



MEN'S ARTISTIC GYMNASTICS NEWSLETTER

May 2007

Dear Members,

With several months behind us now since our activities commenced for the 2007 year consider it is time to summarize matters that Men's Tech. have been working on.

MEN'S SPORT DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Pleased to report that the N.Z. Gymsports Men's Technical Committee is now back to full strength with the election of Gareth Brettell – Levels Development and re-election of Martin Langdon – Junior Development/Administration at the recent AGM.

With Gareth moving into the Levels role, Toby Levine, ex Christchurch now Wellington has taken on the role of Athletes' Rep.

Kerrin Bishop as Manager and Stephen Kendall – Judges Co-coordinator remain unchanged.

Another matter passed at the AGM is that Technical Committees will be known as 'Sport Development Committees' in the future.

GYMSPORTS HEADQUARTES

Pleased to announce that current interim CEO, Cath Clark has taken on the role for a full 12 months period. Janet Skiffington-Tours and Events has recently resigned and Stephen Kendall in temporarily filling the role.

Marie Stechman has been appointed Event Director – Nationals 2007

APEX CLINICS

Three Apex Clinics have been held over the past three months and these have once again proved successful with approximately 100 gymnasts and 20 plus coaches benefiting from the experience.

Thanks to Omni, Christchurch School of Gymnastics, and Hamilton City Gymnastic Clubs for hosting the clinics and to the guest coaches for their input, especially Stuart Albury for his supervision of the South Island Clinic.

It is quite noticeable that a number of past gymnasts returning to the sport after some years into Levels 7 or 8, which is very encouraging and great news. We wish these gymnasts well.

With schools now starting later it is intended to start the Apex programme in early March 2008, not mid-February.

HIGH PERFORMANCE SELECTIONS

Our selections for International events started very early and have been continuous up to the present time.

The following events have been targeted by the committee and successful gymnasts attending as follows:

Australian Elite - 23rd to 27th May – Melbourne

Gymnast: Misha Koudinov
Coach: Alexander Koudinov
Judge/Manager: Gareth Brettell

World Cup Apparatus – 27th to 29th July - Shanghai

Gymnasts: Mark Holyoake, Daniel Good, Misha Koudinov.
Coach/Manager: Wang Xiao Gang
Coach: Alexander Koudinov

World University Games – 8th to 12th August - Bangkok

Gymnast: Daniel Good.
H.O.D/Coach: Stephen Kendall
Judge: Gareth Brettell.

Also pleased to report that both Mark and Daniel have posted personal best scores over the period to surpass the qualifying mark set for World Championships and Misha will hopefully be able to achieve a similar result in Australia.

Our Judge for the World Championships being held 1st to 9th September in Stuttgart, Germany is to be Ken Bow.

LEVELS

At the most recent trial in Auckland gymnasts within Levels 7, 8 and 9 were aiming to qualify for Australian Levels Championships in Brisbane, 1st to 7th July. It would appear that we will have one of our larger MAG teams attending.

What was pleasing about this trial is that a number of gymnasts came and trialled from outside of the Auckland Region.

Congratulations to the coaches for getting their gymnasts to such an acceptable standard so early in the season, not an easy task especially with the extended summer we are experiencing.

NEW ZEALAND GYMSPORTS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2007

I just have to comment on National Championships, as it seems everywhere I have been since the 2006 event, it is never far from being the most discussed topic.

Many will have been onto the website or read the first Nationals Newsletter which identifies that the 2007 event is once again at the Counties Manukau Gymsport and Recreation Centre, Papakura, Auckland (as it was in 2004 and 2005) with Artistic MAG/WAG Junior/Senior running 22nd to 25th September 2007 inclusive followed immediately by Trampoline and Rhythmic Gymnastics.

The competition format has changed for MAG levels 4, 5 and 6, in that there will now be two rounds:

Round 1 – All compete, Regional Team Competition

Round 2 – Top 24 gymnasts compete for All-round final.

The Men's Technical Committee have set a qualifying mark to attend National Championships within Levels 4,5 and 6 at **42.00**. This qualifying mark must be achieved at sanctioned competitions.

The final decision for selection to Nationals Championships, even if a gymnast achieves the qualifying mark, will rest with his respective Region.

No qualification mark is set for the Senior L7 and above, it being the call of the Regions.

DEVELOPMENT SQUADS

Development squads have been named and circulated. To date a very successful Intermediate and Senior Squad was held for all in Auckland under the watchful eye of Josif Ferencz (Joszi) from Christchurch, Mark Jujnovich and Sasha Koudinov. It is to be hoped to have another two this year.

Junior Squads are also planned to have clinics in the South Island and North Island; however in the meantime a number of Junior Squad members have attended Apex clinics.

JUDGING

Our Judging Coordinator, Stephen Kendall with assistance from Gareth Brettell and Ken Bow have been endeavouring to get our Level 2 Judges numbers increased by running appropriate courses around the country and all have proved successful.

With the competition season just around the corner we welcome the new enthusiastic group to our ranks.

WEBSITE

Our website is in the process of having a makeover and continues to provide valuable information, and if like me, you may not be using it enough?

The Men's Technical Committee has placed a section on the MAG GymSport page to record National records. Go take a look!

My thanks to my committee for the time and effort given up to this point and also the Judges time given to trials.

I look forward to catching up with all within the MAG gymnastics community over the coming months around the competition circuit.

Men's Technical Committee wishes all gymnasts the very best for the 2007 season.

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