

TRAMPOLINE NEWS No 6

February 2001

Editor: John D Beeton: gordonsacf@sol.co.uk

EDITORIAL

Malcolm Clark

This will be the last issue of this Newsletter before the elections occur for your Trampoline Technical Committee at 2pm on 31 March 2001. Therefore, it seems appropriate that some indication of the progress of trampoline, as a discipline of British Gymnastics, be indicated.

Both the British Gymnastics official newsletter (**Gym News**) and magazine (**Gymnast**) now incorporate trampolining news and information. The November/December edition profiled the Olympics, with coverage of our first Olympic finalist, **Lee Brearley**, who finished 6th, only 3.8 points behind the winner, **Alexandre Moskalenko**. In the World Cup Finals, **Claire Wright** finished 5th in the Ladies individual final and **Simon Milnes** and **Mark Alexander** won the Silver Medal in the Men's Synchronised Final.

The World Class Performance results of trampolinists enabled British Gymnastics to gain **nine** medals in the **European Championships**, and has enabled funding of over **£126,000** to be accessed for trampolinists. It has also been confirmed, by the IOC, that trampolining will be part of the next Olympics in Greece in 2004.

Internationally, we have maintained our international position on the **FIG Trampoline Technical Committee**, through the election of **John Beeton**.

A new **Code of Practice** and **Safety Poster** has been produced and will be available shortly. The syllabus for the new British Gymnastics trampoline coaching scheme has been agreed and the **Trampoline Coach Award**, with its new resource material, will be available for courses scheduled for January 2001. There are ongoing discussions regarding the level of the trampoline coach who can look after competitors at various competitions. There is to be a new tutors' information day on **25 March 2001**. **Donna Grist** is to be congratulated on her appointment as a **Welsh National Coach**.

A new competition structure involving Scotland has been agreed. Also, we have agreed a venue for the National Grade 1 competition for the next three years. The documentation of results and validation of competition entries for all British Gymnastics competitions has been competently dealt with by **Carol Hardman** and **Bill Freeman**, and it is hoped new technology being introduced by British Gymnastics will speed up this task in the future. This technology should also help every club, in every Region, to have faster communications, as well as

their own web pages etc.

The new Olympic Cycle is now in operation, with an **International Brevet Course** for **Judges** being held in **March 2001** and a **Code of Points** booklet being printed.

To enable **Double Mini-trampoline** to develop, the Trampoline Technical Committee has decided that a post be created on the committee to accommodate the discipline. Therefore, this is a new position to be voted upon at the March elections.

We are at present examining the various selection criteria, which will be published in *Gymnews*.

The Central Council for Physical Recreation is conducting a National Survey on Rate Relief for clubs who own their own premises. This is to enable it to make a case for rate relief for voluntary sport clubs on a par with charities. Therefore, they require evidence from clubs on the situation they face. A copy of the survey form is available from myself on request.

The Chief Executive Officer has requested the Policy Board to review British Gymnastics current position on **Health and Safety**.

The one piece of bad news is due to his imminent departure for life in Italy, we will be losing the services of **David Pickup**. Over the years DP has been a tremendous asset for our sport and I am sure you will all wish **Georgia** and him well.

FIG EXECUTIVE

At the meeting of the FIG Executive, held in **Marrakech** last November, the **FIG President, Bruno Grandi**, congratulated **SOCOG** for their perfect organisation of the Olympic Games; and especially the Gymnastics Programme. He was also impressed with Trampolines *brilliant* debut on the Olympic scene.

The present **BTF Proficiency Award Scheme** will operate until the end of September 2001.

Special Needs is now part of the **British Gymnastics Disabilities Technical Committee**, with **Jennie Pizzuto** being the Trampoline representative.

Bert Scales, who is a member of the BG TTC has been feeling

unwell recently and is at present resting at home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Elections for the National Trampoline Technical Committee will now be held on 31 Mar 01 at the British Gymnastics Annual General Meeting. The nomination closing date is **14 Feb 01**.

ATHENS 2004

The IOC has announced their intention to reduce the number of participating athletes for these Games to **1100**. However, this should not affect Gymnastics; and we would also hope to **add Synchronised Trampoline** to the Olympic Programme. **Ed**.

FIG ATHLETES COMMISSION

The new **Athletes Commission** has been formed and consists of the following:

MAG: Eric Poujade FRA; **WAG:** Oxana Chusovitina UZB;
RG: Eva Serrano FRA; **AER:** Claudiu Moldovan ROM;
TRA: Emmanuel Durand FRA; **ACRO:** Glen Wharton GBR.

IOC CONFIRMATION

Early in January, the **International Olympic Committee** confirmed that the sport of **Trampoline** would remain as an **Olympic Discipline for the 2004 Games in Athens**.

This is indeed the news that we have all been waiting for. **Ed**.

SILVER MEDALS FOR GBR PAIR

Simon Milnes and **Mark Alexander** upset the odds when they finished in **Silver Medal** position in the **Men's Synchronised Final** of the **3rd Trampoline World Cup**, held in **Dessau, Germany**, last December, just 0.4 points behind the **Gold Medal** pairing of **Reithofer** and **Serth, GER**. The Canadian partnership of **Turgeon** and **Snape** were third.

This was not the best Synchronised Finals we have seen in recent years, with four of the seven finalists failing to complete their routines. However, Mark and Simon performed well.

