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## EDITORIAL

Martin Laws

Having just read a message from a Regional Secretary (which I was asked to keep confidential) I am mindful that Integration is still a long way from complete.

Integration of any organisation is like the mixing of a number of grape types to make a fine wine. Get the mix wrong and the taste is bitter, or overpowered by one of the originals and tastes like a cheap imitation. The skill must come from the taster identifying when it is right and wrong, and a continual adjustment until perfect.

Whether it is DMT into Trampoline, Trampoline into Gymnastics, Regions into National etc., it is all the same. The skill has got to come from the commitment of the officers to get the things right, and the actions taken when it is identified to be wrong.

So, as few of us are seasoned experts at such a task like the wine taster would be, how can we achieve the same sort of success? I have no real answers here. I wouldn't consider myself the expert, but I do have limited experience of other such major changes. My answer, look for best practice! We need to raise the profile of examples of good practice throughout the country and encourage others to follow suit. No matter how small, no matter where we need to identify where things are working and also where they are falling down. This cannot be done without communication. It is the vital key to such improvements.

I have noted News Editors everywhere complaining about lack of articles to work with. It is a common fault in all walks of life. However, for us this is a problem we must deal with and overcome. Editors have got to get together and share sources and articles and maybe cope with and reshape articles that don't quite fit their format. Officers have got to get better at jotting even some notes, picking up a telephone...anything, and getting them to the News Editors. Editors can only work with what they have. If they have nothing... this will result in the non-appearance of that Newsletter we all anxiously await at the end of each week or month.

Members have got to become PROUD OF THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS and whatever, wherever, whoever publicise the examples of good practice, so we can all follow. Without communication we will become mushrooms in the dark...and

We all know what they grow in!

The FIG has just announced **New Rules for the FIG World Ranking Lists**, starting from January 2003. An article from **John Beeton** on how this affects the Trampoline disciplines appears elsewhere in this edition. It makes interesting reading and covers all aspects of the new rules.

I would also like to thank the BG Finance Department for all the help they have provided over the past months, and especially **Samantha Campbell**, whose help NTTC members have found invaluable. Thank you Sam.

Our international teams continue to have success overseas. I would wish to add my congratulations to all concerned. Well done.

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## COMPETITIONS

Sue Lawton

The season is half way through. Grade 1's have attracted very high numbers in U15 & U18 Girls, necessitating a flight system.

The Competition Committee is looking at proposals for tidying up competition arenas, addressing the quality of performance of those entering G1 and G2, and giving the structure an 'overhaul'.

Regular posting of results by **Craig Bellis** on BG & Jumpers Web sites has been much appreciated by all.

The Competition Committee looked at combining G1 and G2 weekends and conducted a feasibility study through the Regions and Regional Competition Secretaries. The majority vote was for the initiative not to be implemented. Thanks to all those who responded.

The G1 events have doubled as trial competitions for major Youth and Senior selection for 2002.

**Claire Wright** and **Kirsten Lawton** have this season both broken the previous GB tariff record of 13.9 (set by Claire in 2001) competing respectively with a 14.2 and 14.1 in this season's G1's. **Gary Smith** has clocked up an amazing 15.8.

The mid-season synchro was well run and attended in Cardiff, and DMT continued to be an attraction. Additional competition information is elsewhere in this edition of Trampoline News.

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# FIG ACCEPTS WORLD RECORD SCORE OF GB GYMNAST

In compliance with current **Regulations for Official FIG World Records**, the FIG Technical Committee recently viewed video evidence of the voluntary routine performed by **Daniel Neale** at the **1999 World Cup Finals**, which were held in **Tavira POR**, and have accepted that the **14.6 difficulty score** (with the then rules) transfers into **17.0** (with current rules). This places Neale alongside **Igor Gelimbatovski URS** who's **17.0** (current rules) was performed at the **1986 World Championships in Paris FRA**.

For the record Daniel's routine was as follows:

1. 12 2 - 1 o = 3D 1.8
2. 12 2 1 1 o = 3D 1.9
3. 12 - - 1 < = 3D 1.8
4. 12 1 - 1 o = 3D 1.7
5. 12 - - 1 o = 3D 1.6
6. 8 1 3 < = 3D 1.6
7. 8 2 3 < 3D 1.7
8. 8 2 4 o = 3D 1.6
9. 8 2 1 < = 3D 1.5
10. 8 3 3 / = 3D 1.8

**Total: = 17.0**

Congratulations Daniel. Ed

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## IOC HONOUR FOR VERA

**Vera Atkinson**, GBs Press and Public Relations Officer, has recently been awarded the **IOC Women and Sport Achievement Diploma** for her outstanding contribution to the promotion of women in both gymnastics and sports as a whole.

