The year started with the change of the competition structure and the huge decisions that had to be made regarding how the region would implement this scheme and supplement it for the benefit of the regional competitors. Although the regional clubs were divided in opinion, the outcome seemed to answer the needs of all. With more ‘tweaks ‘to the Levels system to come we need to reconsider the provision we are making for regional development. The running of the Levels and the grades in tandem was successful with no overlapping of events each was a separate event as required by BG. The Level numbers were low and some of the level competitors also competed in the grades. The competition season also saw the introduction of the Novice, Synchro and Team event (15+ teams entered). These seem to have been a popular addition to the competition programme. I think that if we continue to supplement the Levels programme, we can help our regional performers develop their ability to compete.

The region was represented at the Regional Team Final in Exeter (based on the Levels) almost despite the lateness of information. The South was placed third and the competitors enjoyed the day. We owe a big thank you to the coaches and judges who volunteered to accompany the team and Janet Payne who ensured that the team was kitted out appropriately.

The region has increased the number of judging and coaching courses. With the changes in the coaching programme already being piloted we needed to look for ways to supplement the coaching understanding too. In order make a start on this, in May 2, workshops were run called ‘Play on a trampoline with a purpose’. The programme looked at ways for coaches to give variety of warm up, orientation, development of techniques and conditioning. 20 coaches attended and the feedback was positive. I think this course could be run annually to the benefit of the region. I would like to thank Alison Payne who organised the workshop and Emma Bell for hosting it at Orbit.

The regional events have run very smoothly due to the huge amount of work carried out by Janet Payne and Yasmin Stammers who have organised the events so well. Of course this would not be possible without the help of Dugald Davison, the competition officer, and the clubs who volunteer to host the events. We have found it difficult to accommodate the DMT competitions due to the lack of space in the venues and unless we go to bigger arenas (at a much bigger cost), the DMT competitions may have to continue at an alternative venue on another day.

The course tutors have identified a weakness in the logbook completion on Level 1&2 courses. Elaine Whyte and Tony Hull have devised a workshop that can help club mentors understand how the trampoline tasks need to be completed. After checking that this course does not overlap the BG mentor courses, it is now ready to go and will be on the programme for 2015.

The Performance Pathway programme has started with a trial for young competitors. No one form the Southern Region was selected for this programme.

I would like to extend my personal thanks the Elaine Whyte, the Secretary, Lynda Tee, the Treasurer for their work for the region throughout the year.

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