



# Brentwood Trampoline Club

## Annual Report 2011



### Chair's Report

The Apostle Paul wrote *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart..."*

It is time to report back to the club on the activities of the committee over this last year and I would personally like to thank the committee and coaches for their dedication as well as all the hard work they have put in that shows the heart they have for our trampolinists. It has been a busy year for all of us. Paul's coaching report will tell you of the club's success in competition so here are some of the other things that have been going on behind the scenes:

### The committee (doesn't sound very exciting but very necessary)

Firstly, on behalf of the club I'd like to thank Tracy Osman who is standing down after three years as treasurer for her commitment and loyalty. She has done a great job, very quietly and efficiently. There are others without whom our club wouldn't run. Phil Gibbs, membership secretary spends hours on administration. Thank you for all those who have made his life easier by paying by standing order or making sure you pay on time.

Celia Badley has been co-ordinating the Jack Petchey award scheme which continues to benefit us a club. She has also just completed training as welfare officer and has taken over the lead role from Dave. There may be some changes that we need to make to improve the standard of care we give to our youngsters and I would ask for your full co-operation in this. Tracey Toft has been organising all the competition entries, persuading judges to give up their time so that our kids can take part. More judges are always welcome if you would like to take up the challenge. Lee Harris has been co-opted onto the committee in the capacity of volunteer co-ordinator. Marie Merritt has done a superb job of organising food for various events. Jane Lindsay, also co-opted during the year, has produced glossy newsletters and assisted with socials. Allison Marshall has taken the job of minute secretary at meeting and made batches of special cakes for the cakes stall at the Open.

Meanwhile, I have carried on working with Dave on running our competitions at Brentwood. None of these would happen without the support of members so thank you for the hours you put in here.

Our coaches also work hard outside their coaching roles. Dave continues as PR wizard, writing articles and being very good at getting his copy into the local papers. He spends enormous amounts of time on day-to-day admin and website development and maintenance. Paul and Graham are to be congratulated on their election to the Eastern Region Committee to organise a regional squad. Chrissie Law and Vanessa Lewis were also elected as national and regional competitor reps respectively. Stuart Kelly, one of our member's parents, is now chairman. To complete the line up, Dave has set up a new website for the Eastern Region (<http://trampoline-east.org>) and has been co-opted onto the committee to deliver the website and brand for the region.



### Events and Projects

We had a social event in June and said "good bye" to Viki Bartkowiak (Competition Secretary). We followed this by another smaller soiree in the autumn. I am hoping that there will be more social events organised this year.

One concern at this time last year, were the plans for the Keys Hall. RecoilTwisters went ahead developing the new centre and securing support as one of the Mayor's charities for the year. The committee has worked hard to keep Brentwood TC in the limelight to try and match the publicity the new venture has been getting. We



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managed a few extra articles in the paper based on our successes and produced posters for display (still lots available so please do take some). We also invited Eric Pickles to visit our Open Competition in October and sent a picture of him presenting prizes, to the Gazette with our coverage of the event.

The biggest blow was seeing the name "Brentwood Trampoline and Activity Centre" appear outside Keys Hall. Quick action started the process of registering "Brentwood Trampoline" as our trademark and we immediately asked Recoil to take it down. It has been quite a long battle involving Brentwood Council, who own the building, and Brentwood Leisure Trust, who manage it. We have now reached the point where the name has been changed in all usage except on the building itself.

Our Saturday PAYG sessions have been a success and have contributed to keeping our membership up. Indeed we have had members of RecoilTwisters & Levitation join us since their move to the Keys Hall, recognising the strength of coaching and better equipment we have here.

In November we took delivery of two new trampolines with 4mm x 4mm beds suitable for higher level competition, courtesy of lottery funding. Thanks to Phil for the hard work required here.

Graham has been exploring the use of a new venue at Basildon Sporting Village, which has exciting potential for the future. He has run PAYG there, with Paul's help, to get it up and running. We have also managed to get some use of South Essex Gym club's foam pit on site for use by those trampolinists who need to learn more complicated skills.

Graham has also organised smart new Brentwood Trampoline tracksuits so we can all look like a team in the new competition season. These will be ordered again in the new year so if you missed out on the first round you're not too late.

## Looking forward

We have been accepted as a gold Academy Club again this year, however due to council cuts, the financial advantage has dropped to just £250.

We are looking to renew our GymMark Accreditation imminently, though the demands for this seem to have increased, making it hard to get coaches and committee through the required number of courses. This is particularly tricky when BG don't always run courses very often.

Olympic training comes to Brentwood School next summer, for modern pentathlon, and we have been exploring different venues to train in while this happens. There will be more news nearer the time.

The coaches are looking into the possibilities of taking some of our top competitors abroad for competitions and/or training camps in 2012.

