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EDITORIAL

Martin Laws



Dear Reader,

Welcome to the final edition of Trampoline News for 2008. As always, my thanks to our editor, **John Beeton** for his tireless work to keep us all informed of any news in the trampoline world.

I would like to pass on my congratulations to John, for his recent invitation to join the British Gymnastics **Honorary Awards Selection Panel**. This is the first time that a member of the trampoline fraternity has been invited to sit on this panel, and is indeed a great honour for him, surely in recognition of his sterling work since the Trampoline – British Gymnastics merger.

As we reach towards the close of the year, it is a time to look back and reflect upon a very busy year of trampoline activity. There have been ‘ups and downs’ and periods of adjustments for all our competitors and officials alike. So far I think that as a whole the new scheme is working very well and will continue to flourish in the coming year. I would like to thank everyone for their patience during this trying time and hope that they continue as such with the new routines having started to come into play in October. The response to the new routines has been varied and it will be interesting to continue to view the feedback from all our regions as to how well the competitions are running.

The first Gala weekend featuring the FIG A, FIG B and National C grades as well as the synchro and DMT events is due to be held on 30th January & 1st February 2008 in Birmingham, which, I am sure will provide an excellent venue and opportunity for all to showcase their talents – just remember not to eat too many mince pies over Christmas!!

The inaugural **English Championships** and **Home Nations** took place over the weekend of **22d & 23rd November** in Hull. The lead up to this competition was a rocky one. However, it proved a great success and I hope that everyone who took part thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

This was a great opportunity for each Region and Home Nation to showcase their upcoming talent and I know that team spirits were high. Please see the article later in this edition for more information.

The **Technical Committee** elections are currently taking place. We will publish the new Technical Committee members as soon as the results are published, although, with only the role of **Coach Education Co-ordinator** being contested, with **Richard Ollerenshaw** and **Biz Scales**, I can personally assure you that the committee will continue to work for you all to the best of our ability.

Once again, a very merry Christmas to you all, and we look forward to seeing you all once again in the New Year!

Thank you

I am extremely grateful to the many messages of support that I have received from friends and acquaintances throughout the gymnastics world regarding the result of the FIG Congress held in **Helsinki FIN**, where I was unsuccessful in my bid to be re-elected to the FIG TR TC for a third term of office.

I can assure everyone that I am fine and looking forward to meeting everyone in the future in my continued role with British Gymnastics.

I would also like to wish the new FIG TC members every success during their term of office. **John Beeton**

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4 Countries Match

GBR FRA GER POR

Jack Kelly

TEAM:

Cara Jameson
Bryony page
Lisa Blackburn
Emma Scanlon

Jack Helm
Nick Davies
Andrew Freeman
Michael Freeman

OFFICIALS

Sharon Wood (HOD)
Jack Kelly (Coach)
Nigel Blundell (Coach)
Kevin Dixon-Jackson (Judge)
Steph Smith (Physio)

This annual match between GBR, GER, FRA and POR was designed as a “development” international and targeted at senior gymnasts below full international level. The FIG “A” compulsory was to be used and the best three routines in each of three rounds would count towards the team score. Nonetheless there was the proviso that individual nations could vary these requirements in the light of their own development needs but with the approval of all concerned.

This proviso was activated by both FRA and POR where their teams contained a number of under 17 gymnasts who performed the much simpler FIG “B” routine. It was clear however that despite two promising French females and some exciting young Portuguese men, the main contenders were Germany and Great Britain. Germany fielded their best available women’s team and two of their senior male gymnasts so the Brits were facing a serious challenge.

The British coaches considered reducing the difficulty elements in the first routine in order to maximise form mark but opted to work the full FIG “A” routine even though tariff was not to be counted in order to accommodate the FIG “B” competitors. The British rose to the challenge by “nailing” 23 out of the 24 routines involved. Each of the other nations failed at least three routines thereby putting pressure on their other team members.

In a most exciting and tense final round the British girls all completed while **Sarah Syed** of Germany failed to finish leaving their weakest team member to register a score. The British reliability enabled them to pip their hosts by 262.80 to 261.00. An excellent team effort.

The British men were faced with a sterner test and despite a battling performance they could not get close to the strong

German team which featured **Denis Luxon, Karsten Kuritz Daniel Schmitt** and **Oliver Amann**. The Brits went down by 291.60 to 279.50 which, when added to the girls’ total, resulted in an overall win for the Germans. The team can be proud of their overall performance and the fact that they soundly defeated both France and Portugal.

An individual competition ran alongside the team event and this produced further British success with **Cara Jameson** taking the top women’s prize and the satisfaction of beating the experienced **Jessica Simon** who had two marks advantage on tariff in each voluntary. **Bryony Page** took third place.

Karsten Kuritz, with a two mark advantage on tariff and better form marks, was the clear winner of the men’s individual but **Michael Freeman** performed three high, well controlled routines to beat the other Germans and take second place. Andrew Freeman was fifth, Nick Davies eighth and Jack Helm eleventh.

