

EDITORIAL

Martin Laws

As the 2001/2002 financial year draws to a close, may I start this Editorial with a huge congratulations to all our officers around the country who have managed the trampoline programme over the last financial year. We, as a new family in British Gymnastics, have now managed to increase activity in almost every aspect of the sport, whilst at the same time, managing to remain within budget.

This has been a terrific feat, led by our two NTTC officers and their teams, who manage the competitive program's - **Sue Lawton** (home events) and **John Beeton** (international competitions). Both have been under great pressure to provide more, yet remain cost effective. I am certain that both will also acknowledge the contributions to our success from every other area of Trampolining, working together as a team in the interests of all. We can look forward to the full integration of January 2003 as the end of a long road, but travelling in the right direction. Trampolining is building into a spectacular sport, recognised for its unity and strength.

In the last edition I reported on the intention to improve communication and this is still a focus of my attention. However due to ill health we have unfortunately lost the services of Judith Silver to head up our publicity communication group. This was a blow to our plans and I would like to wish Judith well on her road to recovery.

I am now "head-hunting" for the right people to join this committee and create the communication links we need across the country. Not all has been lost however, we have a new magazine called "Springboard" which will be sent to our members and is aimed at gymnastics from a child's perspective. We are increasing the circulation range of both "The Gymnast" and "Gymnews" to ensure all our members receive one of the magazines at least. Lloyd Readhead has developed a Tutors news bulletin to keep that group informed, and lastly, we have this electronic newsheet. Regions and Counties are also developing newsheets which go to members, adding to the communication process.

Unfortunately, Trampolining in general has not joined the communication process in a big way. Reports on events, activity and general interest are still not coming in for these publications to use. I would plead with everyone involved in the sport to send in articles for use. Editors have a difficult task at the best of times, but they cannot invent articles and pictures.

If we don't at least try to report on activity then we will remain in the dark. If you are in any doubt about who to send articles to, Email them to me and I am happy to forward them to the appropriate officers, who can contact you for pictures etc directly.

Finally, on behalf of you all, I would like to congratulate both our senior and youth team members for the success they have brought upon themselves and British Gymnastics over the past two months. It is quite obvious that a great deal of hard work is going on within the clubs, and I also wish to include the coaches and parents for their obvious contribution towards this success. Well done everyone.

WORLD AGE-GROUP GAMES

Much rumour has been circulated lately as to the future of the WAGs. Let me assure all that the WAGs will continue in their present form until the end of 2004 at the very latest. However, all should be aware that the FIGs Rules on Age Group philosophy will make a difference for the staging of the WAGs during the next Olympic Cycle (2005-2008) and disciplines such as Trampoline and Acro Sports will suffer unduly, unless we encompass these rules fully. You will obviously be kept abreast of all changes, and hopefully, I will be able to report further on this matter within the pages of the December issue of TRAMPOLINE NEWS. **Ed.**

FAIR PLAY AWARD FOR IRINA

Irina Karavaeva RUS has been rewarded by the **International Committee of Fair Play (ICFP)** and will receive the Diploma at the official Award Ceremony, to be held at the ICFP Headquarters in **Budapest HUN** during the month of November.

After the **IOC Medal of Recognition** awarded in **Ghent BEL**, this is the second international distinction received by Irina.

I am certain that all members of the Trampoline and Gymnastics community will join with me in sending Irina our heartiest congratulations in this recent award. **Ed.**

Next meeting of the NTTC is scheduled for 30 Nov 02 in London. Points for discussion to any NTTC member please.

World Cup Success for British Gymnasts

Four Gold and two Bronze Medals, along with a host of world cup points, were added to the overall tally of Great Britains Trampoline and Tumbling stars, at the final two events in the 2001-2002 FIG World Cup series, held in **Edmonton CAN** and **Greensboro USA** during August past.

