office by March 31. Also, Youth Membership applications for the year 2023, or Youth Membership renewals, with appropriate payment, should be submitted to the National Office no later than March 31.

Non-member children must follow the rules as stated in the Festival Rulebook:

*“Pursuant to the 2008 National Convention, it is acceptable for a child under the age of 18 to participate in Turner National events (physical and cultural competition) even if their parents are not members. However, **that child must be a paying enrolled student of a Turner society for at least 90 days prior to the National event and show proof of same**. There will be an extra fee for a non-member (child under the age of 18) to compete at the National event. All adults must still be a Turner member in order to participate at a National event.”*

I will follow up with the Society to confirm that each “non-member” child is enrolled in their society program(s) for at least 90 days.

PARTICIPATION POINTS

A competitor will earn one participation point for competing in each of the following events:

Golf
Pickleball
Volleyball

Gymnastics (if competing in 4 events for girls/women/sr. men & 6 events for boys/active men)
Track & Field (if competing in 4 events, or 3 events for ages 7-9) Relays or distance runs not included

Swimming (if competing in 3 swimming events) Relays and Water Ninja not included

The participation points are in addition to any points earned for placing in the top ten in event competition.



GOLF

We will be offering a one-day Golf scramble during the Festival, at the New Ulm Country Club Golf Course, 1 Golf Drive, New Ulm, MN. It's a fun, friendly course just minutes from the hotels and New Ulm Turners. It will be a fun way to get out on the golf course and still earn points for your Society. You are required to register on-line and pay the registration fee, as well as pay for your greens fees upon check-in. Teams will consist of 4 players and can consist of men or women, ages 14+. Top finishing teams will earn ribbons at the event and Society points. You can contact Andrea Boettger at director@newulmturnerhall.com with any questions.



PICKLEBALL

Each Society may enter as many Pickleball teams as they like. Each participant must be at least 18 years old. All players must bring their own paddle, however balls will be provided. Teams will consist of two players, any gender. No specific uniform is required. Games played to 11 points, with a win by 2 points. Format will be based on number of teams entered. All other rules to follow USAPA. Detailed rules can be found on the USAPA website or in the American Turner Supplemental Handbook (revised for the 2023 Festival) on our website.

Age groups are 18-29, 30-49, 50-69 and 70+. One player on a team can play in a younger age group that matches the age of his/her partner, but nobody can play in an older age group. Example: *A 42 year old can play with a 25 year old in the 18-29 age group. A 25 year old cannot play in the 30-49 age group. But that 42 year old can also play in the 30-49 age group with a 39 year old. A team of 2 people both in their 40's cannot sign up as a team in the 18-29 age group. Only one person can register to partner up with someone in that younger age group.* All team rosters must be submitted by June 19, 2023, therefore it must be determined in advance if someone will be playing in a different age group and/or on two different teams. Switching teams/age groups will not be allowed at the Festival.



VOLLEYBALL

There are many options for you to play Volleyball at the National Festival. Keep in mind that you can register to play on as many teams as you are eligible, as long as there is no conflict in the schedule. **A maximum of 8 players for each team registered.**

If you have any questions regarding Volleyball, please contact Jim Schuette prior to registering on-line at huckelberryjim@yahoo.com. He will be able to guide you through the various options, as well as help you get

on a conglomerate team if your Society doesn't have a full team. If there are not enough teams registered in a division, that division will be dropped and those players can play in another suitable division.

MEN:

ages **11-13** can play on Co-Ed 11-17

ages **14-17** can play on Co-Ed 11-17 & Active Men 14+

ages **18-54** can play on Co-Ed 18+ & Active Men 14+

ages **55 and over** can play on Co-Ed 18+, Co-Ed Senior, Active Men 14+ & Senior Men 55+

WOMEN:

ages **11-13** can play on Co-Ed 11-17 & Jr. Women 11-17

ages **14-17** can play on Co-Ed 11-17, Jr. Women 11-17 & Active Women 14+; they can also play on Active Men 14+

ages **18-49** can play on Co-Ed 18+ & Active Women 14+; they can also play on Active Men 14+

ages **50 and over** can play on Co-Ed 18+, Co-Ed Senior, Active Women 14+ & Senior Women 50+; they can also play on Active Men 14+ and Senior Men 55+

GYMNASTICS



Women and girls of all ages participating in Gymnastics are required to wear a leotard. Spandex-type shorts may be worn over a leotard. An alternative uniform for Sr. Women is shorts (that end above the knee) and t-shirt. Any shirt worn with shorts must be tucked into the shorts. Sr. Women are also allowed to wear long leggings/tights. Absolutely no buttons, snaps or zippers are allowed on any clothing worn while on apparatus.