A former Rhythmic World Champion – **Sofia** (1968). **Varna** (1969) and **Havana** (1971) with the **Bulgarian Rhythmic Gymnastics Group**, Vera's passion for gymnastics is known worldwide.

As well as working for British Gymnastics; and having introduced Rhythmic Gymnastics to the country, she is also a commentator for Bulgarian television and Sports Department Head of two national networks in that country. She has covered

11 Olympic Games and commentates on gymnastics, skating, fencing, yachting, curling and numerous other sports. Her abilities have earned her multiple awards and distinctions.

Vera will be presented with her award at a ceremony at the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in **New Orleans** in July of this year.

The NTTC would like to offer Vera our hearty congratulations on this richly deserved award. **Ed**

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## 2005 WORLD GAMES

The framework for the 2005 World Games is almost in place, and gymnastics will be represented with Rhythmic Gymnastics, Sports Acrobatics, and Sports Aerobics. Trampoline (synchro) and Tumbling.

New sports added to the provisional programme include: **Mountaineering** (indoor wall) **Canoe Polo** and **Sumo**

Additional disciplines include:

**Dance Sports** – Rock and Roll, **Tug of War** – Women's event and **Water Skiing** – Cable Wakeboard

There will be an increase in the total number of athletes and officials from 2500 (Akita) to 3000.

The competition will be held July 14-24 in **Duisburg GER** in conjunction with the nearby cities of **Bottrop**, **Mülheim** and **Oberhausen**.

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## DAVID WARD-HUNT CUP International Open

This event will be held at the **Black Lion Leisure Centre, Gillingham ENG** on **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2002**.

Competition offered includes **TRA** (IND and SYN) **DMT** and **TUM** with senior and junior classes in all three disciplines.

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# New Rules for the FIG WORLD RANKING LISTS

## Introduction

At its meeting in **Tenerife ESP** in December 2001, the FIG Executive Committee decided on the principles of a new World Cup System and the creation of ongoing **World Ranking Lists**, which can be used as qualification for the participation in the **FIG World Cup (Final)** and other invitational events.

## General

As far as Trampoline disciplines are concerned, FIG World Ranking Lists will be established for the following disciplines:

**TRA Ind., TRA Synchro, TUM Ind.,** for both men and women. The FIG has been requested to include **DMT** in the World Ranking List.

The new FIG World Ranking Lists are ongoing and the gymnasts gather World Cup Points at all major events (number of points dependant on the level of the event 1-6):

- Olympic Games
- World Championships
- World Cup Finals
- Continental Championships (or Games)
- A) The top International Tournaments
- B) Other major International Tournaments
- National Championships

Gymnasts who do not participate in any events eligible to provide World Cup Points during a year, or who retire, are removed from the list at the beginning of the following year, but can be re-instated if they decide to continue competing later.

At the 1<sup>st</sup> January of each year, the total number of points will be reduced by 30% to have a more active, up to-date and meaningful list.

The events eligible for World Cup Points, and their level, will be decided by the FIG Executive Commission, under consideration of the following criteria:

- Well known, traditional event which has proven to be successful in the past, with 3000 plus spectators per day
- TV coverage and sponsor support
- The world's top gymnasts participating
- Prize money

As well as other formal criteria with regards to the application, the date, number and category of judges, apparatus, FIG supervision, and taxes to be paid to the FIG etc. (see **FIG Rules for World Cup Competitions and World Cup Final**).

## World Cup Points

Olympic Games or World Games

1<sup>st</sup> 150 2<sup>nd</sup> 125 3<sup>rd</sup> 100 4<sup>th</sup> 70 5<sup>th</sup> 60 6<sup>th</sup> 50 7<sup>th</sup> 40 8<sup>th</sup> 30

World Championships

1<sup>st</sup> 125 2<sup>nd</sup> 100 3<sup>rd</sup> 75 4<sup>th</sup> 60 5<sup>th</sup> 60 6<sup>th</sup> 40 7<sup>th</sup> 15 8<sup>th</sup> 20

World Cup Final

1<sup>st</sup> 100 2<sup>nd</sup> 75 3<sup>rd</sup> 50 4<sup>th</sup> 30 5<sup>th</sup> 25 6<sup>th</sup> 20 7<sup>th</sup> 15 8<sup>th</sup> 10

Continental Championships or Games

1<sup>st</sup> 75 2<sup>nd</sup> 50 3<sup>rd</sup> 30 4<sup>th</sup> 16 5<sup>th</sup> 13 6<sup>th</sup> 10 7<sup>th</sup> 07 8<sup>th</sup> 04