Kathryn Peberdy was the star performer in both ladies Tumbling events in Canada and USA. Even the current world champion, **Olena Chabanenko UKR** could not match Kath's performance on this occasion, finishing some 5.4 points behind her in the Greensboro event, in second place.

Claire Wright's final routine in Edmonton was absolutely brilliant, scoring 8.5 8.6 8.7 8.7 8.6 14.2 (40.1) to take first place over **Anna Dogonadze-Lilkendey GER** (39.6) and **Olena Movchan UKR** (39.4). (Note of interest: Claire's score would have given her 5th place in the men's final!) **Kirsten Lawton**, who was recovering from a serious injury, surpassed all our expectations, by not only finishing fifth in Edmonton, but also recovering sufficiently to partner Claire to gold medal place in the Greensboro final of the ladies synchron event. Their final routine was just breathtaking scoring 8.9 8.7 8.9 8.8 9.5 9.5 12.1 (48.8). The synchronised score of 9.5 9.5 was a repeat of their previous round – and calculated by the newly introduced synchron scoring device which was official used in Greensboro for the calculation of result for the first time. Only the German pairing of **Dogonadze/Ludwig** scored higher (9.7).

Other notable results were: **Robert Small** – bronze medal in both men's tumbling events in Canada and USA. **Ross Gibson** – 5th placing in both men's tumbling events at the same events. **Claire Wright** – 4th place in the ladies individual final in Greensboro (.01 behind 3rd place). **Kirsten Lawton** – 8th in Greensboro. **Paul Smyth** and **Lee Brearley** making the men's synchronised finals in Greensboro, finishing in 9th place.

Both events attracted a very high quality field, with all of the current top gymnasts in the world present. Our men's team, whilst not in the medal or world cup points list, nevertheless performed admirably, although **Gary Smith** will want to forget about his 53rd placing in the USA event, having performed an excellent set routine, only to come to grieve in his first voluntary routine. Final Great Britain men's placing were:

EDMONTON – 63 entries

Paul Smyth – 13th
Lee Brearley – 17th
Gary Smith – 30th
Mark Alexander – 36th

GREENSBORO – 61 entries

Paul Smyth – 19th
Lee Brearley – 23rd
Mark Alexander – 35th
Gary Smith – 53rd

Britains success in the two events resulted in the team heading the medal table overall:

Great Britain: 4 gold, 2 bronze
Russia: 3 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze
Canada: 1 gold, 2 silver, 1 bronze
Ukraine: 1 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze
China: 1 gold, 1 silver
France: 1 gold, 1 bronze
Denmark: 1 gold
Germany: 2 silver, 2 bronze
Belarus: 1 silver, 2 bronze
Netherlands: 1 silver
USA: 1 x bronze

The playing of the National anthem **four** times, has never sounded sweeter **Ed**.

WORLD CUP FINAL QUALIFIERS

With the sixth and final qualifying event in the current World Cup series 2002-2002 ended, the qualifiers for the FIG World Cup Finals in **Hanover GER** during the period November 22-24 are:

TRAMPOLINE INDIVIDUAL: Men

1. **German Khnytehev RUS – 42 points**
2. **Nikolai Kazak BLR – 31 points**
3. **Peter Jensen DEN – 29 points**
4. **Alexander Moskalenko RUS – 28 points**
5. **David Martin FRA – 25 points**
6. **Markus Kubicka GER – 18 points**
7. **Vladimir Kakorko BLR – 16 points**
8. **Alan Villafuerte NED – 13 points**

TRAMPOLINE INDIVIDUAL: Ladies

1. **Irina Karavaeva RUS – 48 points**
2. **Olena Movchan UKR – 36 points**
3. **Natalia Chernova RUS – 32 points**
4. **Karen Cockburn CAN – 32 points**
5. **Claire Wright GBR – 26 points**
6. **Anna Dogonadze-Lilkendey GER – 24 points**
7. **Kirsten Lawton GBR – 22 points**
8. **Galina Lebedeva BLR – 15 points**