In the **Ladies Synchronised Finals**, the standard was just as bad with only the first two pairs performing anything like their

current form, with the German pairing of **Ludwig** and **Dogonadze-Lilkendey** finishing in top spot, ahead of the Russian pair of **Karavaeva** and **Tchernova**. **Claire Wright** and **Kirsten Lawton** had a disaster of a competition, finishing in sixth place with a score of 21.1 points.

In the Ladies Individual Final, **Claire Wright** had an excellent competition, finishing in fifth place overall, with a score of **36.5 points**.

2000 PARIS OPEN British Successes

British Clubs had a number of successes in this annual competition, which offers trampoline and tumbling for both males and females, across 4 age categories. Podium places went to the following:

TR: senior ladies
3rd Ellie Dixon-Jackson City of Salford

TR: girls (born 84/85)
2nd Colleen Stopforth City of Salford

TR: girls (born 86/87)
1st Lauren Allen High Flyers

TR: girls (born 88 plus)
1st Asha Masters High Flyers
3rd Stacey Dann High Flyers

TR: teams results (females)
1st High Flyers
2nd City of Salford

TR: team results (overall)
1st City of Salford

The TTC members offer their congratulations to all of the above and to all other British competitors who participated.

GOLD IN SYDNEY

Congratulations to both **Katherine Driscoll** and **Colleen Stopforth** for their success in the **Sydney Olympic Youth Festival** which was held in **Sydney** during January past. Katherine and Colleen won **Gold** in the **Girls Synchronised** event, with Katherine also placing 4th in the Girls individual competition. In the boys competition, **Brooke Milliner** placed 6th, whilst **James Higgins** finished in 8th place overall.

NATIONAL SQUAD MEMBERS/DATES: 2001

John Beer

The following have been invited to attend national squad training during the current year:

SENIOR SQUAD

Zane Alexander	Mark Alexander
Lee Brearley	Brian Camp
Andrew Coulter	Jamie Crisp
Simon Milnes	Daniel Neale
Gary Smith	Paul Smyth
Matthew Swaffer	Ellie Dickson-Jackson
Kirsten Lawton	Jaime Moore
Vicky Pollard	Claire Wright

JUNIOR SQUAD

Jem Camble	Philip Dodson
James Higgins	Nicholas Joyce
Alex Lawrie	Brooke Milliner
James Smith	Dominic Swaffer
Steven Walsh	Lauren Allen
Sophie Beale	Katherine Driscoll
Katie Harris	Hannah Lewis
Amanda Parker	Sophie Sheppard
Colleen Stopforth	Sophie Weeks
Dominique Wilson	

SQUAD DATES

Senior Squad

03-04 Apr – Gillingham: all squad members
05-06 May – Poole: all squad members
14 Jul – Reading: World Championship Squad only
3-4 Nov – Lillehall: all squad members

Junior Squad

11 Feb – Poole: all squad members
15 Jul – Reading: WAG squad members only
02 Sep – Gillingham: all squad members
17-18 Nov – Gillingham: all squad members

NOTE: there will be a **Development Squad** training on **Sunday 9th December**. Venue still to be arranged.

Lee Brearley has been invited to participate in the **Goodwill Games** as a result of his excellent 6th place in the Sydney Olympics.

The **5th Goodwill Games** scheduled for 29 Aug-9 Sep 2001

(Trampoline: 29 Aug) in **Brisbane, AUS** will showcase approx. 1300 of the world's best athletes from more than 50 countries, competing in 14 sports. Invited federations in the trampoline individual events include **AUS BLR CAN FRA GER GBR RUS UKR USA and UZB**.

Previous venues for these Games have been:

- **Moscow, Soviet Union 1986**
- **Seattle, United States of America 1990**
- **St Petersburg, Russia 1994**
- **New York, United States of America 1998**

We all wish **Lee** the very best of luck in this prestigious competition. **Ed**

International Calendar 2001

John Beeton

The 2001 International Calendar is now almost complete, with the exception of a small number of dates/venues still to be confirmed; and hopefully, at the beginning of February. Once again it is going to be a busy year for both our Youth and Senior Squad members.

07 Apr: 4 x countries GBR FRA GER DEN
Temple Park – confirmed

26 May: Great Britain v Russia
Midlands – date and venue to be confirmed

09 Jun: FIG World Cup series
Hanover GER – confirmed

00 Jun: 4 x nations GBR CZE DEN Rhineland
Prague CZE – date and venue to be confirmed

26-28 Jul: World Championships
Odense DEN – confirmed

31 Jul-04 Aug: World age-Group Games
Odense DEN – confirmed

16-26 Aug: World Games
Akita JPN – confirmed

29 Sep: Great Britain Youth v Germany Youth
Reading GBR – confirmed

20 Oct: FIG World Cup series
Espinho POR – confirmed

27 Oct: FIG World Cup series
St Petersburg RUS - date and venue to be confirmed

Oct/Nov: Home Countries Youth International
Scotland - date and venue to be confirmed

Martin Cup – as well as the usual entries from SCO, WAL and NITA it is hoped to have an entry from ENG this year.

Plans for **2002** include a home international match against **Canada**, as well as a further **FIG World Cup** series, following the success of the 2000 event held in **Guildford**.