The most pleasing aspect of the British performance was that each team member had a routine or routines which contributed to the overall score, setting the seal on a fine team effort.

A very successful event for our young gymnasts who are on the verge of a very successful senior career if they can maintain and improve their current form into the future.



2008 FIG CONGRESS

Helsinki FIN

The NTTC wishes to congratulate the CEO of British Gymnastics **Brian Stocks** on his election to the FIG Executive Committee. This is a great honour for British Gymnastics; and especially in the run up to the 2012 Olympic Games in London.

The NTTC also wishes to congratulate the following who were successfully elected to the FIG Trampoline Gymnastics Technical Committee:

Horst Kunze GER: TC President
Nikolai Makarov RUS: 1st Vice President
Christophe Lambert FRA: 2nd Vice President
LIU Xing CHN: member
Tatiana Shuyska UKR: member
Stephen Duchesne CAN: member
Vladimir Zemen CZE: member



World Games Test Event Kaoushiung TPE

This event held during the beginning of November turned out to be a bit of a non event as far as numbers attending. The lack of judges in trampoline was another problem, with members of the FIG TR TC having to fill a number of positions on the panels.

Entries for the various events were extremely disappointing:

Results were as follows:

Men Trampoline Synchronised (6 entries)

- 01 NAGASAKI / ITO JPN 49.5/15.1 points
- 02 PENNES / MARTINY FRA 48.3/14.9 points
- 03 ALCI / CANNONE ITA 44.9/13.9 points

Women Trampoline Synchronised (4 entries)

- 01 VELICHKO / VORONINA RUS 45.4/11.0 points
- 02 KYIKO / MOSKVINA UKR 45.0/12.2 points
- 03 YAMADA / KISHI JPN 43.4 / 9.2 points

Men Double Mini-trampoline (5 entries)

- 01 IVANOV Kirill RUS 75.7/10.4 points
- 02 CHERNOIVANOV Evgeniy RUS 74.5/9.3 points
- 03 LICO Andre POR 72.8/9.5 points

Women Double Mini-trampoline (5 entries)

- 01 VORONINA Victoria RUS 69.70 points
- 02 GONCHARENKO Galina RUS 69.0 points
- 03 SIMOES Ana POR 66.30 points

Men Tumbling (6 entries)

- 01 KRYLOV Andrey RUS 76.5/12.9 points
- 02 FREYUK Yuriy UKR 72.3/11.1 points
- 03 GOSSET Mickael FRA 69.5/9.5 points

Women Tumbling (3 entries)

- 01 KOROBENNIKOVA Anna RUS 70.2/8.8 points
- 02 CHABANENKO Olena UKR 63.5/7.8 points
- 03 COURREGES Jessica FRA 61.0/5.7 points

2009 FIG Judges' Rules

See **Page 7** for specific rules regarding Trampoline Gymnastics for next cycle; and which take effect from **1st January 2009**.



CHANGES TO IAGC DIFFICULTY LIMITATION

The FIG TR TC have placed difficulty limitation on **individual** skills (you can perform more difficulty, but each skill will be capped as indicated below) in the three disciplines for the IAGCs as follows:

Trampoline:

- 11-12 years of age 1.5 points
- 13-14 years of age 1.7 points

Double Mini-trampoline:

- 11-12 years of age 3.6 points
- 13-14 years of age 4.4 points

Tumbling:

- 11-12 years of age 2.7 points
- 13-14 years of age 3.5 points

These limitations come into affect from **1 Jan 09**.

FIG News

The deadline to bid for the organisation of the **2009 World Cup** competitions (World Series) in Trampoline, Aerobic and Acrobatic Gymnastics has been pushed back to **December 31 2008**.

As of **January 1 2009**, a **license** will be required for any gymnast wishing to participate in junior or senior competitions under FIG Rules.

Doping controls carried out in **Togliatti (RUS)** at the Trampoline World Cup Final in September past, came up **negative**.

Henceforth, organisers of FIG competitions will be required to make available a **defibrillator**. Inexpensive and easy to use, the device may save lives.

Four federations have shown interest in hosting the **78th FIG Congress in 2010**. These are **Turkey, Great Britain (Glasgow), India and Egypt**. The Executive will attribute the organisation of the Congress in the spring of 2009.

The **new** FIG website is up and running and a major improvement on the previous site. Well worth a visit.

GREAT BRITAIN v GERMAN YOUTH MATCH 2008

Steven Grist

The team assembled on time at Heathrow Terminal 5 and checked in early for a flight to Hamburg. This, however, was delayed due to the breakdown of the air traffic control system the day before. But every cloud has a silver lining - this allowed more duty free shopping time for the girls.

No mention will be made to the 2 male performers who tried to miss the flight by going on the shuttle train to the wrong gate, before realising their mistake, and rushing to where they should have been to get on the correct aircraft.