Tournaments Category A

1<sup>st</sup> 50 2<sup>nd</sup> 35 3<sup>rd</sup> 25 4<sup>th</sup> 15 5<sup>th</sup> 12 6<sup>th</sup> 09 7<sup>th</sup> 06 8<sup>th</sup> 03

Tournaments Category B

1<sup>st</sup> 30 2<sup>nd</sup> 20 3<sup>rd</sup> 15 4<sup>th</sup> 10 5<sup>th</sup> 08 6<sup>th</sup> 06 7<sup>th</sup> 04 8<sup>th</sup> 02

National Championships

1<sup>st</sup> 10 2<sup>nd</sup> 05 3<sup>rd</sup> 03

For TRA Individual and TUM, World Cup Points are assigned to the gymnasts by name. TRA Synchro Pairs are listed by name, but considered as an entity. In the event of change of a Synchro partner, the Synchro Pair is considered as a new Pair. **World Cup Points** will be assigned at the following events:

## Olympic Games (for TRA Individual)

Every four years only

## World Games (for TRA Synchro and TUM)

Every four years, in the year following the Summer Olympics

## World Championships

Every second year (uneven years)

## World Cup Final

Every second year (even years)

## FIG Approved World Cup Events/Tournaments Cat A and B

Maximum 6 Tournaments Cat A and 6 Tournaments Cat B

(See FIG Rules for World Cup Competitions and World Cup Final). Gymnasts may gather World Cup Points at all FIG approved World Cup events.

## National Championships

Once per year. World Cup Points are assigned; provided the respective FIG affiliated federation sends the results to the FIG Secretariat prior to 31<sup>st</sup> December. In the event that the National Championships are "Open", a separate Ranking List, with the National competitors only, must be sent to the FIG.

## Beginning of the New World Ranking Lists

The new FIG World Ranking Lists for TRA and TUM will be published in December 2002. The following events will be counted:

- Olympic Games 2000 (for Synchro and Tumbling World Games 2001)
- World Championships 2001
- World Cup Final 2002

The total points gained in these 3 events will be the opening balances for the gymnasts at 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003. There will be **NO** reduction of 30% by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003, for TRA or TUM.

# NICOLA HITS THE BIG TIME IN GHENT

**Nicola Bramble GBR** took the **Cup of Flanders** by storm with her performance, in this, her first major international DMT event, by winning the ladies competition with a score of 60.7 points, over a very strong field, which included members of the German and Belgium National teams, as well as a strong Portuguese and Swedish entry. To say that she was surprised with her win would be a gross understatement. However, her performance was excellent and her sights must now be firmly placed on a podium placing in the forthcoming European Championships at the end of the current year.

Other success in this international event, which attracted 200 plus gymnasts from nine countries, included a second place for **Jumpers Gillingham** in the Ladies Team Final, as well as a second placing for young **Dominic Swaffer WAL** in the DMT youth event. The Welsh senior men's team placed fifth in their DMT final.

These were excellent results all round for this venture into Europe for our DMT fraternity.

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Congratulations to **Zsani Alexander** on his appointment as National Youth Squad Coach.

Another trampolinist, **Catherine Ann Braganza** from **Outbounce TC** in **Maidstone**, will carry the **Commonwealth Games Baton** in **Colchester** on **25<sup>th</sup> June**.

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## GREAT BRITAIN v UKRAINE

### VENUE REQUIRED

The National team of **Ukraine** is due to visit the United Kingdom during September 2003 for an international match against Great Britain, as part of their warm-up for the world championships in October. Like Great Britain, Ukraine is seen as one of the top five teams in the world, and this match is certain to be a crowd pleaser.

The match is scheduled for **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, with the Ukrainians arriving on the 11<sup>th</sup> and departing on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Ideally, I would wish to stage the match in the London area, but would also be happy to stage the event in the Birmingham or Manchester areas. I am also not akin to scheduling the event in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland. However, I do require going firm on a venue soon.

Finances are available to assist with the organisation of the match, and Divisions/Home Nations interested in hosting such, should contact me in the first instance for further details **Ed**.

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## A final reminder

This is a final reminder that as from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2003 **all** coach qualifications **MUST** match competitive entries.

To clarify a gray area (although BG allow the training of gymnasts one level above a coaches qualification) if you can prove prior learning (designed to allow practice prior to courses), this rule **does not** apply to competition.