TRAMPOLINE SYNCHRONISED: Men

1. Mads Sejerøe/Peter Jensen DEN – 30 points
2. Sebastien Laifa/Mickaël Jala FRA – 27 points
3. Alan Villafuerte/Svan Mooij NED – 27 points
4. Alexander Moskalenko/German Knychev RUS – 27 points
5. Nikolai Kazak/Vladimir Kakorko BLR – 21 points
6. Mark Alexander/Simon Milnes GBR – 20 points
7. Markus Kubicka/Henrik Stehlik GER – 18 points
8. Yashuhiro Ueyama/Masaki Hitomi JPN – 15 points
9. Denys Vrazhkin/Yuri Nikitin UKR – 15 points

TRAMPOLINE SYNCHRONISED: Ladies

1. Olena Movchan/Oxana Tsiguleva UKR – 48 points
2. Claire Wright/Kirsten Lawton GBR – 38 points
3. Karen Cockburn/Heather Ross-McManus CAN – 30 points
4. Anna Dogonadze-Lilkendey/Tina Ludwig GER – 24 points
5. Tatiana Petrenia/Galina Lebedeva BLR – 23 points
6. Ekaterina Subbocheva/Lioudmila Padasenko BLR – 18 point
7. Aurora Monin/Julie Perreten FRA – 14 points
8. Irina Karavaeva/Natalia Chernova RUS – 9 points

NOTE: Kathryn Peberdy, Robert Small and Ross Gibson have also qualified for the Tumbling events in Hanover. Good luck to all of our qualifiers. Ed

EUROPEAN TEAMS FINALISED

The composition of both the TRA youth and DMT senior and youth teams for these championships, due to be held in **St Petersburg RUS** during the month of November have now been finalised, and are as follows:

DMT Seniors – men

Glen Rate, Toby Eager, Aaron Stokes

DMT Seniors – women

Natalie O'Connor, Stephanie Coyte

DMT Youth – boys

Dominic Swaffer

DMT Youth – girls

Katherine Driscoll

TRA Youth – boys

**Paul Noblett, **Brooke Milliner, +James Smith, +Steven

Walsh **Reserve:** Nick Joyce

TRA Youth – girls

**Hannah Lewis, **Katherine Driscoll, +Lauren Allen,

+Stacey Dann **Reserve:** Katie Harris

** and + denotes synchro pairings

The members of the NTTC would like to add their congratulations to all of the above and wish them well in these championships.

YOUTH TEAM WIN IN GERMANY

The Great Britain Youth team kept up their unbeaten record (since 1993 anyway) against the Germans with a resounding victory some 10 days ago, when this annual event was held in the town of **Dillenburg**. This historical annual match has now been going for 38 years. The victory was made even more pleasurable with our DMT team claiming a victory as well, over one of the arguably stronger DMT nations.

Team members, along with scores/results were:

Officials:

Coaches - Sharon Wood, Tony Hull (TRA) Stephen Grist (DMT)
Judges – Donna Grist, Bruce Craig

Gymnasts – Trampoline

Under 15 Girls GBR 389.5 points GER 364.8 points

Stacey Dann – 1st 94.9 points
Caitlin Thomson – 2nd 92.8 points
Katie Seager – 3rd 92.3 points
Emily Fitchett – 5th 90.9 points
Heidi Morgan – 7th 90.6 points

Under 15 Boys GBR 366.2 points GER 359.8 points

Christopher Hall – 1st
Thomas Lewis – 3rd
Michael Freeman – 5th
Paul Watson – 6th
Andrew Freeman – 10th

Under 18 Girls GBR 389.5 points GER 381.2 points

Hannah Lewis – 1st 100.8 points
Katherine Driscoll – 2nd 98.3 points
Katie Harris – 6th 93.2 points
Dominique Wilson – 7th 92.2 points
Lauren Allen – 9th 76.5 points