We were met at the airport by the German delegation and transferred to our accommodation which was great - apart from the double beds in each room which all the team members were expected to share (including Mr and Mrs Smith ?). Modesty was restored when additional rooms were arranged and single occupancy where required was available.

The competition venue was very good, a large and well equipped school hall. There was a misunderstanding over the team composition, but this was amicably resolved and a good orientation session was had by the British team.

Saturday began with a sightseeing tour of Hamburg, including a chance to see where The Beatles began their international dominance, in the red light district of the city. Bungee jumping, U-boats and shopping concluded the morning's events, before transfer back to the hotel to change and chill time before moving to the venue for the competition.

A large crowd gathered for the start of the event which began with the U15 groups. Some very good performances resulted in GB being ahead, with **Pamela Clark** and **Jason Ryall** leading their groups. The U18 groups began and GB opened a big lead in the girl's event, but the boys trailed the Germans.

The final result showed GB winning the U15 girls and boys, and also the U18 girls, with an overall victory for the British team by 24.8 marks. This was a remarkable achievement considering that, for 75% of the GB team, this was their first representative competition.

A good after event function rounded off a memorable competition for all the party.

SQUAD TRAINING

John Beer

A combined **U19** and **U15** training squad was hosted in **Salford** by **Steve Moreton** during 27th to 29th October. This was the third BG development squad this year and; as with the previous

two squads, in **Poole** and **Lilleshall**, was very successful.

All those attending went away with new skills and improved technique, thanks to all the coaches that assisted. The Physio cover was by Belinda Smith, who said it was the easiest squad for her to attend as it was just 10 minutes from her home.

All the participants experienced North Salford's latest coaching aid - an electric 4 point bungee that allowed performers to experience new skills in a very safe environment.

The very pact days started, as with the other squads, early at 07.30 with a gentle aerobic workout in the gym (in Poole it was a run on the beach but this was nit possible in sunny Salford) before breakfast and finished at 18.00 after a soak in the Jacuzzi and a sauna. The evenings had activities organised that included squash (a new sport to most of the performers).

Invitees who attended were:

U15 squad

Chloe Liddle
Joshua Read
Jason Ryall
Natasha Short
Emma Britton
Jordan George
Daniel Fawcett
Zachary Sheridan
Jake Chattaway

U19 squad

Nathan Bailey
Joe McAdam

DMT (British Clubs) International Results 2008 - Round up...

Ray Bevan

We are all well aware of the successes of our British National DMT Team(s), male and female, including the fantastic 3rd place podium team finish at the world championships in November in Canada. However, this short round-up has a different focus. The focus is on British Clubs, rather than the British National Teams, that have attended International competitions this season.

It is time to look back at the international results for 2008 and review just how the British DMT Clubs have done in team and individual competitions where competitors, all members of British Gymnastics, have been busy representing their club or region overseas. It may come as a surprise to learn that clubs came home with no fewer than 23 DMT Podium places from no fewer than 35 finalists.

DMT competitions were held in **Sweden (The Frivolten Cup)**, **North Portugal (The Feria Cup)**, **South Portugal (The Loule Cup)** and **Belgium (Cup of Flanders 2008)**.

1. Sweden (The Frivolten Cup DMT).

A remarkable run of podium places including gold medals for Sean Barnes of Billingham, Shannon O'Brien from Bassetlaw won the under 12 groups and Laura Ashley from Bassetlaw won the DMT Junior category. There were a grand total of 15 British finalists in the Frivolten Cup. One remarkable result was the clean sweep of all three medals in the DMT U15-16 BOYS. 1st Sean Barnes, 2nd Alex Reed and 3rd Lewis Blakey all from Billingham.

The Frivolten Cup was shown live on the Internet and it was reported that parents and supporters were fixed to their computer screens for the 2 day competition because Swescore was live, on-line, along with web cam. Needless to say, this web feature was popular because competitors had the option to 'face-up' to the web camera and wave to the supporters at home.

British Clubs dominated the DMT U12 GIRLS by taking the top four places. Young Shannon O'Brien, Bassetlaw, won Gold with Mollie Baker from Ringwood & Bournemouth wining Silver. 3rd place medal went to Katie O'Brien, Bassetlaw and 4th place was awarded to Saxon Stableford from Ringwood & Bournemouth.

Adam Starovla from Billingham finished in 3rd place while team mate Jordan Briggs also made the final and finished in 5th place. The under 12 boy's finalist was young Mathew Colly from Bassetlaw who finished in a respectable 4th place just behind Russia.

Central Galaxy TC also had a significant showing in the DMT Finals. In the DMT Junior Girls final Charlotte Pinder finished on the podium and won the Silver medal. Also from Central Galaxy young Jack Gordon won Bronze in the DMT Junior Boys just behind competitors from Sweden and Portugal. Lauren Ponder from Central Galaxy also qualified for and competed in the U14 final and finished in 7th place.