**Competition Entries MUST be accompanied (and present on the day) of a qualified coach.**

There still appears to be a number of clubs who have not as yet progressed their coaches over the last two years to match competitive entries. This rule change has been well publicized and clubs should not wait until after they have been rejected to deal with the problem. A number of coaches have also been confused regarding what they are actually qualified to coach. If in doubt, please contact **Cathy Page** for information.

BG has continuously modified coach courses, as did the BTF. and if you haven't done "top up" course, you may not hold the current qualification.

It is important to the NTTC to understand any remaining issues still out in the "field". Regions are also asked to identify any specific are so that they can be rectified at the earliest opportunity.

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## CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to our DMT team who excelled themselves in the recent **Frivolten Cup SWE.**, in this, their very first venture into Europe as an official GB team. Although there were no podium placing, both the women and men's senior team did exceptionally well, with final placing being obtained by the majority of the eight gymnasts, against strong European opposition.

Placing were:

### Women

- 4<sup>th</sup> Nicola Bramble
- 5<sup>th</sup> Natalie O'Connor
- 7<sup>th</sup> Jemma Summers
- 9<sup>th</sup> Stephanie Coyte

## Men

6<sup>th</sup> Arran Stokes

8<sup>th</sup> Glen Rate

9<sup>th</sup> Matthew Swaffer

12<sup>th</sup> Toby Eager

We all very much look forward to following the fortunes of these talented gymnasts during the coming years. **Ed.**

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## Gold in Denmark

**Great Britain** were the overall winners in the annual 4 countries international meeting, hosted this year by Denmark in the town of **Naestved** during the month of April, with a combined total score of **615.6 points** over **FRA** in second place (614.6 points) **GER** (569.4 points) and **DEN** (543.4 points).

In the ladies event, **Claire Wright** won the individual gold medal with a total of 104.8 points. This score, added to that of the rest of the ladies team of **Katherine Driscoll: 3<sup>rd</sup>**, **Hannah Lewis 6<sup>th</sup>** and **Aurora Necco 12<sup>th</sup>**, proved sufficient for them to win the ladies overall team event, with **FRA**, **GER** and **DEN** finishing in that order.

In the men's event, the team of **Mark Alexander 4<sup>th</sup>**, **Gary Smith 5<sup>th</sup>**, **Brooke Milliner 7<sup>th</sup>** and **Jem Camble 11<sup>th</sup>** finished in second place, ahead of **GER** and **DEN**. France were the winners in the men's competition.

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## British Gymnastics Annual Awards Luncheon

**The Botanical Gardens, Birmingham** was the venue for the 2001 BG Honorary Awards Luncheon, and it was most gratifying to see so many trampoline members being honoured, both gymnasts and officials alike.

Amongst the trampoline fraternity present at the luncheon being honoured were:

### Distinguished Judge Award

John Beeton (2000 Award) Mike Phillipson and Martin Laws

### Master Coach Award

Sue Lawton

### Award of Merit

Jim Crowe and Bill Leach

## Master Gymnast

Claire Wright, Kirsten Lawton, Mark Alexander, Paul Smyth, Carl Furrer. Gary Smith and Bob Hughes.

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## JUDGING

Mike Phillipson

The National Judging Committee have met twice this year to look in particular at the judging syllabus and judging grades (don't panic folks – no major changes are envisaged). It is hoped that a new "judging" booklet will be available to all Regional/Home Nation Secretaries and Judge Organisers in the Autumn. We also intend to put the syllabus changes on to the web site so that all can view etc.

There is also a judging survey, which will be available in time for the Nationals to give us more information; and to enable us to help you, and improve what we do.

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## URGENT CHANGES TO GRADE 2 COMPETITION

As of 1<sup>st</sup> October 2002, a new rule determining how a Grade 2 competitor progresses to Grade 1 is being introduced.

**Grade 2 competitors wishing to progress to Grade 1 will be required to compete the Grade 1 compulsory routine, to an up-date panel, for the age-group into which they will be progressing, as well as achieving qualification scores from a Grade 2 competition.**

**N.B. all qualifications gained in 2002 will be honoured and anyone not changing age group in 2003 will be bound by the existing rules, and NOT the new ones.**

Full details of the change will be circulated shortly to all clubs. We respectfully request that clubs DO NOT contact any of the Competition Committee members regarding this change, for clarification, until AFTER the information has been received, after which time we shall be happy to respond to all enquiries etc.

Sue Lawton

Chair BG Competition Committee.

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The next meeting of the NTTC is scheduled for **Lilleshall** on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2002. Members who have any relevant items they wish discussed, should contact the **NTTC Minute Secretary, Donna Grist**, in the first instance.

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