Under 18 Boys GBR 396.8 points GER 395.3 points

Brooke Milliner – 2nd 100.1 points
James Smith – 3rd 98.7 points
Steven Walsh – 4th 98.3 points
Nick Joyce – 7th 96.3 points
Paul Noblett – 9th 81.3 points

Great Britain 1524.4 points Germany 1501.1 points

Gymnasts – DMT

Girls GBR 182.9 points GER 173.0 points

Kirsty Ward – 2nd 61.6 points
Hannah Lewis – 3rd 61.1 points
Kelly Allen – 4th 60.6 points
Katie Seager – 8th 49.6 points

DMT Results cont.

Boys GBR 185.5 points GER 185.3 points

Dominic Swaffer – 1st 63.0 points

Luke Dyer – 2nd 62.2 points

Michael Freeman – 5th 60.2 points

Andrew Freeman – 6th 60.1 points

Great Britain 368.4 points Germany 358.3 points

All officials and gymnasts are to be congratulated for such an outstanding performance all round. Well done. Ed.

COMPETITIONS

Sue Lawton

The Competition Structure booklets have been re-written to accommodate all trampolining disciplines in sections. It is hoped that the new format will make the booklet more easily understandable to all.

New competition packs will be out in late Autumn.

The Competition Committee wish to thank all regions and competition organisers, who ran Grade 1 and Grade 2 competitions in the last year. We had a phenomenal budgetary restriction, but owing to the careful way in which the regions/organisers ran competitions, we managed to stay in “the black”. A big **thank you** to all.

COACHING

Cathy Page

Congratulations to all of the following, who have successfully passed their **International Performance Coach Award (IPC)**:

Martin Laws, Sue Lawton, Bill Leach, Paul Luxon, Brian Phelps, Biz Scales, Claire Thompson, Ed Toward and Sharon Wood.

International Program 2003

We are still awaiting word from the FIG on the venues for the 2003-2004 World Cup series, but we expect that there will be at least 2-3 being held during 2003. I am also endeavoring to get the inaugural **Home Nations Youth International** started, and hope that 2003 will be the year when this actually happens!

Venues are still awaited for our visits to Germany for the 4 x Countries (Apr) and 4 x Nations matches (Jun) but we do have

Confirmed dates.

11-13 Apr 03:

4 x Countries GBR FRA GER DEN – **GER** – TRA only

Mar/Apr 03:

Portuguese National DMT Championships – **POR** – senior DMT team only

06-08 Jun 03:

4 x Nations GBR DEN CZE Rhineland – **GER** – TRA only

11-14 Sep 03:

Great Britain v Ukraine match - **Salford GBR** – senior TRA only

26-28 Sep 03:

Great Britain v German Youth match – **Hull GBR** – TRA/DMT

13-19 Oct 03:

World Championships – **Hanover GER** – TRA/DMT

20-26 Oct 03:

*World Age-Group Games – **Hanover GER** – TRA/DMT

Nov/Dec 03:

Inagural Home Nations Youth International – **ENG/WAL – TRA only

*self-financing

**Home nation financing

NTTC ELECTIONS

These will be held at **Lilleshall** during the Technical Assembly, scheduled for **24-26 January 2003**. Nominations can only be submitted by Home Nation/Regions, and these are required to be submitted to British Gymnastics during the month of November at the very latest.

Technical Committee **Posts** available for nomination for the 2003 elections are:

Chair/Present Holder **Martin Laws**

Judging/Present Holder **Mike Phillipson**

World Class Liaison/Present Holder **John Beeton**

The Post duration for all of the above positions: 2003 for 2 years

EUROPEAN TEAM OFFICIAL

Team officials for these championships have been selected as follows:

Head of Delegation – John Beeton

Coaches – John Beer, Ed Toward, Bill Leach, Sharon Wood, Nick Earle

Judges – Martin Laws, Elizabeth Scales

Physio – Ivan Lawler

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