British Club competitors held their own in the senior groups also with a fantastic 2nd place in the DMT OPEN LADIES for Claire Madigan of Ringwood & Bournemouth. Katie Wood of Dynamics TC and Sarah Bascombe of Ringwood and Bournemouth also made the Ladies final and finished in 5th and 6th respectively. In the DMT OPEN Men's Dale Bevan competed his first Men's competition and finished in 11th place.

2. North Portugal (The Feria Cup DMT).

The Feria Cup, held in Northern Portugal, is an outstanding event simply because the competition organisation is outstanding. All transport is provided between the hotels and competition venue and the event is held in the small town of Santa Maria da Feria where evening entertainment can be found at a massive Medieval festival in the town centre. In the Open Female event, Lucy Hatton from All Stars Trampoline club, finished 2nd and Lauren Wilkins from Charmwood was 3rd.

Laura Ashley from Phoenix, finished in 6th Place in the Youth

group. Dale Bevan Bassetlaw, competed in the men's event and qualified for the final in 4th place but finished 8th. In a field of 24 competitors, Charlotte Hughes (10th), Amber Berry Charnwood, Jessica Draycott and Paige Shaw Charnwood, completed successful passes but did not qualify for the finals. However, all have gained valuable international DMT experiences. The same was true in the Youth Male event for Luke Callachan from Bassetlaw and Callum Conway, Charnwood.

3. South Portugal (The Loule Cup).

This was an exciting competition for our British Club DMT competitors because they were able to watch and support the British National Team who were in the Elite Competition with the best DMT teams in the world.

Outstanding results for the Open Female event at the Loule Cup since four of the eight finalists were from British Clubs. The winner of the Gold Medal was Sian Reece from Vertigo TC, 2nd was Coral Issac from High Flyers and 3rd was Charlotte Brown. Also in the same group in 4th place was Claire Walker from Vertigo TC.

The Open Men's final had 2 competitors that made the final, Dale Bevan from Bassetlaw finished in 5th place with Ben Chick from Vertigo TC finishing in 8th spot - The Men's final was won by Andre Fernandes Portugal with a score of 143.50 and four difficulty passes of 8.40, 7.60, 8.40, 8.00.

The British Clubs that attended the Loule Cup were Vertigo TC, Bassetlaw, High Flyers and were invited to join forces and become British Clubs Team in the male and female DMT events. All Three teams finished on the podium.

Ladies Team 2nd place were High Flyers, Beth Smith, Carrie Robinson, Annie Davies and Coral Isaac. Ladies Team 3rd place were Vertigo/Nova, Claire Walker, Sian Ricee, Laura Cowling and Saffron Martineau. Men's Team 3rd place was Dale Bevan, Ben Chick, Kyle Robinson and Max Schindehutte.

Junior Finalist Female, Carrie Robinson High Flyers finished in 8th place with her team mates Annie Roase Davies (9th), Rosie Pegge (10th) and Mollie Noble (11th) all missing out on the finals but competitors completed all their passes. Nova Trampoline Club also had a competitor in this group, Laura cowling (13th) who performed one of the best group scores in her 1st round pass but was only marked out of one skill in her second pass. Beth Smith from High Flyers was calm in her first pass and scored a respectable score but she was also was marked out of one skill in her second pass and therefore finished in 15th place (18 in group). Everyone that attended this event has left Portugal with increased knowledge and experiences, some with new international friends and some have managed to combine a competition with a mini holiday.

4. Cup of Flanders 2008 Ghent, Belgium

DMT Medals = Gold = 1, Sliver = 2, Bronze = 1, Finalists =

In the Youth Boys DMT, Olivier Rowlands (British Youth Team) from Hitchin Salto won the gold medal and also in the group was young Rhys Gray from Gillingham Jumpers finished his final in 6th place confirming that Rhys is one to watch for the future. Kameron Reid from Jumpers finished in a respectable 10th place followed closely by Daniel Berridge from City of Birmingham Trampoline and DMT Club.

The DMT (Kids) Boys group had Flynn Jennings from City of Birmingham who was unlucky in his first pass and failed to score but then responded well in his second pass with an impressive score to gain 10 place in his group.

The DMT (Kids) Girls also had a British Clubs showing in the final with young Phoebe Williams from City Of Birmingham completing all six passes finished in 8th place in strong field of competitors and managed to finish in front of competitors from Belgium and Portugal. The event was won by Tamara O'Brien from Canada.

Nathan Bailey (British Youth Team) from Ringwood & Bournemouth qualified for the finals in the DMT Junior Boys group in 3rd place and managed to hold his position to gain a Bronze Medal in the zero final. Also qualified for the final was Michael Dodson (British Youth Team) from Hitchin Salto who performed an outstanding first pass in his final but then did not score in his final pass. Also competing in this group were Colin Todd, Timothy Horgan, William Flaherty and David Barlow all from Manchester and all managed to complete their 1st and 2nd passes. Thomas Forman (British Youth Team) from Jumpers competed one of the most difficult passes in a brave attempt to make the finals but failed to score in one of his passes. With a total of 27 international competitors this a great event so to have a total of seven British competitors 2 finalists and one podium in a field with competitors from ESP, BEL, NED, BUL, POR and CAN.