- Coaches/gymnasts are responsible for their own music.
- Girls (Youth, Jr. & Active): USAG Developmental Levels 3-5 (compulsories) and **6-10 (optionals)**; or Xcel Levels Bronze, Silver, Gold, Platinum or Diamond (optional routines)
- No modifications allowed for any USAG Levels 3, 4 or 5 routines or Xcel skill requirements. You may use a USAG compulsory routine and modify it to compete in Xcel.
- The gymnastic facility shall have all three vaulting areas (mat stack, sidehorse & table vault). A sidehorse and table vault shall be set up for Senior competition. Women 30-59 can also use the 32" (or higher) mat stack and 60+ Women can also use the 16" mat stack.
- Boys (Youth, Jr. & Active): USAG Levels 4-10. **NOTE: The standard 6 events will be considered All-Around for these age groups.**

Please note: the Tentative Schedule for Gymnastics might change, (especially for girls and active women) based on the number of competitors in the various age groups and levels.



SENIOR WOMEN:

- All routines (except vault) shall consist of a minimum of five (5) different skills, which include a mount and dismount. All routines are optional.
- All-Around consists of 4 events
- General Scoring:
Execution and Form – 3.0

Minimum required skills – 5.0 (1 point per skill; Walking/Running is not considered a skill)
General Impression – 2.0 (This is where credit is given for more difficult skills)
Missing minimum requirements – 1 point for each missing requirement
Falls off the apparatus - .5
Falls on the apparatus - .3

Bars – Uneven: 10-point start value **OR** Parallel (50+): 10-point start value (you cannot do both)

Beam – High Beam: 10-point start value **OR** Low Beam: 9.5 start value (you cannot do both)

Time limit – 30 seconds to 1 minute 30 seconds

Over/under time deduction - .1

Requirements:

1. Turn on one foot at least 180 degrees OR one-foot balance of any kind held 2 seconds
2. Jump OR leap
3. Must be at least 3 passes

Vault (Sidehorse or Table) –

Handspring type vaults – 10-point start value

Layout Squat, Straddle or Stoop – 9.5 start value

Squat, Straddle or Stoop (no pre-flight) – 9.0 start value

Ages 30-59 also has the option to do the handstand flat fall onto a 32” (or higher) mat stack – 9.0 start value

Ages 60+ also has the option to do a Run, jump on spring board, stretch jump onto 16” mat – 8.0 start value

Pommel Horse (50+) – 10-point start value

Floor Exercise – 10-point start value

Time limit – 30 seconds to 1 minute 30 seconds, with or without music

Over/under time deduction - .1

Using music which has singing/talking - .2 deduction

Stepping out of bounds - .1 each time

Requirements:

1. Jump OR leap
2. Turn on one foot at least 180 degrees OR one-foot balance of any kind
3. Move of any kind down on the floor
4. Must cover all four quadrants of the floor (30-59)
5. Must travel on the diagonal from one corner to the other **OR** two passes along the 40 foot length of the floor ex. mat (60+)

Rhythmic Gymnastics routine – 10-point start value

Ages 60+ may perform only ONE rhythmic routine (ball, hoop, ribbon, clubs or rope) in place of one piece of apparatus.

Maximum time of 1 minute

Using music which has singing/talking - .2 deduction

Gymnast must travel at least from one corner to another.



SENIOR MEN:

- On Floor, Parallel Bars, High Bar, Still Rings and Pommel Horse the routines shall consist of a minimum of five (5) different skills. All routines are optional.
- Ages 60+ can do a second optional routine on ONE event. The same basic routine can be used with at least two skills within the routine being different.
- All-Around consists of 4 events/routines
- Vault shall be two attempts of either the same or different skills.



RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS

- This is a Special Event for Women ages 7-13, 14-29 and 30+.
- Hand apparatus includes ball, ribbon, rope, hoop and clubs.
- Each competitor must provide and compete with only one of the above pieces of apparatus.
- Each competitor must provide their own music. (.2 deduction for music with singing/talking)
- A free exercise mat will be used for the competition
- Performance time shall be between 1 minute and 1 minute, 30 seconds.
- Required skills shall include: Leaps, Turns, Tosses, Jumps, Hand Exchanges, Flexibility and Floor work.
- The routine shall include and be judged using the following criteria:
 1. Variety of dance steps and good transitions from one skill to the next (.50 deduction)
 2. One transition to the floor (.3 deduction)
 3. Use all 4 corners of the floor (.1 deduction for each corner not used)
 4. One acrobatic skill: front, back or side roll; cartwheel; or front/back walkover (.3 deduction)



TUMBLING

- One optional routine consisting of two (2) passes. One primarily backward and one primarily a mixed sequence, with one flight element per pass, shall constitute a complete routine.
- Routine shall have a minimum of 3 skills per pass with 1 flight element per pass.
- Scores will be determined on a combination of form and difficulty.
- Tumbling rules can be found at usagym.org



MASS DRILL

Revision to Mass Drill Instructions: Section 1 - The alternative movement for the Jumping Jack is to extend the right leg out to the side (pointed toes touching floor) and return to center (counts 3-4); and extend the left leg out to the side (pointed toes touching floor) and return to center (counts 7-8). Arm movements remain the same as a normal Jumping Jack. Section 8 – The alternative movement for the ¼ turn Jumping Jack is to extend the right leg out to the side (pointed toes touching floor) (counts 1-2), return right leg to center (counts 3-4). Repeat same movements with left leg (counts 5-8) – do not jump with a ¼ turn. Arm movements remain the

same. **Only those that are 30+ and cannot jump are allowed to do the alternative movements. If the whole group does the alternative movements, there will be a deduction.**

The video, music and instructions for Marching and Mass Drill are available on the American Turner website. If you would like a CD of the music please contact Kate at the National Office. Each member participating in the Mass Drill must order the official Festival t-shirt when registering on-line for the Festival. Each Society will have the option of choosing their own color of shorts to wear. Remember that all members of your Society participating in the Mass Drill must be wearing the same color/style of shorts.

SWIMMING



There will not be diving offered at this Festival. You must register for 3 swimming events (not including relays) to qualify for the participation point.

Since diving will not be offered, we are offering a unique event - **Water Ninja Course**. It will not be a part of the swimming all-around. It will be a special event held on a different day. The Water Ninja Course will be open to all ages and competition will be held throughout the allotted time listed on the schedule. So you can just show up when you have time that day and do your best to finish this fun course. Times will be recorded and winners will be determined and posted that evening. Age groups will be Women 7-13, 14-29, 30+ and Men 7-13, 14-29, 30+. Ribbons will be awarded for the top 3 places in each age group.

Look on the Festival webpage to view a video of the pool area and Ninja course. You will also see a waterpark area. All Turners are welcome to enjoy the waterpark while we are in the pool area for the Ninja course competition. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Make sure you have your Festival badge to gain access to it.



TRACK & FIELD

- Athletes are allowed **no more than 2** practice jumps/throws before competition starts for each event.
- Running and Standing Long Jump will only be allowed **2 jumps** to determine the best score.
- Hurlball, Shot Put and Softball Distance Throw will only be allowed **2 consecutive throws** to determine the best score.



RUNNING and SWIMMING RELAYS



Participants in Track Relays must bring their own baton.

All age groups, including Seniors, will run a 4x100 Running Relay.

Seniors may complete the minimum number needed to run a relay in the Jr. and Active (14-29) age groups in both running and swimming relays.

Boys and Girls (in the same age group) may be combined to form a Boys' swimming relay team. Men and Women (in the same age group) may be combined to form a Men's swimming relay team.

If a Society cannot form a relay team, with NHPEC approval, a District Team may be formed for Running and Swimming relays. Any points earned will be divided between the Societies accordingly.

ROSTERS FOR ALL TEAM EVENTS AND RELAYS

Societies that have teams for Volleyball, Golf, Pickleball and/or Relays for Swimming and/or Track must have their team captain/coordinator complete a team roster. The roster forms that must be submitted are on the Festival page of the American Turner website and also accessible on the registration form. It is a fillable form. Remember that only the team captain/coordinator of a particular event is to complete the roster(s) so we do not end up with several rosters for the same team. Please do not use any other forms for submitting this information. Rosters need to be submitted no later than June 19, 2023.

NOTE: Only Volleyball players and Golfers that do not have a full team can complete the roster and indicate you are “looking for a team/player (or foursome)” in the designated area on the form.

