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EDITORIAL

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Dear all,

Welcome to this April edition of TRAMPOLINE NEWS. My thanks to **John Beeton** the editor, for all his efforts to keep you all informed, and all those who have contributed to this important Newsletter. Please circulate this latest edition as widely as possible.

Congratulations to John Beeton on his retirement from work and we are all now trying our best to keep him busy!

Congratulations also to **Mike Phillipson**, **Peter Heames** and **Claire Thompson** for all safely completing the FIG Intercontinental Judge course in January. The British course planned for May is hoped to allow slightly wider access for information purposes by invitation as an experiment, more to follow.

Since the release of the Trampoline Strategic Plan, many have already downloaded this from the BG website and we have had a really positive response. Work has already commenced on issues within the plan and meetings abound in all areas of the sport! It is hoped that ALL Regions/Home Nations will commence work and support the plan. I would request all readers to talk with their respective Regions or Home Nations Technical Committees about local work and plan – Together we can make a difference.

NTGTC would like to congratulate all of our squad members, personal and squad coaches for keeping Great Britain at the forefront of the international scene. World Class and Exchequer Funding have as expected raised its head, and as expected from the announcements made at the January Technical Assembly, Trampolining has fared well under heavy cuts in other disciplines. The pressure however is on from UKSport and all Home Nation funding agencies to become even sharper and bring home even more medals, with the ultimate of a medal in Beijing as a clear target. The prospect of failure simply cannot be considered if we are to remain funded at all! This has left us however with some major rethinking to ensure efficiencies and delivery is maximised in all high performance areas. This isn't all doom and gloom, as there is now funding available on local and regional levels, please seek

out all funding agencies and make sure trampolining gets its fair share of local and regional sport board money. My intention is to try and provide a quick guide to such funding for clubs in the near future for circulation.

Members were shocked to hear of the horrific injury to **Mads Jorgenson** from Denmark two years ago. I thought that I would pass on this little piece of positive news: Mads passed the exam at the international judges' course in Stockholm, so he is now a qualified judge. He even passed the 'super DD' (of course!). Being in a wheelchair Mads is still limited in his possibilities of travelling all over the world, but we will still see him at competitions and that is wonderful and a remarkable credit to himself and his supporters.

With the full closure of the BTF and secured funding under BG for the next four years, trampolining can now face up to the challenges and meet them head on.

UEG Co-option

Congratulations to **Martin Laws** on his co-option to the UEG TR TC. With Martin's appointment, British Gymnastics are now represented on both the FIG and UEG Trampoline Gymnastic Technical Committees.

National Squads

There have been one youth and one senior squad so far this year with the next senior squad scheduled for Loughborough on the 23rd/24th April. There is also a world class potential training squad scheduled for Poole from the 29th March to the 1st April 2005.

7th World Games

Due to be held on 14-24 Jul 2005 in **Duisburg GER.**, GBR will have representatives in both the ladies and men's synchronised competitions. DMT has been awarded reserve slots in both the ladies and men's events.

END OF AN ERA

Many British Gymnastics and old British Trampoline Federation members may be wondering why they continue to hear about the BTF. The truth is this highly successful governing body has taken many years to finally end its operation and close as a company. The structure was extremely successful and due to its limited company status and strict articles of association a number of legal hoops had to be jumped in order for the merger with British Gymnastics to finally be completed.

Competitive trampolining began in the USA after World War II. The activity spread to Europe in the 1950s, inspired by visits from **George Nissen**. Display teams travelled to all continents in the 1950s and 1960s, a time when many national federations were formed. Scotland was the first to establish its National Federation in 1958 and also during that year the first Nissen Cup was held in Switzerland, an event that continues to this day.

1964 saw the creation of the British Trampoline Federation (BTF), by **Ted Blake** along with other well-known names such as **Bert Scales** and **Rob Walker**. It was felt that the BTF should be made into a Limited Company, thus protecting all its members and directors from any financial responsibility should the Federation have any financial difficulties, or even go bankrupt. This was a shrewd business move and served the BTF well to its final days, with only a few hiccups on the way!

Ted was the first of a huge assortment of highly respected names in sport to be involved in this governing body. During its days BTF members achieved a staggering 75 World and European medals including 11 World Gold's. It is no wonder that Trampoline Gymnastics has flourished under British Gymnastics to become one of its most successful disciplines.

In 1964, the International Trampoline Federation (FIT) was formed and the first World Championships were held in that year. European and Pan Pacific Championships soon followed. USA athletes dominated in the early years, but these days many nations share in the top honours.

In 1996, at the first Olympic Gymnastics Gala in Atlanta, Trampolining was performed and only a year later it was granted Olympic status by the IOC. This required the FIT to merge with the FIG, a tricky business that was successfully accomplished, ensuring the sport's debut at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney.

1997 saw negotiations begin to integrate the governing body of Trampoline and British Gymnastics. There was support from both governing bodies for joining BG, as well as some opposition, but ultimately the integration happened and British

Trampolining became an Olympic Sport.