In the DMT Youth Girls Lauren Sears from Jumpers finished in our best position in a very respectable 11th place and managed to score in every pass. Also from the UK was young Lydia Yates from City Of Birmingham and managed a very competitive score with her first pass did not manage to reach the scores required for the Finals.

Another podium place in the DMT Cup of Flanders for GB with some great passes and outstanding scores for Hanna Moses (British Youth Team) from Birkenhead and she only missed the gold medal position by just 0.10! But the good news does not end there because, Adeva Bryan and Robyn Osborne (British Youth Team) both from Jumpers also made the top 8 zero final.

Yet another Podium Place for GB in the DMT Seniors Women event which was a most enjoyable event with Kirsty Ward (British Senior Team) from Hitchin Salto and Louise Pennell (British Senior Team) from Jumpers pushing for podium places in the Ladies Zero Final. Kirsty Ward made the podium and finished in 2nd place and Louise missed a pass and finished in 8th place but she also put down one of the highest difficulty scores of 5.8 for the group.

Claire Madigan (British Senior Team) from Ringwood & Bournemouth finished 11th, just in front of Coreen John (British Senior Team) from Jumpers in 12th. Also taking part, from British Clubs were Lauren Lawrie and Rachel Curtis from Manchester and Sian Cornick from Birmingham where all managed to complete their passes.

The add to the medal list, Ladies Team2 won Silver Medal just 0.40 behind the USA Team.

DMT Senior Men contained 28 senior Men competitors and Philip Dodson (British Senior Team) from Hitchin Salto qualified for the final. The event was won by Alejandro Ruiz from Spain. Also taking part in this event was Jason Plowman (British Senior Team) from Jumpers who finished a very respectable 9th, Elliot Stratton (British Senior Team) from Hitchin Salto who finished in 11th place.

Also present at the Cup of Flanders were our GB star brothers, Matthew and Dominic Swaffer (British Senior Team) both from Jumpers who never fail to put on a great show for GB.

John Danks from the City of Birmingham, taking on the men was unlucky not to make his mark because he failed to score in his first round but managed a very competitive second round pass. The Men's Team finished in 4th place.

Please remember that you should obtain 'Permit to travel' from BG, take officials (Judges) with you and include a Welfare Officer. All the details can be found at BG web site at this link... <http://www.british-gymnastics.org/site/index.php> then click Events and Travel. Also, please ensure you inform your Regional officers before you embark on international events.

Note: I am more than happy to publish this article written by **Ray Bevan** and would invite others to do similar. **Ed.**

FIG HONOURS BRITISH GYMNASТИC MEMBERS FOR SERVICES TO GYMNASTIC SPORTS

At the recent FIG Congress **John Beeton** was honoured by the FIG for services to trampoline sports, with the award of **FIG Honorary Member** (Gold Distinction) status. John is already in receipt of the **FIT Honorary Member** award which he received on the amalgamation of the FIT/FIG in 1999.

Two other senior serving members of British Gymnastics were similarly honoured by the award of **FIG Honorary Vice-President**, namely **John Atkinson** (Aerobic Sports) and **Patricia Wade** (Acrobatic Sports).

The President of British Gymnastics **Mr Paul Garber** has intimated that each of these awards was richly deserved.

2009 FIG Judges' Rules

Specific Rules for Trampoline Gymnastics

Requirements to obtain the category

IV

- Must have the highest national brevet, as well as being proposed by the relevant national federation for participation at an International Judges' Course
- Must have participated in an International Judges' course and taken the exams
- Must have passed each part of the exam with at least "pass" result.

III

- Must possess at least Category IV min. in the cycle just completed
- Must have judged in at least 2 international competitions (FIG sanctioned) during the cycle just completed
- Must have participated in an Intercontinental (min. cat. III) or International Judges' Course and taken the exams
- Must have passed the exam with a "good" result in execution, difficulty and in total.

II

- Must possess at least Category III in the cycle just completed
- Must have judged in at least 4 international competitions (FIG sanctioned), during the cycle just completed
- Must have participated in an Intercontinental or International Judges' Course and taken the exams
- Must have passed the exam with a "very good" result in execution, difficulty and in total.

I

- Must possess Category I or II in the cycle just completed
- Must have judged in at least 4 international competitions (FIG sanctioned), including at least 1 official FIG competition during the previous cycle
- Must have participated in the Intercontinental Judges' Course and taken the exams
- Must have passed the exam with an "excellent" result in execution, difficulty and in total.

Criteria to maintain the category

IV

- Must have participated in an International Judges' Course
- Must have judged in at least 2 international competitions (FIG sanctioned) during the cycle just completed
- Must pass each part of the exam with at least "pass" result.

