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EDITORIAL

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Dear Reader,

Many thanks to **JOHN BEETON**, the editor, for his ceaseless work on keeping us all informed of all Trampoline based news and updates. Please do your part and circulate this newsletter as widely as possible. I am told some regions are not circulating this news and members are not getting this important news letter. If you are aware your region is not circulating this, please speak to the secretary to ensure others receive it.

For some, the National Finals this year indicated the end of a very long arduous year of competitions and training, and the start of a relaxing summer break. Fortunately, for one person, our Olympian, Claire Wright, National Finals would have been simply a stepping stone in along the way as the pinnacle of her trampoline career is edging ever closer. Good luck Claire, we will all be watching you and wishing you the very best at the Beijing Olympic Games.

For those that competed at the National Finals, congratulations and I hope that you realised all that you desired to achieve. I am sure that you will all be very proud to have been part of such a prestigious and historic event. This year were the largest National Finals ever and the first with all trampoline disciplines being showcased.

800 competitors,
150 volunteer workers,
32 judging panels – now that's a lot of judges!!!!

The number of man hours it takes to set up an event of this magnitude is immense, so on behalf of all the competitors, judges, officials and NTTC I would like to say a huge thank you to **Pam, John and Wayne Smith**, along with all their countless volunteers for the hard work, which I am sure at times seemed like it was never ending.

The changes so far this season in events are undoubtedly a success, even though we are experiencing the usual teething problems in such a dramatic change. It is good to know that with the added investment of over 35,000 pounds in equipment this year, this past competition season and National finals have been the safest on record. For all you parents out there, you can rest assured that we are taking our best care of your precious charges! Our thanks must go to equipment sponsors of **Penny Beer** and **Gymaid** who have kept such high standards through the season.

After the warm summer months, will often come the sometimes turbulent months of autumn. With the next phase of the competition re-structure happening during this period, I hope that competitions will weather the course better. The way coaches and officials present the changes to competitors will I am sure effect their enjoyment and therefore please do your best to keep this positive regardless of your own emotions. We still have a number of opportunities to adjust and improve the system so let's keep working together to enhance the sports future.

The NTTC have continued to work for all our best interests and have managed to secure a healthy budget for the forthcoming year, so that we can continue to develop our sport. The NTTC, although it does not broadcast its efforts, works extremely hard so that Trampoline is kept at the forefront of British Gymnastics and continues to grow in popularity and success. As a team, working together, the NTTC, squad coaches and personal coaches can achieve great things and I would like to thank all those that have contributed to trampoline successes, and hope that we can all continue to work together to achieve the same goals.

This year will also see English Gymnastics holding an English Championships, which will see teams from the different regions competing against each other. Selection competitions will take place at the beginning of the new season. Following this we will see the first Home Countries event and good luck to all those vying for those team selections.

Enjoy the remaining summer days, and nights, and I look forward to seeing you all next season.

WAGCs 2009 St Petersburg RUS

Sharon Wood has recently been appointed to oversee the arrangements for British Gymnastics entry to this event. Sharon will also act as Head of Delegation for the British team.

An initial planning meeting was recently held to discuss travel, accommodation, selection policies, chaperones, team uniform as well as numerous other details. The meeting was attended by representatives of both the ACRO and Trampoline Technical Committees, as well as staff of BG.

Details regarding the Selection Policy will be issued shortly, along with costs, travel details and VISA requirements.

FIG Council - Official News

Cape Town (RSA), May 2008

The FIG Council has accepted modifications and updates to the **Technical Regulations** as proposed by the Executive.

Among these:

- **new qualifying process** for athlete qualification to the Olympic Games. In the future, two events will serve as qualifying events: the world championships organised the year preceding the Olympic Games and pre-Olympic events.
- the **elimination** of world cup finals as of 1st January 2009. From this time forward, Olympic FIG disciplines will benefit from a world championship annually, with the exception of OG years.
- addition of the **Youth Olympic Games** and regulations to the list of official FIG competitions, as well as the addition of the **African Games**.
- scorekeeping **terminology**. **A** refers to **Artistic**, **E** to **Execution**, **D** to **Difficulty/Content** and **S** to **Synchronisation** in all FIG disciplines.
- from **1st January 2009** any senior or junior gymnasts wishing to participate in an international competition will need a **license** to do so.
- a new **FIG Internet** website will make its debut in July 2008.