ON-LINE REGISTRATION



Registration will again be done on-line. The link to the registration form can be found at **amturners.org** in the Festival section. Payments will be processed through Paypal, however you are not required to have a PayPal account. You can use your credit or debit card. Entry fees are \$30.00 for athletic competition and \$5.00 for cultural competition. If you are registering for both athletic and cultural you will only pay \$30.00. Children under the age of 18, whose parents are not members, are allowed to register, however they must pay the additional \$10.00 non-member fee. Youth members do not pay the additional \$10.00 fee. (All adults must be members and have a valid membership number) **Registrations will be accepted starting April 15, 2023**. The registration deadline is June 10, 2023. If you register after June 10 but before June 20, 2023 you must pay an additional \$20.00 late fee. **Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after June 20, 2023**. Please verify that you have checked all the appropriate items on the registration form before you click on the payment button. Once you submit your registration you will receive an e-mail confirming your submission. This e-mail will also show all the events you signed-up for. Please print this e-mail and bring it with you to the Festival.

Spectators are also encouraged to register on-line. There is a \$10 fee for spectators over the age of 12 (ages 12 and under are free). If you plan on attending the banquet or youth party you must register online. However, spectator badges will also be for sale at New Ulm Turners during the Festival. Anyone entering a venue, whether competing or spectating, must wear a badge to gain entry.

If you are a Coach (and not competing in any events), please submit a Registration Form. This will produce a badge to allow you entry into the various venues to coach/supervise your athletes.

**For information on
lodging, venues, map, schedule,
merchandise and info on New Ulm
go to: <https://www.turnfestnewulm.com>**

CULTURAL



When entering the Cultural competition for the Festival you must first register on-line and pay the appropriate fee (\$5.00 for cultural only or \$30.00 for both cultural and athletic). After you have completed the registration form and paid on-line you must then complete the Cultural Entry Form. This form, along with the “Redbook”, can be found on the Festival page of the website. The Cultural Entry Form gets mailed to the New Ulm Turner Hall, Attn.: Tom Romaine, 102 S. State St., New Ulm, MN 56073. Tom’s email address is: tomromaine75@gmail.com **Do not** mail the \$5.00 entry fee with that form. All payments pertaining to the Festival will only be accepted on-line with your registration.

56th National Festival Transportation Fund



The 2023 National Festival Transportation Fund, sponsored by the Jahn Fund, is for ALL participating adult members, children of members and youth members. To qualify, a person must be a member, a child of a member or a Youth member and they must attend and participate at the Festival. This includes members entered in the cultural competition, as long as they are at the Festival. Each qualifying member will receive approximately \$0.25 per mile, depending on the amount of participants. It will be calculated from your home society address to New Ulm Turners (one-way). A request form to submit will be posted on the website after the Festival has concluded.

Please refer to the Festival Rulebook (revised 2022) and the Supplemental Handbook (2022) posted on the Festival webpage for complete rules and information. If you have any questions regarding the on-line registration or anything else regarding the Festival, feel free to contact Michelle at mwlproperties1@gmail.com or Emily at nhpechair@amturners.org. Or you can call or text Michelle at 920-980-8593. Remember to print your e-mail confirmation and bring it to the Festival. See you in July in New Ulm.

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56th National Festival TENTATIVE Schedule

Est. start time	Wednesday	Thursday <i>Water Ninja Course (open 8am-2pm)</i>	Friday	Saturday
7:00	Women's Track & Field (30+)	Women's Gymnastics (30+)	5k (All)	Women's Swimming (all ages)
8:00	Women's Gymnastics (7-29) Xcel	Pickleball M&W (18-29)	Women's Gymnastics (7-29) levels 6-10 & Men's Track 7 field (7-29)	Men's Volleyball (14+)
9:00	Men's Volleyball (55+)	Co-ed Volleyball (11-17)	Rhythmic (all ages)	Men's Swimming (all ages)
12:00	Tumbling M&W (all ages)	Women's Gymnastics (7-29) Levels 3,4,5	Men's Gymnastics (all ages)	Women's Volleyball (14+)
12:30		Pickleball M&W (70+)	Women's Track & Field (7-29) & Women's Volleyball (50+)	
1:00	Pickleball M&W (50-69) & Jr. Girl's Volleyball (11-17)	Co-ed Volleyball (18+)		
3:00	Youth Cultural (essay) interview	All Societies Mass Drill	Marching & Mass Drill Competition	
5:00	Parade, followed by Opening Ceremony	Model Drill competition		Banquet & Awards
6:00				
7:00				

For information on lodging, venues, map, schedule, merchandise and info on New Ulm go to:

<https://www.turnfestnewulm.com>

56th American Turners National Festival Golf Tournament Friday, July 28th, 2023 | 8 AM New Ulm Country Club 1 Golf Drive, New Ulm, MN