III

- Must possess Category III in the cycle just completed
- Must have participated in an Intercontinental or

International Judges' Course

- Must have judged in at least 2 international competitions (FIG sanctioned) during the cycle just completed
- Must pass the exam with at least a "pass" in all parts of the examination.

II

- Must possess Category II in the cycle just completed
- Must have participated in an Intercontinental or International Judges' Course
- Must have judged in at least 4 international competitions (FIG sanctioned), during the cycle just completed
- Must pass the exam with at least a "good" result in execution, difficulty and in total.*

I

- Must possess Category I in the cycle just completed
- Must have participated in an Intercontinental Judges' Course
- Must pass the exam with at least a "very good" result in execution, difficulty and in total.*

*

Judges who did not reach the required results will be downgraded by one category.

Judges who fail the examination at the intercontinental judges' course or at an international judges course, or wish to upgrade their category, are allowed to take the course and full examination again once during the cycle.

Evaluation of the Judges' work during FIG events

A continued evaluation will be carried out by the Superior Jury (Technical Committee) at FIG events. This will be done by observation and scoring by the responsible members of the Superior Jury for each discipline during the competitions and by analysis from videos (IRCOS) after the competitions by the Technical Committee.

In principle, the routines of the best 20 athletes will be analysed, plus the cases which were under question and recorded by the Superior Jury. All execution scores which are outside of the allowed tolerance from the expert scores (Technical Committee) will be counted as errors.

Allowed tolerances:

9.7 and over	0.0 points
9.1 to 9.6	0.1 points
8.4 to 9.0	0.2 points
7.4 to 8.3	0.3 points
7.3 and below	0.4 points

Specific Rules for Trampoline Gymnastics were developed by the Technical Committee following authorisation by the FIG EC and replace all previous rules with effect 1st January 2009.

1st Bracknell Tumbling International

Claire Thompson

On 18th and 19th October 2008, **Charlie Burrows**, GB Senior Team Tumbler, and **Pinewood Gymnastics Club** staged an Age-Group and Senior Rules tumbling international at Bracknell Sports Centre.

Sixty-six tumblers from England, France, Ireland, Portugal and Wales took part in the two day event.

Saturday's team awards went to Basingstoke G.C (1), Wakefield G.C (2) and Pinewood G.C (3) for the junior events and Great Britain (1), France (2) in the Senior Men's and Great Britain (1) and Mixed World Team (France, GB and Portugal) (2) for the senior Women's event.

Many tumblers aspiring to next year's Worlds and World Age Groups took part, along with some local tumblers for whom this was a first competition. The powerful and dynamic men's competition between the GB and French senior teams had a "wow" factor for all the tumblers and an audience of over 100.

The competition was great, great, great – great organisation, great tumbling and great fun for all involved and also raised money for charity.

Winners of the event were:

9-10 F	Basingstoke	Georgina Ulysses	27.8	(3.1)
11-12 F	Pinewood	Lucie Colbeck	31.1	(5.3)
13-14 F	Millenium, Ireland	Jenny Ryan	30.9	(5.9)

13-14 F	Millenium, Ireland	Jenny Ryan	30.9	(5.9)
15-16 F	Wakefield	Samantha Rockett	33.3	(7.5)
Senior Women	Wakefield	Rachael Letsche	66.4	

9-10 M	Wakefield	Ben Laycock	28.3	(3.4)
11-12 M	Ateney, Portugal	Bruno Carreira	25.6	(2.7)
13-14 M	Basingstoke	Jordan Lucas	31.9	(7.9)
15-16 M	Basingstoke	Dan Lannigan	30.4	(6.2)
Senior Men	Wakefield	Michael Barnes	70.8	

Charlie Burrows, organiser, competed in "guest" status and had highest final score of 71.40.

GB's tumbling fraternity and our overseas friends look forward to next year's event where it is hoped that the word will spread regarding this excellent run new Tumbling competition on the scene; and which is organised by an international gymnast.

Tragic News
Nov 12th, 2008 © FIG



Thomas Liechti passed away

LAUSANNE (SUI) FIG Office, November 12, 2008: The Gymnastics family is in mourning. **Thomas Liechti**, a technician with Swiss Timing / Longines, tragically and suddenly passed away on 11th November at the age of 28. Well known among gymnasts, judges and FIG authorities, he was an outstanding member of the Swiss Timing crew at FIG competitions. The Acrobatic community had an opportunity to cross paths with Thomas a few weeks ago at the Glasgow World Championships (left on picture).

2008/9 GMPD TRA Squad Selection

British Gymnastics is pleased to announce the selection of the 2008/9 Great Britain GMPD TRA National Development Squad.

