



### North Awards 2016



Congratulations to everyone who received an Award at the Awards Evening at Hardwick Hall recently. It was a splendid occasion with numerous, very well deserved awards presented in front of a large gathering of colleagues and friends.



The Awards were presented by the President of British Gymnastics, Mr. Brian Everett and the manager of Volunteering Mr. Geoff Grant.

City of Newcastle took the Award for Club of the Year, AAA the Award for Membership and TC Awards went to the South Durham, Richmondshire and Northern Hope Clubs. Kelly Milnes was recognised as a Master Judge with Shelley Walton, Samantha Smith, Hannah Rowley Ruth Tonks and Scott Lowery all awarded Master Coach. Master gymnasts from Durham City, City of Newcastle, Deerness and South Tyneside were recognized for their outstanding international achievements.

Honorary Life Membership went to Diane Richardson, Margaret Robinson, Lynn Hope, Debbie Said and Craig

Burton and the President's Award recipients were Gordon McDonald, Anita Waters, Rachel Wright, Nicola Preston and Karen Chapman.

### Congratulations to.....

The TeamGym Teams from Tyneside and City of Newcastle who competed in the British Championship Qualification competition at Meadow Bank Stadium, in Edinburgh recently. The teams all performed really well and picked up a host of medals. After collation of scores with the



Southern Competition, the Clubs have Full teams and Micro teams qualified for finals.

Joining them in Edinburgh was a team from GymWorld who impressed everyone with their performance at their first major TG

competition. The GymWorld team picked up the Gold Medals and they have also qualified for finals in Liverpool in July.

### Membership Concerns

There are a number of competitions

happening in the region at the moment. Competition organisers are following BG procedure by checking membership, coach qualifications, safeguarding and DBS status. It appears that a significant number of coaches and judges have not renewed membership and have let DBS requirements lapse.

This is the responsibility of the coach and it should not fall to the competition organiser to have to contact coaches and judges about such matters. This should raise concerns for the clubs involved where effectively coaches could be working without insurance.

## Club News

Rebecca writes.....

On Saturday 18th March **Richmondshire Gymnastics Club** hosted a North of England Gymnastics Festival allowing clubs the opportunity to participate in a fun non-competitive event with a display of gymnastics from all ages disciplines and ability levels.

The event, held at Catterick Leisure Centre, was attended by five clubs from the region, who performed thirteen routines to an enthusiastic audience. Each participant received a wristband for taking part in the event. The display showcased skills from general, women's artistic, and team gym groups. Many thanks to those clubs who supported the event



Lyndsay sent in this picture of the girls from **GymMad** who took part in their first competition 'Sport For All' recently. The Club were very proud to

see Ava Moffat 5th, Charlie Pullin 3rd, and Scarlett Evans in 2nd place. The Under 10 Team finished in 2nd place.

Les sends Congratulations from everyone at **Northern Gymnastics Academy** to Maddie Robinson and Chloe Carter who recently qualified for the Grade 1 WP Disability Acro NDP National Finals to be held at Stoke on 13th & 14th May 2017. You are an inspiration and have



shown that you can achieve anything if you try hard enough and have a positive outlook. Very best of luck for the finals!! Well done too to our Grade 1 WP, Grade 2 WG and Grade 3 WG who were also competing in the regional finals this year.

Craig is pleased to report that **Middlesbrough College Under 19** teams have qualified for National Finals following successful outings at the regional Milano and the Acrobatic and Tumbling competitions. The students train at local clubs, study at Middlesbrough College and have timetabled additional Gymnastic Academy sessions at the College. We wish them well for the finals.

## TC News

**English TRA, TUM and DMT dates confirmed**

The dates for the 2017 English trampoline, tumbling and double-mini trampoline competitions have now been confirmed and are as follows: 8-9th April 2017: Qualification Series 1: Fenton Manor, Stoke-on-Trent  
13th/14th May 2017: Qualification Series 2: Bath University  
14th/15th October 2017: English Championships & English Regional Cup: EIS Sheffield

**General Gymnastics Chair Myrtle Sunley** reports that the Sport for All – our beginner's competition was hosted by Richmondshire Gym Club at Catterick L.C. The event attracted 166 gymnasts from 12 clubs. It was pleasing to see new Clubs Derwent Valley and Gym Mad take medals home and also a team from Penrith win a team award. West Cumbria who have not entered gymnasts for a long time gained 3 place medals too. Well done to all the other medallists and thanks to our hardworking organisers, judges and hosts for hopefully making it an enjoyable experience for all these gymnasts who were entering a competition for the first time.

## Coach Education

**A reminder that there is a Level 3 Theory course running in Middlesbrough 21st/22nd October.** This is a national course so you need to register through the BG website. Coaches can take this course before, after or alongside the Level 3 practical modules. There is no formal exam – it is portfolio based but it must be completed to gain a full Level 3 Award.

## Other Events

### BG Health & Safety Management System Introductory workshops

BG is pleased to announce that we will be providing a further series of workshops that are open for all BG registered clubs. The sessions will introduce you to the management system and guidance and give you the opportunity to ask any questions as well as network with other club officials with health and safety responsibilities.

The following dates have been confirmed but further dates and venues across the UK will be added.

Thursday 20th April 2017 University of Cumbria Sports, Lancaster, LA1 3DU 11.00 – 2.30

Thursday 20th April 2017 Deerness Valley Gym Club, Durham, DH7 7LS. 6.00 – 9.30pm

To reserve your place or if you have any queries, please email us at: [business.support@british-gymnastics.org](mailto:business.support@british-gymnastics.org)

## Coach Education from Emma Lawton

It appears that some clubs are very slow to pass on information to candidates about coaching and other available courses in the region. This results in either candidates applying after the closing date or courses being cancelled. In addition to the normal email information Emma is now also advertising courses on the BG Facebook page. The link is shown here. <https://www.facebook.com/BGNorthTeam/>

### NORTH DATES 2017

Date	Discipline	Organiser	Event	Venue	Entry By
March 26th	Tumbling	Region	NDP Regional Finals	Durham City	Feb 13th
April 9th	General	Region	Floor and Vault Recreation	Gateshead	March 9th
April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	General	Region	Floor and Vault Club and above	Hartlepool	March 9th
May 6-7 <sup>th</sup>	Schools	National	Floor & Vault and Acrobatics Finals	Fenton Manor	
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Women A	Region	Regional Grades 654321	Newcastle	
May 13-14th	Acrobatics	National	NDP Finals	Fenton Manor	
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Women A	Cumbria	Cumbria Competition	Carlisle	
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	General	Region	GGTC Apparatus (Recreation)	Hartlepool	May 15th
June 18 <sup>th</sup>	TeamGym	Club	City of Newcastle TG	Newcastle	
June 25 <sup>th</sup>	Acrobatics	Region	Regional Team and Open	South Tyneside	
July 2 <sup>nd</sup>	General	Region	GGTC Apparatus (Club and Open)	Hartlepool	May 15th
July 27-30th	Acro & TG	National	British Championships	Liverpool	
September 24 <sup>th</sup>	Women A	Region	Voluntary Levels British Dev 543	Redcar	
September 29th	Women A	Region	North Voluntary Teams		
October 7-8 <sup>th</sup>	Women A	Region	North Voluntary Levels	Newcastle	
Nov. 18-19th	Acrobatics	National	Club Team Championships	Fenton Manor	
December 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acrobatics	Region	Pre-Grades Competition	South Tyneside	

Thanks to Everyone who has contributed to NEGA News. The next edition will be due in June 2017.