WORLD CUP AROSA, SUI 19-22 June 2008

Women Individual (36 entries)

- 01 HUANG Shan Shan CHI 37.90 points
- 02 HE Wenna CHI 37.50 pts
- 03 KHILKO Ekaterina UZB 36.80 points
- 04 MOORE Jamie GBR 36.00 points
- 05 DRISCOLL Katherine GBR 35.9 points
- 26 PARKER Amanda GBR (60.10) points

Men Individual (57 entries)

- 01 LU Chun Long CHI 40.40 points
- 02 USHAKOV Dmitri RUS 40.20 points
- 03 BURNETT Jason CAN 39.10 points
- 30 HIGGINS James GBR (66.32) points
- 42 RENDELL Luke GBR (59.45) points
- 51 WALSH Steven GBR (48.85) points

Women Synchronised (09 entries)

- 01 HERBERT / BLANCHARD USA 46.09 points
- 02 VELICHKO / VORONINA RUS 45.40 points
- 03 PETRENIA / MIRONOVO BLR 44.80 points
- 06 DRISCOLL / MOORE GBR 27.60 points

Men Synchronised (19 entries)

- 01 KAZAK / MODEL BLR 48.4 points
- 02 MERINO / GANCHINHO POR 48.10 points
- 03 SOTOMURA / UHEYAMA JPN 48.00 points
- 04 FREEMAN / FREEMAN GBR 46.50 points
- 10 HIGGINS / WALSH GBR (81.07) points

This was an excellent result for the British team – all are to be congratulated for such a fine effort. **Ed**

WORLD CUP ALBACETE, ESP 25-29 June 2008

The British team travelled to Spain to participate in this the last world cup event of the present series, consisting off the following members:

HOD: John Beeton

Coaches: Jack Kelly, Sarah Silvester

Judge: Claire Thompson

Physio: Amberin Furr

Gymnasts: Yasmin Gumbs, Stacey Dann, Steven Walsh, James Higgins, *Andrew and Michael Freeman

*synchro only

To say that the conditions within both the training and competition hall were “warm” would be an under statement. Even the four industrial fans brought in to help the air conditioning units failed to make a difference. However, the gymnasts, along with the support staff co-opted admirably throughout.

This was the first trampoline world cup run by the Spanish Federation and they are to be congratulated for a well organised event

The World Cup team was accompanied to Spain by members of the British DMT team who were competing in the DMT International Tournament being held in Albacete at the same time.

Trampoline Results:

Women Individual (33 entries)

- 01 HE Wenna CHI 38.09 points
- 02 HUANG Shan Shan CHI 38.08 points
- 03 KARAVAEVA Irina RUS 38.05 points
- 20 GUMBS Yasmin GBR (60.08) points
- 21 DANN Stacey GBR (60.02) points

Men Individual (55 entries)

- 01 LU Chun Long CHI 41.00 points
- 02 DONG Dong CHI 40.09 points
- 03 ITO Masaki JPN 40.03 points
- 18 HIGGINS James GBR (66.04) points
- 29 WALSH Steven GBR (63.01) points

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Men Synchronised (20 entries)

- 01 **CHERNONOS / NIKITIN** UKR 50.01 points
02 **SERTH / HENRIK** GER 49.08 points
03 **LEVEN / KHNYCHEV** RUS 49.03 points
08 **FREEMEN / FREEMAN** GBR 46.05 points
17 **HIGGINS / WALSH** GBR (51.06) points

Women Synchronised (08 entries)

- 01 **CHERNOVA / KARAVAEVA** RUS 48.03 points
02 **KHILKO / SAVKINA** UZB 46.06 points
03 **HUENINGHAKE / SYED** GER 44.01 points

Presidential Election 2008

At the **Annual General Meeting** of British Gymnastics on **Friday 12th September 2008**, there will be an election for the **President** of the Association. For the convenience of Members, a form for nominations is available from the Lilleshall office on request, either in written or verbal.