Finally, I have decided to stand down, due to family health problems, and wish the new committee all the very best for the next year.

*Olive Law*

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## Treasurer's Report

Accounts for the Club for the year show an excess of expenditure over income of £6,342. However we purchased two new beds which totalled £4,352 which would explain a large part of the deficit. We will still need to monitor the clubs income and expenses closely and look at the fee structure and if necessary make amendments.

The Club has again secured Jack Petchey funding of £2,300 and Academy funding of £700 during the financial year. This money is held in a reserve account, the Jack Petchey money can only be used to fund items suggested by the children who receive the awards. The Academy money is used to fund Gala expenses.

We again hosted two major competitions this year, a grading in May and our Open in October. Both were run to a high standard, the Open was another huge success with good feedback from other clubs and competitors. As the open competition was held later than normal the accounts do not reflect the profit from this which we estimate to be approx £600 (still awaiting bill from Courage Hall). Although this is lower than the previous year we have to bear in mind that we had 51 of our own entries for which we bore the entry fee when the new club fees were structured.

The accounts have been audited and found to be in order.

Copies are available and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

*Tracy Osman,*

Treasurer, 25th November 2011

## Coaching Report

This last year has seen the emergence of our up-and-coming gymnasts since the retirement of our senior National competitors, plus the development of a new batch of assistant coaches who are now firmly timetabled into the clubs coaching structure. However, until we begin to see the return of our coaches who are now mid-way through university careers, we will continue to struggle to maintain the numbers that will give us the flexibility we need to deliver the service that continues to cement the reputation the club has built over many years.

Lauren has decided that with pressures from studying and exams, it is time to take time out. We thank her for her services and hope she will return in the future but in the meantime offer some support in terms of cover coach when required. However with some of our adult members showing an interest, we are now able to maintain at least the same service we have enjoyed over the last year.

At National level we have had a continued success. Chrissie, Susanna and Josh have flown the flag throughout the year which culminated in Susanna and Josh becoming the Age group Champions at National C. Chrissie, who has undoubtedly climbed strongly up the success ladder, secured the bronze medal in a very large and competitive group.

At regional level, which is the competition launching point, yet again we have dominated in terms of quality results, seeing our youngsters not only occupying podium places but advancing towards national competitive honours with several ready to join our existing members next season. Lucy, Kensie, and Lauren having already secured their places at National C, with Faith, Georgie, Joe, Jon & Maddie hopefully ready to join them during the New Year. A new batch of ascending youngsters is already showing signs of hitting the targets ready to move towards Regional D, the launch pad level into the National Program.





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We are continuing to seek out talented youngsters to join the club thus creating newer layers of development ready to aspire toward the same goal. Great news as this would be, we continue to experience negative issues alongside the success. Greater numbers demand officials in order to compete. Judging is a way of developing an understanding of our sport whilst providing us with a source of officials we can rely on to allow the numbers we create to enter the system. Dave has organised judge courses during the year and it would be encouraging to see volunteers adding their name to the list of those who are willing to help our youngster to progress. Successes on this front are Natalie and Olive who have both qualified to County Judge allowing us to compete more at National level.

Graham has developed a new arm to the club at Basildon Sporting Village, currently operating on a Friday evening. Equipment has been moved to the centre to offer better opportunities to those who attend there. We see this as a growing venture which will gather pace with time.

We boast a new club tracksuit, again organised by Graham. Orders have gone through the roof which is exciting and we look forward to them being on show for the first time at the Brentwood Grading.

As parents you tend to notice only what happens during training and competing, but there is a great deal of work and organisation going on in the background. We are constantly looking for enthusiastic parents and individuals to join our committee to share the load of running your club.

To those who do, a great thank you on behalf of the members.

*Paul Kitchen.*

26/12/11



## Jack Petchey Scheme Report

I think I have the nicest job in the club! I get to open over a hundred slips of paper; three times a year; and read lovely, inspiring and positive comments that members have written about each other. It reminds me each time what a great bunch of young people we have in the club. I read comments such as

- “she is so kind to me and always makes me smile”
- “he does well in competitions but does not show off”
- “when I was nervous at the grading she helped me to believe that I could do it”
- “she is always helpful and helps to pack the trampolines away” .

The Jack Petchey award scheme encourages and celebrates the good in young people, over the age of 11 years. It helps us to focus on character traits such as thoughtfulness, kindness, helpfulness and co-operation as well as hard work and success.

Since the awards are not principally about trampolining success, anyone can win an award. Winners are presented with a certificate, badge and medal for their achievements.

Well done to our 9 winning young people this year. Well done to Graham for winning the leader award. It's a privilege to recognise your special qualities. I really look forward to seeing who wins in 2012!

*Celia Badley.*

30/12/11