Charlotte Aspley – Paul Coates, G-Force

Joanne Barker – Harry Sharpe, SNUGS

Hannah Burgess – Harry Sharpe, SNUGS

Alexander Clifford – Kay Salter, Falcon Spartak

Sheryl Cowling – Isabelle Chick, Vertigo

Charlotte Foulkes – Mal Rozzell, Crewe & Nantwich

David Froome – Harry Sharpe, SNUGS

Bethany Harrison – Justine Abraham, Just Jump

Ben Jones – Harry Sharpe, SNUGS

Anthony Reddcliffe – Justine Abraham, Just Jump

Daniel Reed – Janet Bellis, Harlington Hawks

Jannette Sharpe – Harry Sharpe, SNUGS

Avril Sharpe – Sylvia Comber, Alton Trampoline Club

Tamara Shaw – Dawn Lawson & Marie Baker, Oxfalls Springers TC

Christopher Stickland – Justine Abraham, Just Jump

Rory Stubbs – Harry Sharpe, SNUGS

Paul Whyman – Harry Sharpe, SNUGS

The National Squad Coaches are **Paul Coates** and **Justine Abraham**.

Congratulations to all the gymnasts and their personal coaches and clubs from everyone at British Gymnastics.

2009 International Matches Confirmed

The **4 Nations** annual match between **GBR, CZE, POR** and **DEN** will be held in **Roskilde DEN** (Copenhagen area) on **13 June**.

The annual **GBR v GER Youth** match will be held in **Taunton ENG** on **26 September**.

The **4 Countries** annual match between **GBR, POR, GER** and **FRA** will be held in the town of **Boulogne sur Mer, FRA** on **24 October**.

Note:

FIG World Cups will be held in **Sofia BUL (22-26 Apr)**, **Zelona Gora POL (02-06 Sep)** and **Salzgitter GER (09-13 Sep)**.

- The **automatic selections** for the Great Britain Trampoline Team for the International Age Group Competition will be announced on or before 1st August 2009. **Wild card selections** will be announced on or before 2nd October 2009 following the completion of the selection process in all disciplines.

Please visit the BG website to see the full Selection Policy guidelines.

NTTC MEETINGS 2009

The National Trampoline Technical Committee (NTTC) have scheduled four meetings for 2009 starting with their January meeting where it is hoped that they can meet with the **Trampoline Technical Panel (TTP)** of the Scottish Gymnastic Association to discuss issues akin to both parties. It is hoped that meetings will also be held with Wales and Northern Ireland in the future.

Scheduled dates for the 2009 season are:

25th January, *3rd May, 20th September and 1st November.

* alternative date given for meeting in Scotland

All members are reminded that if they wish the NTTC to discuss technical matters, they should contact the Chair of the NTTC in the first instance. Failing that, any member of the TC at any time.

FIG International Age Group Competitions (IAGC)

**St Petersburg RUS
18-21 November 2009**

The **Selection Policy** for Individual Trampoline / Synchronised Trampoline and Double Mini-trampoline can now be found on the BG website.

Those who wish to be considered for selection **must** complete the *Notification of Intention to Trial Form*, from the downloads section of the BG website by the **1st February 2009**. The forms must be submitted by the primary coach of the gymnast. For Synchronised Trampoline, all those who wish to be considered for selection should indicate the name of their synchro partner on the 'Notification of Intention to Trial' form.

Other important points to note:

- There will be **two trials: 28th June at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, and 26th July (venue still to be confirmed)**
- A **Training Camp** will be held at the **Lilleshall National Sports Centre** from **2nd – 4th October 2009**. **This training camp is mandatory.**
- **80 places only** are available for this event and distributed to disciplines as follows: **TRA 28, DMT 14, TUM 28, and Wild Cards 10.**

HOME NATIONS INTERNATIONAL MATCH Hull 2008

In the absence of **Scotland** and **Northern Ireland**, **England** was the clear winner of this Home Nations match, which saw an entry from **Wales** and an entry (2) from **Guernsey**.

The 2009 planned match will be held in the **City of Bath** during the month of November (29th) when hopefully we will also see additional entries from both Scotland and Northern Ireland!

SELECTION POLICY

Individual and Synchronised Trampoline
26th World Championships
7-15 November 2009
St Petersburg, Russia

The Selection Policy for the 2009 World Championships is ready and will be posted on the BG website soon. **Ed.**

It's a DRAW!!!!

Cathy Kings

Saturday 22nd November 2008 saw the arrival of ALL 10 regions to the **Gemtec Arena, Hull** for the English Championships. Every region was represented in all 3 disciplines of Individual and Synchronised Trampolining and DMT. It was a snowy day and there was an air of excitement and apprehension. This was the first time this event had been held and nobody knew how it was going to end.

Throughout the day there was an air of chaos, no one seemed to know what was happening, who was competing and who had finished. The English Championships were decided across the first two rounds and then the English Regional Championships were team finals.

Each region decided themselves who they would put forward from preliminary rounds into the final, where all scores counted towards the team results. However towards the end of the day a certain calm came across the arena and the excitement started to build. **Martin Laws** was on the mike and even though he sounded as if he worked for British Rail the audience started to take note.