DMT Invitational Albacete ESP 25-29 June 2008

The team representing British Gymnastics at this event consisted of:

HOD: John Beeton

Coach: Nick Earle

Judge: Bill Leach

Gymnasts: Nicola Pugh, Charlotte Walmsley, Kirsty Ward, Louise Pennell, Dominic Swaffer, Mathew Swaffer, Jason Plowman

DMT Results

Women Individual (17 entries)

- 01 **VICTORIA Vorinina** RUS 70.04 points
02 **GALINA Goncharenko** RUS 68.00 points
03 **ERICA Hart** CAN 66.02 points
07 **NICOLA Pugh** GBR 64.02 points
13 **CHARLOTTE Walmsley** GBR (64.01) points
14 **LOISE Pennell** GBR (55.01) points
15 **KIRSTY Ward** GBR (54.06) points

Men Individual (16 entries)

- 01 **ALEJANDRO Ruiz** ESP 75.01 points
02 **DIMITRY Fedorovskiy** RUS 74.00 points
03 **ANDRE Fernandes** POR 72.01 points
05 **DOMINIC Swaffer** GBR 72.00 points
06 **MATHEW Swaffer** GBR 69.04 points

(08) **JASON Plowman** GBR (69.03) points

This was a great result for our DMT team. Well done all. **Ed**.

Victory in Vila do Conde Four Nations 2008

Claire Thompson

GBR trampolinists **Emma Britton, Stacey Dann, Daniel Greaves, Jack Helme, Emma Smith** and **Steven Williams**, supported by coaches **Sue Bramble** and **Joy Scouler**, **Physio Amberin Fur** and **Claire Thompson**, Head of Delegation, set out for **Vila do Conde**, near **Oporto, Portugal** on Friday 13 June for the annual Four Nations competition.

Close to Oporto, Vila do Conde was the venue for the WAGC in 1994 and EC/EYC in 1998.

Competing with the Czech Republic, Denmark and Portugal, for the officials it was a case of renewing old acquaintances and catching up with friends of many years. For the competitors, young teams from all four countries were selected to gain experience en-route to full senior competition. There were names on each team we will see again at a high level in future competitions, judging on the performance given.

Organised as the best of four routines across three rounds, GBR lead at the end of the preliminaries based on solid set routine performances from the team and competitive difficulty levels in the voluntary. FIG A and FIG B set routines were equated by awarding no difficulty for FIG A performers. DEN, CZE and POR followed close behind.

A push for places on the podium of all countries caused a few thrills and spills in the final round. GBR and POR kept their placing, while the CZE five person team pipped DEN to take second place.

Final result **GBR 1st (374.2)**, **DZE 2nd (366.8)**, **DEN 3rd (365.9)** and **POR 4th (358.2)**.

All GBR team members' scores contributed to a super team effort.

Hosted by the local club, supported by the town mayor and managed by the Portuguese Federation, this was a friendly well matched competition. The GBR team was complimented for its appearance, conduct and performance at all times.

Our thanks go to the Portuguese, who were fabulous hosts and organisers.

Note: this was an excellent result for this young GBR team and all are to be congratulated for their victory. **Ed**



FIG / Cirque du Soleil Partnership THE PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

The Fédération Internationale Gymnastique (FIG) and the Cirque du Soleil (CDS) are pooling their efforts and resources in a new major and exclusive partnership, aimed at

assisting high level gymnasts, who have come to the end of their careers in sport, to forge their way in the workplace.

In a recently negotiated four year agreement, the FIG / CDS partnership will foster a climate of exchange between the two organisations, which will focus on image and strategy.

Recognised by the governing bodies of the International Olympic Committee, the FIG is the supreme authority on the global management and development of gymnastics through its 7 distinct disciplines: Gymnastics for all, Men's Artistic, Women's Artistic, Rhythmic, Trampoline, Aerobic and Acrobatic.