From January 1999, the FIT merged with FIG, which resulted in a referendum in May to discuss and vote on the BTF merging with BG. Following the referendum it was finally decided that the BTF would merge with BG and thus trampolining would become a discipline under BG.

The BTF central council changed to become the National Trampoline Technical Committee and the original BTF structure aligned with the BG structure of 10 English Regions and 3 Home Nations.

The year 2000 saw the start of a new millennium and a new start for Trampolining! The BTF finalised its merger with BG in line with the International Olympic Committee (IOC) requirements; as a result trampolining made its debut in the Sydney 2000 Olympics with representation from Great Britain in the forms of **Lee Brearly & Jamie Moore**.

The relationship that trampolining has had with BG has proved to be a good one with good results from international competitions especially from the Olympics, and hopefully these results will continue, and improve

FOUR COUNTRIES MATCH GBR v FRA v POR v GER

Saturday 9th April 2005
Jumpers Rebound Centre, Gillingham, Kent
2pm – 6pm

Extremely limited seating, tickets can ONLY be pre-ordered and may not be available for sale on the day

£7 traditional side view, £5 end on view, children under 16 £3.50 and £2.50

To order or for further information, please contact...

liz@trampoline.co.uk or call 01634 855507

Simply book, pay and collect on the day!

The Strategic Plan

Currently conversations are being had with British Gymnastics and the Home Nation Associations, regarding the plan implementation, and before long the Plan will be well and truly up and running.

Four Countries Cup

This year the four Countries Annual Match is being held in the UK, at **Jumpers Rebound Centre** on **Saturday 9th April 2005**. This year the event looks to be a great one, with some tough opposition from the other countries.

Each team consists of two Senior and two Junior men and women; GBR will be represented by the following gymnasts:

Ladies:

Lauren Allen
Natalie O'Connor
Natalie Jacques (**Res**)

Youth Girls:

Stacey Dann
Yasmin Gumbs
Daniella Pietruszka (**Res**)

Men's:

Jem Camble
Brian Camp
Brooke Milliner (**Res**)

Youth Boys:

Tom Lewis
Chris Hall
Luke Rendell (**Res**)

Germany

Jessica Simon, Catherine Auerbach, Sarah Syed and Carina Baumgärtner
Dennis Luxon, Martin Gromowski, Christopher Schüpferling and Niclas Kühner

Portugal

Sílvia Saiote, Cindy Marquez, Ana Rente and Nicole Pacheco Nicolau Marques, André Lico, Amadeu Neves and OLYMPIC FINALIST Nuno Merino

France

Aurelie Gratay, Flodie Dufau, Marjorie Julien and Fanelie Gigoux
Matteo Campus, Cyril Gombauld, Sebastien Martiny and Romain Legros

Don't miss out and book your tickets before all the limited seating is sold.

Flowers Cup Report

Sharon Wood

Sharon Wood, HOD
Jack Kelly, Coach
Sally Slinger, Judge
Phil Waterworth, Physio

F.I.G B Girls 'B'

05th Katy Ianson
09th Imogen Gunner
16th Emma Scanlon

23rd Lucy Ryall

F.I.G Boys 'B'

07th Michael Freeman
10th Luke Rendell
11th Nathan Bailey
14th Joe McAdam
17th Steven Williams
40th Matthew Wright

F.I.G Men 'A'

12th Brooke Milliner
19th Paul Noblett

The whole team enjoyed the trip to Aalsmeer with varying degrees of success. In the girls competition, all four girls competed excellently against a very strong and experienced group which was won by **Alena Tarasevich** from Belarus with a score of 36.9. There were 63 competitors in this group.

In the boys event, **Luke Rendell** was in 3rd place going into the final and then had an upset midway through his final voluntary routine which meant that he finished in 10th place. This event was won by **Steven Gluckstein** from the USA with a final round score of 38.3 points. There were 47 competitors in this group.

In the Men's event it was a first senior outing for **Brooke** and **Paul** against a very strong field with 61 competitors starting. There was a mix up between the boys on the bounce order and Brooke went up before Paul for the compulsory which should have been the other way around. Brooke competed a good set routine scoring 28.1 and Paul scored 28.7 after a very overturned 3/4 back ss. The boys then sorted themselves out for the first voluntary and after a very good first 4 skills, Paul found himself on the side in the 5th move and had to do a good recovery job to finish his routine and the scores reflected this. Brooke then competed his voluntary routine very impressively finishing just behind the top ten. The event was won by **Peter Jensen** who scored an impressive 41.3 in the final hardly moving from the middle! **Ryan Weston** from USA was in 2nd and **Konstantine Miroshnikov** from Israel finished in 3rd place after successfully competing 5 trifflis in his vol.

Gary Short competing for his club was the best placed British senior man making the final and finishing in 5th place.

Although there was no GBR representation in the Ladies event, **Katherine Driscoll**, also competing for her club, finished in 11th place just missing the final, having hit the end mat on her out bounce. The ladies event was won by **Alaina Herbert** from USA.

It was nice to see so many competitors from GB at this event competing for their clubs, and it helped to put our new squad members at ease for their first international competition.

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