4 Person Sramble, Shotgun Start

Mixed Teams; Ages 14+ may compete

\$65/pp or \$260 per team of 4 includes cart, greens fees & lunch

**More information can be found on
www.turnfestnewulm.com once registration opens.**





56th National Festival

July 25-29, 2023

Cultural Activities

National Festival Youth Cultural Competition

The Host of the National Festival has the option to hold or not hold a National Festival Youth contest in conjunction with the festival. (To be reviewed after the Festival)

In order to hold this contest, there **MUST BE FIVE (5) ENTRANTS**.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Must be between the ages of fourteen (14) and eighteen (18) years before June 1st of the year of the festival.
2. Must be an American Turner Youth member, or child of an American Turners paying National dues three (3) months prior to registration deadline for the festival.
3. Must compete in the festival (Athletic and/or cultural)
4. Each society is entitled to one (1) entry. Contestants must represent a Society, not a District.

CONTESTANT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Personality interview with panel of judges.
2. Must enter a biography and submit an essay with a maximum of 2500-words. The essay should describe the experience of being a young American Turner.
3. Semi formal attire for the evening.
4. Impromptu answer to a question on Turnism (Not to exceed one (1) minute).

Winner will attend the National Festival Banquet free of charge.

There will be **NO JUDGING OF TALENT**

SOCIETY POINTS will be awarded as follows:

ALL contestants will receive **TWO (2) POINTS FOR PARTICIPATING** except for the following;

WINNING SOCIETY ENTRANT	10 POINTS
SECOND	8 POINTS
THIRD	5 POINTS

CLASSIFICATIONS

ARTICLE VI DIVISIONS AND CLASSES FOR INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COMPETITION

CULTURAL EXHIBIT AND COMPETITION CLASSIFICATIONS OF AMERICAN TURNERS

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION:

DIVISION I: ARTS		
Classifications and Numbers		
1. PAINTING: Oil	<i>(ALL Painting/Drawing MUST be READY to HANG to DISPLAY.)</i>	Sub-Classes: Painting/Drawing A. Animal B. Landscape C. Portrait D. Seascape E. Still Life
2. PAINTING, acrylic, synthetics		
3. PAINTING, watercolor		
4. DRAWING, any media		
5. CALLIGRAPHY		
6. METAL WORK		
7. POTTERY		
8. ESSAY / STORY: List title and pseudonym, Maximum 2500 words.	**ALL WRITTEN WORK MUST BE MAILED WITH THE ENTRY FORM.	
9. MUSIC COMPOSITION:	<i>List title and pseudonym on cover. Label on back.</i>	
10. POETRY: List title and pseudonym on cover. Label on back.		
11. PHOTOGRAPHY: black and white	ALL PHOTOS: no less than (<) 5"x7" to no greater than (>) 11"x14", mounted with no less than (<) 1" border ALL sides.	Sub-Classes: Photography A. Action B. Animal C. Nature/Scenic D. Macro E. Portrait F. Water X. Unclassified
12. PHOTOGRAPHY: color		
13. PHOTOGRAPHY: slides		
14. VIDEO/MOVIES/YOUTUBE	<i>(5 minutes maximum)</i>	

DIVISION II: ARTS & CRAFTS		
15. ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS		
16. BASKET WEAVING		
17. CARVING		Sub-Classes: Carving A. Hand B. Machine
18. CERAMICS		Sub-Classes: CERAMICS A. Glaze B. Underglaze C. Stain D. Metallic (over glaze, luster & mother of pearl)
19. CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS		
20. COLLAGE		
21. DECOUPAGE		
22. DIAMOND ART		Sub-Classes: Diamond Art A. Animal B. Landscape C. Portrait D. Seascape E. Still Life
23. FOLK ART		
24. FORMED CLAY / DOUGH ART		
25. GLASS		
26. HOLIDAY DECORATIONS		
27. JEWELRY		
28. LEATHER CRAFT		
29. LEGOS		Sub-classes: Legos A. Kit B. Original
30. METAL CRAFT		
31. MODEL MAKING		
32. PAPER		
33. PLASTER		
34. PLASTIC		
35. RESTORED / REFINISHED	Photo of "Before" MUST be submitted with item	
36. ROSEMALING (comma strokes)		
37. TEXTILES, PAINTED / DECORATED		
38. TOLE & DECORATIVE PAINTING	on any object	
39. WOODCRAFT		
40. UNCLASSIFIED Arts and Crafts		