Founded as early as 1881, it is the oldest international sport federation in the world.

Whether in its ludic or competitive form, gymnastics is a vehicle of the health and well-being the FIG cultivates through its 130 national affiliated federations; world cup championships are staged and extensive educational programmes financed to educate athletes, coaches and judges alike.

For a great number of years, the CDS has operated as a private organisation offering athletes, who find themselves at the end of their competitive careers, exciting employment opportunities in professional entertainment. Both the CDS and the FIG recognise the pre-existing, unique relationship between athletes and their national sport entity, a relationship which earlier allowed these gymnasts to reach the highest level.

The joint objective of the CDS and the FIG is to co-ordinate efforts geared toward assisting athletes in the decisional process, whilst at the same time respecting the rules and ethical principles of sporting competitions with all transparency; and bearing in mind that both parties are founded on the pursuit of excellence.

Notice

The 18th "Aalsmeer Flower Cup" 21 March 2009.

This tournament is recognised by the KNGU and the FIG. Note the date in your 2009 Diary.

For more information contact:

flowercup@trampolining.net
<http://jump.to/flowercup>

Additional information will be available in October 2008.

British Gymnastics appoint Olympic Performance Director



British Gymnastics are delighted to announce that **Tim Jones** has joined the organisation, in his role as **Olympic Performance Director**, who will be responsible for the **World Class Programmes in Men's Artistic, Women's Artistic and Trampoline Gymnastics**.

Tim joins British Gymnastics from UK Athletics where he was the **Manager of the Loughborough HIPAC (High Performance Athletics Centre)** and was responsible for the performance programmes of around forty World Class Athletes.

Tim said: *"It is a really great time to become involved in British Gymnastics, the trend of recent results is suggesting that we have the policies in place to convert some positive junior performances into consistent medals at Major Championships, including the Olympic Games. My challenge post Beijing, will be to look at the systems in place, bring in some of my own learning experiences. And more importantly, ensure that we continue to go from strength to strength."*

Brain Stocks, British Gymnastics CEO said: "It's fantastic having Tim Jones on board, having someone come in from another sport gives us another dimension. We have the technical expertise to deliver the results, but having someone on board who has lived and driven the Olympic programme in another sport will give us a new approach and a new way of moving forward looking for more great results in the future."

Tim also had overall responsibility for the Paralympics Athletic Team and will still accompany them to the Games in Beijing this summer. Tim is formerly a National Coach in swimming and has run high performance swimming programmes in Birmingham and Edinburgh.

British Trampoline Championships 2008

Men's Championship

- 01 James Higgins (NTGA) – 38.90 points
- 02 Gary Short (Apollo) – 35.60 points
- 03 Steven Williams (City of Liverpool) 35.60 points

Women's Championship

- 01 Claire Wright (OLGA) 36.50 points
- 02 Jamie Moore (NTGA) 36.40 points
- 03 Yasmin Gumbs (NTGA) 34.90 points

Congratulations to all Podium placing, and especially to **Claire Wright** on winning her 8th consecutive national senior title.

FIG A & FIG B BRITISH NATIONAL TRAMPOLINE CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

Competition dates:

Saturday & Sunday 18th – 19th July

Closing date for Entries:

Monday 1st June

Venue National Indoor Arena, King Edwards Road, Birmingham, West Midlands B1 2AA

Phone no 0121 200 2202

Entry Fee £15.00

Cheques payable to British Gymnastics

Entry to British Gymnastics

Organiser Pam Smith

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WORLD CUP LOULE, POR

24-28 September 2008

New World Cup Rules 2009

The World Cup in Loule POR will be the first event in the 2009 World Cup series held under the new 2009 World Cup Rules, where gymnasts will be able to collect world cup points ranging from 50 points for 1st place to 6 points for 16th place.

Points will be allocated as follows:

Place	Points
1	50
2	40
3	30
4	25
5	23
6	20
7	18
8	16
9	14
10	13
11	12
12	11
13	10
14	9
15	8
16	6

Places 17 to 30 will receive 1 point.

