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EDITORIAL

Malcolm Clark

The ballot of the BTF membership in June last year decided that Trampolining should become a discipline of British Gymnastics. This means that Trampolining will be organised by a National Trampoline Technical Committee (TTC) which consist of six persons. Each member of this committee has specific responsibilities for competitions, judging events, judging education, coaching, world class liaison, with myself as the Chair.

Within the British Gymnastics organisation structure each Region/Home Nation will have its own Technical Committee, responsible for the organisation within that Region – in a similar fashion to the old BTF Divisional Committee.

To enable each Regional Technical Committee to be given up to date Trampoline information, the TTC intends to produce a Newsletter every two months, beginning with this April edition. We hope that this will encourage good communication practices and give an indication of the progress being made by each of its members.

There are two vital pieces of information that the TTC requires from each Region/Home National Technical Committees this year.

- An indication of how each Region/Home Nation would suggest the financial level of membership fees that are acceptable within that area.
- Suggest nominations for the six National Trampoline Technical Committee seats as described earlier, in July of this year.

I am certain that Trampolinists will very quickly adopt to the organisational structure of British Gymnastics; and hopefully be able to participate fully as the newest discipline.

NEWS FLASH

The sport of Trampolining has been confirmed as a discipline in the Programme of the Athens Olympic Games in 2004. The FIG TR-CO have still to work out the criterion for entry. Hopefully, we can arrive at a much better system of selection than that for Sydney, to everyone's satisfaction! **Ed.**

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

John D Beeton

A four year international Programme has been put together in an effort to ensure that officials, coaches, judges and gymnasts are kept abreast of our future plans. As well as catering for the seniors there are a number of planned youth internationals also, including the introduction in 2001 of an annual Home Countries Youth International.

We have also had tentative acceptance of a visit from both the Russian Federation, in 2001, and the Canadians in 2002 for international matches. The Russian match will most probably be held in Cardiff in June, and will consist of both trampoline and tumbling events. The venue/date for the visit of the Canadians in 2002 is still to be arranged.

During the current year, the GBR v GER Youth international has been arranged for **30 Sep** in the town of **Duisburg**. 4 x officials and 20 x gymnasts will be involved.

The World Cup in **Guildford** on **24 Jun** should be a show piece for the sport, with entries having been received from all over the world, including current world champions As well as a number of those selected for the **Sydney Olympics**, participating. If you do not already have a ticket for this event, these can be obtained from the following source:

Guildford Spectrum

Fax: 01483 443311

e-mail: www.guildfordspectrum.co.uk

Credit Card – MasterCard/Visa/American Express/Diners
Quote World Cup/card number/expiry date/issue number (if applicable)

Tickets cost **£5 per person** and cover both Preliminaries and Finals.

Guildford is **thee** place to be on the 24 June.

During the current year we have had to cancel both the annual **4 x Nations** and **4 x Countries** events for a number of reasons, but the good news is that the 4 x Countries has been re-scheduled for **7 Apr 2001** at **Temple Park** under the auspices of **Bill Leach** and his committee. Already, arrangements are well in hand for this event.

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Unfortunately, Great Britain will not be participating in the **4 x Nations** event. This was due to an oversight. However, it is our intention to participate in the 2001 competition, due to be hosted by the **Czech Republic** in June.

WANTED

A Region/Home Nation to host the **GBR v GER Youth International match** in **2001**. A date has still to be fixed, but will most probably be in September. I already have one candidate from the South of the country, but if your Region/Home Nation wishes to be considered, please contact the **editor**.

JUDGING MATTERS

Peter Heames

An **Intercontinental Judges Course** is scheduled for **Bratislava SVK** over the period **27-31 January 2001**. The Intercontinental courses are run every four years (Olympic Cycle) when 23 candidates from each federation attend the course, followed by the examination. At the end of the examination, those candidates who are successful then organise judges courses/examinations in their own countries, assisted by members of the FIG TR-CO. For the 2001 course, both **Mike Phillipson** and I will hopefully travel to Bratislava, returning to run a course in mid February, for all current holders of the FIG Brevet, as well as for those sitting the judges examination for the first time.

All **doping controls** conducted at the Olympic Test events in Sydney were **negative**.

86.250 tickets have been made available to the Australian public to view the **gymnastics/trampoline training sessions**. All seats for the finals have been sold out for some time now.

JUDGING EVENTS

Mike Phillipson

There has been some delay in issuing the list for this year's international events, due, in the main to the cancellation, or re-scheduling of both the 4 x nations and 4 x countries events, which affected approximately 10 judge places. These changes drastically affected the shape of the judge allocation.

The Judges selected for the current year are as follows:

FIG WORLD CUPS

18-21 Feb:	Gosford AUS	Tony Hull
23-25 Jun:	Guildford GBR	Mike Phillipson
		If required Tony Hull
		Reserve Bert Scales
29 Jun-02 Jul:	Vienna AUT	Peter Heames
		Reserve Biz Scales
14-17 Dec:	Dessau GER	Martin Laws
		Reserve Bill Leach

EUROPEAN YOUTH CHAMPIONSHIPS

14-17 Oct:	Eindhoven NED	Biz Scales
		Reserve Martin Laws

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17-22 Oct:	Eindhoven NED	Bert Scales
		Reserve Martin Laws

GERMAN YOUTH v GREAT BRITIAN YOUTH MATCH

29 Sep-01 Oct:	Duisburg GER	Bill Leach
		Claire Thomson
		Reserve Mike Phillipson

SYDNEY 2000

The members of the TTC would like to offer their congratulations to both **Jamie Moore** and **Lee Brearley** on their selection for Sydney 2000. We also join with the membership of British Gymnastics in wishing them every success in their endeavors on the Olympic stage. Good luck to both. **Ed**.

COMPETITIONS

Bob Richardson

ELIGIBILITY

From 1 April 2000, all competitive Trampoline activity came under British Gymnastics. The National Competition Committee sent out a letter to this effect during the month of February, defining the rules for eligibility to compete in British Gymnastics Trampoline Competitions. This was circulated to all BTF Central Council members, British Gymnastics, as well as all clubs with registered competitors in 1999, Regions/Home Nations and Competition Secretaries.

To compete in British Gymnastics Graded 3 to 6 competitions, all competitors must be at least an Associate Member of British Gymnastics, or registered to a Home Nation. Proof that the club has at least had their registration received by either British Gymnastics or the Home Nation will be acceptable. If this is not complied with, then the competitor will not be allowed to compete, and the entry fee will be retained.

Any questions regarding the above should be addressed to Bob. **Ed**.