DIVISION III: NEEDLE ART & SEWING		
41. BRAIDED WORK		Sub-Classes: Needle Art & Sewing A. Afghans B. Baby Articles C. Bedspreads D. Costumes E. Dolls/Toys F. Household Articles G. Pillows H. Table I. Samplers, framed J. Wearing Apparel X. Unclassified
42. CREWEL		
43. COUNTED CROSS STITCH		
44. CROCHETING		
45. CUT WORK		
46. EMBROIDERY		
47. HOLSAUM HARDANGER		
48. HOOK WORK		
49. KNITTING		
50. MACRAME		
51. NEEDLEPOINT or Plastic Canvas		
52. PETIT POINT		
53. PUNCH WORK		
54. QUILTING		Sub-classes: Quilting and Sewing only A. Piece work B. Applique C. Hand D. Machine
55. SEWING		
56. TAILORING		
57. TATTING		
58. WEAVING		
59. UNCLASSIFIED Needle Art and Sewing		
DIVISION IV: COLLECTIONS		
60. COINS, CIRCULATED	<i>*ALL Coins & Stamps MUST be framed or under protective covering.</i>	
61. COINS, MINT		
62. PHOTO ALBUMS		
63. SCRAPBOOKS		
64. STAMPS		Sub-classes: Stamps A. First Day B. Mint C. Used
65. UNCLASSIFIED		

Individual: _____ or Group: _____

American Turners Official Entry Form

For Cultural Competition Program of the 56th National Festival
July 25-29th 2023

This Entry form must be postmarked
No later than **midnight May 15th, 2023**

Mail entry to:
New Ulm Turner Hall
102 S State, New Ulm Mn.56073

Eligibility Status: (Check one)

Card carrying member of American Turners for at least 3 months prior to the Festival.

Child (Under 9) _____ Turquoise	Junior (9 – 13) _____ Green	Teen (14 – 18) _____ Purple	Adult (19 +) _____ Black	Senior (60 +) _____ Red
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General Rules: (Failure to comply with these rules will result in items not being accepted).

1. Only one person may be entered per form and all items entered must be the work of the entrant. Limit of ten (10) classes per person. (See categories and classes pages)
2. All items must be entered under one age group.
- 3. All items entered must have been produced since the end of the last Festival, July 30, 2019**
4. Each item must be marked by labels, if sent to you: and have your name, address, and society marked inconspicuously.
5. No item shall be accepted from an entrant who is earning or has earned ¼ their annual income producing work of the type entered. Retirees are included.
6. Each person may enter as many and not more than three (3) items or three (3) sets in each category of a class (for example collection is a set containing many items).
7. All items in class 8 – 9 – 10 (All written work) and Society Publications must accompany this entry form.
8. Items will be accepted at the competition site on Tuesday July 25 from 1pm-7pm., Wednesday July 26th 9am – 5 pm. No entries accepted after 10:00 am Thursday. (Judging / Auditing: 11 am till over).
9. Entries must be picked up on Saturday July 29th between 9am and noon
10. If you are not personally bringing your entries:
 - A) Send your entries UPS or Certified to: New Ulm Turner Hall, 102 S State. New Ulm Mn.56073
 - B) Questions Call Tom Romaine 507 441-5649
 Items must be received by July 1st 2023 (if mailed)
11. A judge has the right to put an entry in another category if deemed appropriate. All items will be judged. Label "Original Designs"!
12. See reverse side for complete listing of Competitions, classes, sub-classes and other specific guidelines.
- 13. One \$5.00 entry fee buys you access to the entire cultural competition. This is paid if only competing in the cultural event. Please pay online through Festival Registration, No checks will be accepted.**

Fill in All sections except Entry # & Audit (If you fill these spaces send in a additional page of paper stapled)

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ Zip code: _____

Society: _____ Turner Membership Card #: _____

I ACCEPT and ABIDE by the ABOVE RULES: _____ DATE: _____

Signature

Detailed Description of Item (Color, type of item, shape, use, etc.)	Value	NO. of Class	Sub-class Letter	Ribbon WON	Points / Audit	Picked UP
1.						
2.						
3.						
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10.						

American Turners is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

AMERICAN TURNERS

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Sound Body”**



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Dear Turners,

Pursuant to National Festival Rules, a National Festival Special Honor Award will be awarded to those TURNER MEMBERS who have participated in National Festivals of the American Turners in the following number of Festivals only: fourth (4th), eighth (8th), twelfth (12th), thirteenth (13th) and EACH successive Festival thereafter.