The Winner of the World Cup Series 2009 will be the gymnast / pair with the highest points obtained in all available World Cup events **minus** 2 events (minimum 3 events). In case of a tie, the number of points obtained in the last competition will decide.

A special ceremony will be held at the last tournament for the overall winner in **TUM, TRA Synchronised** and **TRA**.

Prize Money will be allocated according to the following Ranking:

1st Place: SFR 2000

2nd Place: SFR 1200

3rd Place: SFR800

In an effort to maintain uniformity for each of the World Cup events, the FIG TR TC have decided on the following programme that all OCs must adhere to:

Day 1: Arrival of the Delegations

Day 2: Training and Podium Training

Day 3: Qualification Round TRA, TUM, TRA Synchronised

Day 4: Finals TRA Synchronised, TUM, TRA

Day 5: Departure of Delegations



FIG International Calendar 2009

Trampoline Gymnastics

2008, September, 04 - 07, ZIELONA GORA (*POL*), **TRA - Senior/Junior**
4th International Tournament Winobranie 2008

2008, September, 13 - 14, Kladno (*CZE*), **TRA - Senior/Junior**
36th International Trampoline Friendship Cup 2008

2008, September, 18 - 20, TOGLIATTI (*RUS*), **TRA TUM - Senior**
9th Trampoline and Tumbling World Cup Final (2007/2008 series)

2008, September, 26 - 27, LOULE (*POR*), **TRA - Senior**
World Cup Trampoline Gymnastics (2009 series)

2008, November, 01 - 02, KAOHSIUNG (*TPE*), **TRA TUM ACRO - Senior**
Test Events World Games 2009

2009, February, 03 - 08, BRATISLAVA (*SVK*), **TRA TUM - Senior**
FIG Intercontinental Judges' Course

2009, March, 21 - 21, AALSMEER (*NED*), **TRA - Senior/Junior**
18th Aalsmeer Flower Cup

2009, July, 16 - 26, KAOHSIUNG (*TPE*), **RG TRA TUM AER ACRO - Senior**
8th World Games

2009, November, 07 - 15, ST-PETERSBURG (*RUS*), **TRA - Senior**
26th Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships

2009, November, 14 - 22, ST-PETERSBURG (*RUS*), **TRA TUM - Junior**
19h Trampoline Gymnastics World Age Group Competitions

new 2010, April, 06 - 12, SOFIA (*BUL*), **TRA - Senior/Junior**
European Championships

new 2012, April, 10 - 16, WROCLAW (*POL*), **TRA - Senior/Junior**
European Championships



GT Podium Training:

August 15, 2008

15:50	16 women gymnasts arrival	National Indoor Stadium
16:00-16:30	Women warm up	WAG warm-up hall (two trampolines)
16:30-18:30	Women podium training (16 gymnasts)	FOP (two trampolines)
17:50	16 men gymnasts arrival	National Indoor Stadium
18:00-18:30	Men warm up	WAG warm-up hall (two trampolines)
18:30-20:30	Men podium training (16 gymnasts)	FOP (two trampolines)

August 16, 2008

09:40	16 women gymnasts arrival	National Indoor Stadium
09:50-10:50	Women warm up	WAG warm-up hall (two trampolines)
11:00-12:11	Women's Qualification	FOP (two trampolines)
10:50	16 men gymnasts arrival	National Indoor Stadium
11:00-12:00	Men warm up	WAG warm-up hall (two trampolines)
12:14-13:25	Men's Qualification	FOP (two trampolines)

August 18, 2008

17:50	8 women finalists arrival	National Indoor Stadium
18:00-20:00	Women warm up	WAG warm-up hall (two trampolines)
20:15-20:42	Women's Final	FOP (two trampolines)

August 19, 2008

17:50	8 men finalists arrival	National Indoor Stadium
18:00-20:00	Men warm up	WAG warm-up hall (two trampolines)
20:15-20:42	Men's Final	FOP (two trampolines)