Once there was an idea of which region was doing what and where they were coming the final event which was synchro had started and with each completed routine in the team event there was a silence, an announcement and then a raucous cheer from whichever region was currently leading.

The **North West** held pole position from the start, fielding strong contenders in all 3 disciplines, with the **South East** hot on their heels the whole day. **The Southern** and **South West** regions were also fighting things out for third position.

Once the final routines had been completed, the hall went silent, who had won???

A few impatient moments later the announcement was made, in third position was the Southern region with 88 points and unbelievably there was a tie for first place!!! The South East had pushed up to the North West scores and the two regions had tied with 92 points each. What a tremendous result.

The dates are already being discussed set for the next time and the regions will be setting new targets.

English Championships Individual Results

TRAMPOLINE

U15 Boys	Ross Abrahams (S)
U15 Girl's	Chloe Liddle (N)
Men's	Liam Abraham (S)
Ladies	Bryony Page (NW)

SYNCHRO

U15 Boys	Fox/Abrahams (S)
U15 Girl's	Overman/Pettit (S)
Men's	Rendell/McAdam (SW)
Ladies	Driscoll/Dunn (N)

DMT

U15 Boys	Oliver Rowlands (E)
U15 Girl's	Sophia Beavan (NW)
Men's	Adeva Bryan (SE)
Ladies	Philip Dodson (E)

5 Countries become 3

Sunday 23rd November 2008 was the day set for the 5 Home Countries Championships. Unfortunately 2 nations were unable to attend, which left 3 nations. England, Wales and a very small 3-person team from Guernsey! The snow had fallen overnight and there were plenty of snowball fights happening all around.

The **English** team had been pre selected albeit the DMT selection had come from the English championships held the day before which added extra excitement to both events.

Wales fielded strong teams in both Individual and Synchronised, however they appeared to have a new team for DMT especially at the younger end. This team did extremely well and was giving it all they could!

England had strong teams in all 3 disciplines; especially the DMT, which seems to have come on leaps and bounds in the last year. The team looked great in their tracksuits and leotards, and gave it everything in all events.

Guernsey had 3 representatives in total! They had one male, one female in individual and a ladies synchronised pair. Guernsey currently don't travel to competitions and I hope that coming to Hull and seeing what they can aspire to will change this and we will see them competing on the National circuit very soon.

The results for overall were not surprising, England took the lead, Wales second and Guernsey third, however Wales will be building their DMT team for next year and giving England a hard time indeed!

Season Greetings to all members and friends of British Gymnastics, as well as their families. Every good wish for season 2009.

MINIMUM AGE FOR BG MEMBERS TO COMPETE

MINIMUM AGE	EVENT	SPECIAL CONDITIONS
9 OR ABOVE IN THE YEAR OF THE EVENT (INCLUDING QUALIFICATIONS)	ALL EVENTS RUN BY OR ON BEHALF OF BRITISH GYMNASTICS OR A BG TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	
6 OR 7 OR 8 IN THE YEAR OF THE EVENT	AT THE DISCRETION OF THE COUNTY/REGION OR ORGANISING COMMITTEE/GROUP	Requires personal coach to (consider/write /file) a Risk Assessment for Physical and Psychological aspects
5 OR LESS IN THE YEAR OF THE EVENT	WITHIN A CLUB CLASS OR PLAN AND WITH MEMBERS OF THAT CLUB ONLY TAKING PART. (INTER CLUB AND INVITATIONAL EVENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED)	Requires organisers to ensure that all parents understand and approve of participation. A signed confirmation of acceptance is required. (Possible sample)

DEFINITION OF A COMPETITION

For the purposes of this British Gymnastics Policy, a competition is considered to be any judged activity that publicly declares a ranking that is rewarded with applause, medals, prizes or certificates.

This does NOT INCLUDE Personal Performance/Awards Certificates, presentation of Award or Reward badges or Certificates. The key for this definition is the comparison of rankings between children.

British Gymnastics does not seek to restrict participation but is expressing with this policy concerns of the understanding of competition by young children and their parents.

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Status	Period	Title	Venue	Participants
ok	3 - 8 February 2009	FIG Intercontinental Judges' Course TRA	BRATISLAVA (SVK)	Senior
ok	21 March 2009	18th Aalsmeer Flower Cup	AALSMEER (NED)	Junior/Senior
ok	16 - 26 July 2009	8th World Games	KAOHSIUNG (TPE)	Senior
ok	7 - 15 November 2009	26th Trampoline Gymnastics World Championships	ST-PETERSBURG (RUS)	Senior
ok	14 - 22 November 2009	19th Trampoline Gymnastics World Age Group Competitions	ST-PETERSBURG (RUS)	Junior
ok	6 - 12 April 2010	European Championships	SOFIA (BUL)	Junior/Senior