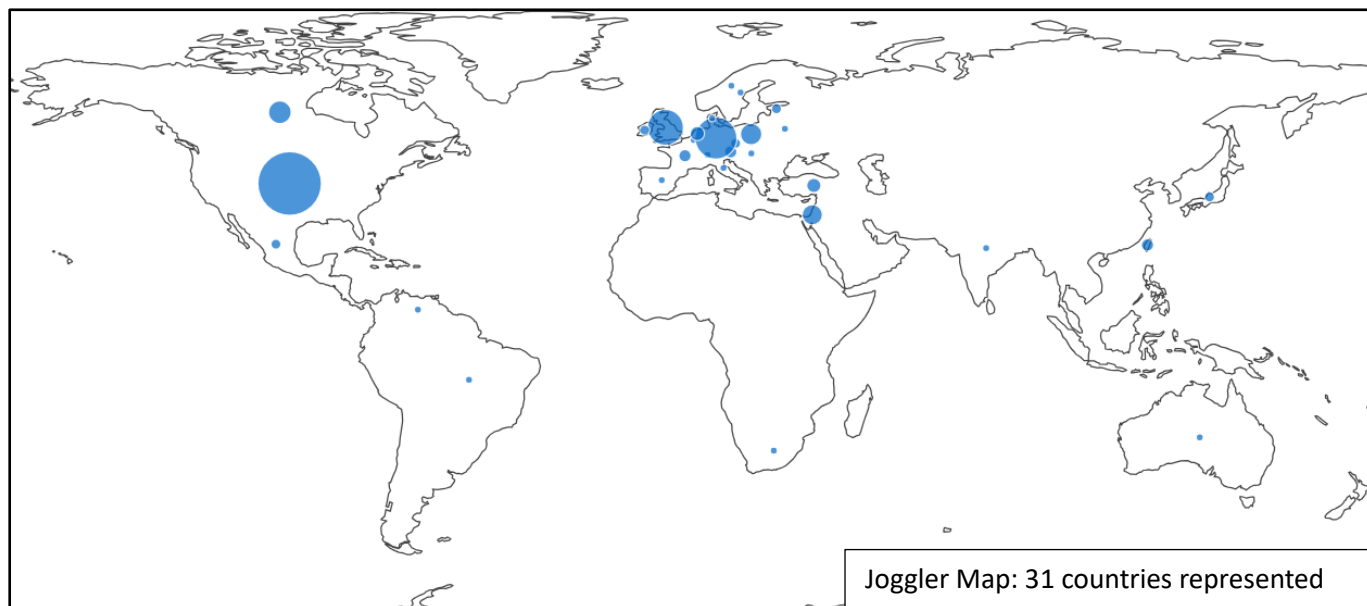


## Jogglers Jottings – May 2024

Hello Jogglers past, present, and future

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of Jogglers Jottings, since its revival last October. I aim to present a round-up of juggling activity from these past 3 months.

But first, It is with great sadness, that Bill Giduz, the inventor of juggling passed away on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Our thoughts are with Bill's family and friends. Bill made an enormous contribution to juggling, and, amongst many other things, used to write a quarterly column for the IJA magazine called 'Jogglers Jottings', which we continue today. Learn more about Bill and his legacy in [his obituary](#), written by juggling historian David Cain.



### Recent Juggling Highlights:

- Juggling has enjoyed it's share of media attention recently. British jugglers **James McDiarmid** and **Scott Jenkins** (both UK) were live on BBC Scotland, following [this article](#) on the BBC. This prompted appearances on radio stations both in the UK, and in New Zealand. **Tim Butler (UK)** also stars in the June edition of the Runner's World magazine as he nears his goal of juggling 100 marathons – an incredible achievement!
- The various articles have resulted in several long-time, and aspiring, jugglers to find our online communities. Rhett Farber (USA) for example has been juggling for over 40 years, all around the world. He reached out on 'Jogglers United' when a friend shared the BBC article.
- On the other side of the pond, **Jean-Marc Doiron (CAN)** had also featured on [CTV news](#) in his preparation for his world record juggling marathon performance in Fredericton. The 2:32 marathoner came close, but ultimately finished in 2:52:39, to rank 3<sup>rd</sup> of all-time. Jean-Marc has shared details of this training on Instagram, and in the juggler strava group, and has inspired many with his accomplishment. He filmed the entire attempt on a GoPro, and has already marked his intent to try again later this year.
- **Karly Swaim (USA)** has now juggled 40 races with both clubs and balls, including a 2:24:01 fastest half marathon, placing her 2<sup>nd</sup> of all-time. Karly is also working hard to level up her juggling – she is currently learning the 6 ball fountain, perhaps paving the way to higher number juggling efforts in the future!

- We welcomed our first Hungarian juggler to the community. **Attila Suszter (HUN)**, who completed a 5km joggle in Budapest in March. Also in Europe, **Kacper Suchora (Poland)**, who took up juggling only last year, completed his first half marathon in 1:51:20. Scott and Kacper met for a parkrun in his home city of Krakow on a beautiful trail route, thus creating a link in the [joggler network](#). Both will concur that meeting fellow jogglers is a lot of fun!
- **Andrew Miller (USA)** has raised over \$14000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, in memory of his friend Eric. Andrew juggled the Boston marathon in just over 5 hours. On the other side of the country, **Barak Hirschowitz (USA)** juggled the LA marathon, following in the juggling footsteps of Albert Lucas, and Mike Hebebrand, who juggled the event in the 1980's.
- A quartet of British Jogglers set times for the 4x100m and 4x400m juggling relays, at a meet up in April. A clash with the London marathon meant that several others couldn't make it, but there are already plans for another track meet up later this year.
- **Johan Swartvagher (FRA)** has become the first juggler to complete a marathon with clubs. Taking part in the Loire marathon, Johan finished in 4:49:33. He has released a podcast series '[En finir](#)' about his preparation.
- Ahead of the IJA juggling championships in July, **Sterling Franklin (USA)**, has created a database of all IJA juggling results from 1980, and shared this with [the juggling results archive](#). It is really quite astonishing to scan through the various ranking lists, such as the 7 ball 100m, 3 ball 4x400m relay, 5 ball 5km, and see just how many speedy jogglers there have been over the years!



**Above** (Clockwise from Top Left): Scott Jenkins (GBR), Johan Swartvagher (FRA), John and Kalia Handy Bosma (USA), Rhett Farber (USA)

**Below:** Karly Swaim (US), Jean-Marc Doiron (CAN)



I'll write again in the Summer with the latest joggling news. In the meantime, you can keep up to date with the joggling community on [Facebook](#) and [Strava](#).

Until then, happy joggling!

Scott Jenkins

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