If you believe that you are entitled to receive a Special Honor Award (see National Festival Rules, revised 2022, page 19) at the 2023 National Festival in New Ulm, MN, Please use the Form Below to Check the year and site of each Festival you have attended and Capacity(ies) you participated in (examples below).

NOTE: Attendance at any National Festival in strictly a BOOSTER or SPECTATOR capacity DOES NOT QUALIFY as a Festival attended for the purpose of this award. A resolution duly passed at the 2002 National Convention mandates that a participant, regardless of which category, must be physically present at the National Festival in order to receive credit towards this award. A person who cannot attend due to illness or personal injury must submit a medical release to the Festival Chairperson to receive credit towards this award.

The 2023 Festival may be counted as one that constitutes the fourth, eighth, twelfth, etc., Festival. However, should you be unable to participate actively at that time, the award will be withheld.

When complete, have your society secretary sign the form and mail to the National Office at the address above.

THE DUE DATE FOR THE APPLICATIONS TO BE RECEIVED IN THE NATIONAL OFFICE IS **May 20, 2023**.

****LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.****

Capacity Examples:

physical competitor	event supervisor	judge/official	comm. participated in
instructor/leader	cultural contestant	local (host) worker	comm. served in

Year / Site	Capacity	Year / Site	Capacity	Year / Site	Capacity
1926 Louisville		1963 Cleveland		1995 South Bend	
1930 Buffalo		1967 Moline		1999 Concordia	
1936 Cleveland		1971 Milwaukee		2003 Aurora	
1941 Springfield		1975 St. Louis		2007 Springfield	
1948 St. Louis		1979 Moline		2011 Aurora	
1951 Buffalo		1983 Indianapolis		2015 Aurora	
1955 Milwaukee		1987 Adams		2019 Ft. Wayne	
1959 Louisville		1991 Indianapolis		2023 New Ulm	

The above are the official NATIONAL Festivals of the American Turners after 1921. Any other Festivals in which you may have participated were regional and/or Invitational or District Festivals, and cannot be considered eligible for the Special Honor Award.

With Turner Greetings,

Emily Miesner and *Michelle Lesperance*
NHPE Chairperson and NHPE Co-Chairperson

Name of Applicant		Society Name	
Address		City	State Zip
Society Secretary's Signature			

THE FUTURE OF AMERICAN TURNERS



Toledo Turners



Concordia Turners



Rochester Turners



Louisville Turners



Chicago NW Gymnasts



River City Turners



Aurora Turners

Buffalo Gymnasts



**American Turners 58th Annual
National Golf Tournament
Hosted by Covington Turners
July 12th, 13th and 14th, 2023**

Covington Turners is proud to host the 2023 National Golf Tournament. The golf course to be used for the tournament will be at Kenton County Willows and Pioneer courses, 3908 Richardson Rd, Independence, Ky 41051, Phone-859-371-3200.

Tournament fees (includes cart, Wednesday night dinner, Friday night banquet, gifts and prizes):

18 hole--\$150

- Men-Open
- Senior Men 55+
- Women-Open

9 hole--\$90

- Women-Open(optional)
- Senior Women-55+
- Super Senior Men-65+

The entry deadline is June 30, 2023.

- Registration will take place at the Club on Tuesday, July 11 from 5:00 pm--7:00 pm.
- The National Golf meeting will take place at 7:30 pm.

Make all checks payable to:

Covington Turners National Golf

Please send completed entry with payment directly to:

Covington Turners, Attn: Kelly Conner,
11 Augusta Ave., Fort Wright, Ky. 41011

SPECIAL COUPLES EVENT:

A couple's golf tournament in memory of John Wischer, Covington's longtime golf ambassador, will be held on Tuesday, July 11.

Teams must be a man and a woman and the format is an 18-hole scramble. Scorecards can be turned in at the club Tuesday night. The results will be announced at the banquet on Friday.

PRACTICE/COUPLES EVENT TEE TIMES:

Practice Round and Couples Event pricing of \$32, including a cart, has been negotiated at Kenton County Willows and Pioneer Course. Golfers are responsible for making advanced tee times and is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. Please mention Turners National Golf when calling the course to receive the special pricing for Monday and Tuesday, July 10th and 11th.

