SR Women’s Artistic report for South Region AGM – Dec 2018.

South Region Women’s Artistic has again had a very successful year running our competitions which have generated a controlled deficit and used some of last year’s surplus to leave competition entry fees and admission charges unchanged. As part of our 2018 plans we have been ring fencing funds raised at our competitions to support judging course costs in the next cycle as we no longer retain profit from the judging courses we run in region. This year we have been able to allocate £1800.98 towards future costs which is a very healthy start.

In the first part of 2018, 148 gymnasts entered Compulsory Grades 5 – 1 and National Grades 4 – 1 which was a substantial increase from 2017, and 53 gymnasts qualified from their county competitions to enter our Club & Regional Club Grades finals. We had a further 6 gymnasts out of 8 entered pass C3 as a retake in November. And in September 245 gymnasts entered our In Age, Out of Age, FIG and Challenge competition. As gymnasts wishing to enter the Challenge Cup now need to qualify from a nominated Regional Competition, this gave us a further increase in competition entry numbers and we had 11 gymnasts enter the second regional qualification opportunity that we provided.

We have continued to run South Regional squad sessions in 2018 organised by Kerri Beaven with Olivia Curran as choreographer. These have been very well received and a further 4 sessions and a control competition have been organised for 2019. We have also arranged a workshop in January for Coaches and Judges which will focus on the importance of routine construction and improving execution scores.

South has held one further Club Judge judging course with a further course due to be held early next year. We still struggle for judges in the north of the region in Bucks. No Bucks club has yet taken advantage of the Club Judge judging bursaries of £200 each that SRWTC made available at the start of this cycle to encourage clubs to qualify a judge. SRWTC have supported our regional judges and reimbursed clubs and individuals with bursaries towards the cost of their courses. Our counties have supported Club Judges with contributions towards their courses.

The South has enjoyed success internationally with Kelly Simm (Dynamo) representing England at Commonwealths and GB at both the European & World Championships as well as becoming British Senior Champion at the beginning of the year, and at National Competitions - both as a team and individually. As the standard was so high at our selection event in September, we made the decision to enter 2 teams into the Bill McLoughlin Individual Apparatus Competition in November. The South Team 1 of Jessica Gadirova & Jennifer Gadirova (Aylesbury GC), Lara Thornton (Phoenix) and Tayah Askham (Dynamo) won Team Bronze and the South Team 2 of Danielle Barnes & Olivia Essex (Dynamo), Holly Jones (Basingstoke) and Anna Bridge (PGC) finished 7th overall, with Jennifer winning silver on vault, tying for silver on bars with Anna ☺, and gold on floor with Holly winning silver on floor.

Our younger South gymnasts have again continued their progress this year. In May our Compulsory Level 3 team won gold with Tiegan Trafford (Abingdon GC) winning bronze and Sonia Runcianu (Pinewood) finishing 4th individually. Our Age Group Level 3 team won silver with Sonia winning individual bronze and winning gold on floor. With Lili Clo Thorp Richens (Aylesbury GC) winning individual bronze at L2 Voluntary and gold on bars and floor.

We have also been able to purchase new GK tracksuits for our South Teams and new competition Team leotards for our Age Group Teams this year.

Dates for 2019

19/01/2019 SR Squad Compulsory 1 Control Competition (Dynamo)
19/01/2019 SR Coach & Judge workshop (Hamble Sports College)
17/02/2019 SR Squad training (Abingdon)
09/03 – 10/03/2019 Hampshire County Grades 6 - 1 (Dynamo)
27/04/2019 (PM) South Region Grades 6 - 1 (Dynamo)
28/04/2019 South Region National and Compulsory Grades (Dynamo)
05/05/2019 SR Squad training (KD)
13/07 – 14/07/2019 Hampshire OOA Levels (Dynamo)
01/09/2019 SR Squad training (Abingdon)
07/09/2019 – 08/09/2019 Hampshire Voluntary Levels In Age Including Pathway, FIG & Challenge and Pre Level 5 (Dynamo)
21/09 – 22/09/2019 South Region Voluntary Levels In Age Including Pathway FIG & Challenge (Dynamo)
03/11/2019 SR Squad training (KD)
TBC - South Region OOA Voluntary Levels, Oxon, Berks & Bucks county competition dates.

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