

## COACHES REPORT 2007

This year we have experienced a continued growth in all aspects of the clubs development, some which quite honestly make you proud to be part of it. The outcome of the various landmark achievements such as Gym Mark accreditation, Jack Petchey Gold recognition, Club SX, plus others, provides the springboard that allows members of all levels within the club to benefit to some degree. The outcome of this is a club which has all the credentials for future success. I personally would, amongst others, like to thank Dave Kingaby, whose skills have guided us towards these achievements.

As reported, often and in great depth on the web site, our results at all levels have continued to demonstrate the determination of both competitors and coaches. From our beginner grade 6's competing in friendly competitions, to our representatives at World level, we have achieved, and now face the coming season with a new structure which requires us to, where possible, restructure our coaching procedure in order to move forwards with British Gymnastics policy, which can be found on the website in some detail.

As our top competitors are now regularly achieving National representation, and qualifying for World class status on National development programmes, we must provide a coaching structure which will support them through the 2012 and 2016 Olympic cycles. We must also realise where these people came from, and so need to provide a structure which will identify and nurture our other upcoming youngsters onwards and upwards. The coming months will see some changes to groups in order that members are correctly allocated coaching and coaching time, more suited to their current position within the structure, identified by their results and progress through past few years. Eventually our group and competition setup will mirror the new structure BG begins using in a limited form next year, culminating in a total transformation in October 2008 in preparation for the 2008/9 season.

Creating a structure running parallel with the new competition structure won't be easy, and we are constantly striving to attract new coaches in order that all levels are being catered for. We have had several starts which were promising, only to be disappointed later. It's very obvious that coaches with the qualities we need for our members are a rare commodity, and have now turned our energies to producing our home grown coaches of the future from current members who have developed some knowledge through their own performances. 15 members will have embarked on this road by the time of the AGM attending a Level 1 course here at BTC and will hopefully be recruited gradually to the coaching staff as our membership also develops.

It should also be noted that Dave and Graham are due to complete their Level 4 Senior Coach Award; a stepping stone in their own development.

Let's hope that the forthcoming season with all of the changes from BG to those we intend to apply in the club, receive the support and understanding of everyone from parents, members and support staff. Without this we may find difficulty achieving what we have become accustomed to in terms of our friendly atmosphere and hard working attitudes, and enviable results.

Paul.