HOTEL INFORMATION:

Please mention "Turner Golf" when calling to make your reservations. To ensure negotiated rates, reservations must be made by **June 6, 2023**

***Holiday Inn Express**

8 Hampton Ln., Wilder, Ky. 41076

(859) 815-8855

- Rate \$129 for king standard
- Indoor pool
- Free Breakfast

***Hampton Inn**

10 Hampton Ln., Wilder, KY. 41076

(859) 441-3049

- Rate \$129
- Indoor pool
- Breakfast included

***Comfort Inn & Suites**

10 Country Dr., Wilder, KY. 41076

(859) 441-3707

- Rate \$92
- Indoor pool
- Breakfast included

All hotels are approximately the distance from both the club and golf courses

Food will be available at Covington Turner Tuesday--Friday from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Any questions or concerns please contact:

Chris Croger at chriscroger2@gmail.com
859-630-9432

American Turners 58th Annual
National Golf Tournament
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July 12th, 13th and 14th, 2023

Fees: \$150 (18 holes w/cart daily) for Men, Senior Men, Women
\$90 (9 holes w/cart daily) for Women, Senior Women, Super Senior Men

Make check or money order to:
Covington Turners National Golf

Entry Regulations:

1. The members entered below agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the American Turners and the USGA. Violations will result in the loss of prizes and awards.
2. Only National Turner Members in good standing in the National American Turners, local districts, and societies are permitted to participate in this tournament. At Large members may participate in the tournament, however, their scores cannot be used for a society's score in a team event.
3. Participants must be members of a society of the American Turners at least three months prior to the tournament. Membership card must be available for presentation at registration.
4. Societies who do not permit members until age 21 are permitted to enter golf members(s) from age 18 by certification of the President of the society. The entry must state the age of the golfers(s) under this provision.
5. Any applications received after the deadline of June 30, 2023, may be accepted by the host society only if there is space available. The application must be accompanied by an additional \$10.00 processing fee. All applications sent to the host society must be filled out completely and include the full entry fee.

Divisions: Indicate below which division each player will be competing in.

Men=M

Senior Men=SM

Super Senior Men=SSM

Women=W-18 or W-9

Senior Women=SW

Full Name, Address, Phone, Email	Society name	National Card Number	9/18 hole score average	Division

OBITUARIES

Louisville Turners



William "Bill" Shore

William "Bill" Shore passed away in his 77th year on August 17, 2022.

Although Bill had lived in New Albany, Indiana for many years, he remained true to his Kentucky roots. Bill was born and raised in Louisville, KY by Mary Agnes and John Shore.

Bill served in the Marine Corps and traveled the

world, but he later would report that his favorite spot he visited was California. Bill absolutely loved his country. After his honorable discharge from the Marines, Bill returned to Louisville and met and later married his true love, Bobbie.

Bill and Bobbie remained married for fifty-three years and raised their three children together. In his spare time, Bill loved to try new things such as wine making, boating, water skiing, CB radios, drag racing, working on cars, and cooking. Although Bill could be a man of few words, he had a dry sense of humor that would sometimes catch you off guard. Bill loved family, and he considered fellow Turner members to be part of his family. Being an honorary member, Bill had the opportunity to serve in many areas of the Club. He served on many Committees, the Board, in various intra clubs, as both the Vice-President and President of the Mother Club, and wherever he was needed.

Bill was also part of the notorious "No Slack Crew" along with his best buddies, and they made many memories together. As time went by and Bill was unable to physically help at the Club, he would still offer advice on various projects when asked. He had a vast knowledge of Turners and loved to share it with others.

Before Bill passed, he would often speak of the many memories made during his time at Turners. The Club meant so much to him, and surely his memory will carry on with his fellow members.



American Turners Endowment Trust

IN MEMORIAM

Robert "Bob" Carlson – Eiche Turners
Geraldine "Gerry" Malone – Eiche Turners

Donors:

John P. & Arlene T. Dian

Toni & Hans Dian

FOR THE GOOD & WELFARE

James F. Haderlein

REMINDER: Please to send any **memorial donation(s)** directly to:

Endowment Trust of American Turners
c/o Thomas R. Bozonelos, President
324 S. Buell Avenue
Aurora, IL 60506-4628

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**TO ITS MEMBERS ENROLLED IN AN
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IN THEIR JUNIOR AND SENIOR YEAR.**

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NATIONAL CALENDAR

2023 EVENTS

National Bowling - Elgin
April 15 & 16, 22 & 23, 29 & 30
National Golf - Covington
July 12,13,14
National Softball - Ft. Wayne
June 24 & 25
National Festival-New Ulm
July 25-29
National Council Meeting
Illinois District

2024 EVENTS

National Bowling - Louisville
National Convention - Aurora