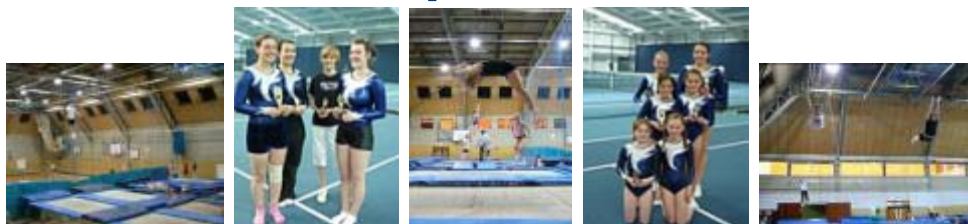




Brentwood Trampoline Club

Annual Report 2010



Introduction to report

It would be usual for this introductory piece to be written by a Chairman but, as of this date, we do not have one due to our Chairman stepping down from this role last month. In practical terms this will not greatly affect the day-to-day running of the club but the role does fulfil an important oversight job on the executive committee ensuring that we coaches (the shop floor if you like) are meeting your needs as members. Accordingly the first priority that this club has, or the committee will have if there is an absence of volunteers, will be to fill this role. Ironically this is pretty much where last year's Chairman's Report started with a plea by Steven Nicholls for a successor following his several years valued service in the role.

Organisationally the club has seen other change during the year with Olive Law splitting her competitions role and Viki Bartkowiak taking on the Competition Secretary post for away regional competitions – Olive has continued to be Home Competition Organiser. Another handover took place quite early in the year with Phil Gibbs taking on the membership secretary role from Andrea Nicholls – an extraordinarily difficult pair of shoes to step into but a job Phil has taken on with some gusto. Looking forward it is probable that most committee members will offer themselves for re-election but we certainly need to plan ahead for the departure of Viki back to her hometown of Chicago during the summer and, as ever, we always need more Welfare Officers and Judges.

Tracy's Treasurers report below gives a good insight into how your committee works for the benefit of members. Identifying that balances were growing the committee looked into options to return this to members and a small sub-committee was formed to consider options. The discount scheme introduced for those pre-paying by standing orders achieves a number of benefits for members and committee alike – the lower fees paid monthly rather than quarterly make invoices much less daunting whilst the standing order process reduces the constant headache of chasing late payments; we do encourage all members to move to this system if at all possible.

Paul's report on coaching also provides some important insights – we have truly outperformed all our competitors in the region this year and our members deserve a pat on the back for this, several have received Jack Petchey awards recognising this but there were many more who worked extraordinarily hard during the year to make this happen. What Paul does not mention is that we have also recently expanded the training hours of the club from 4 to 5 days a week, this has put some short term stress on finances but we are hopeful that over time the new Saturday sessions will continue to fill out and help the club expand.

Other points of interest include the following:

- We have applied for renewal of, and been successful in achieving, Brentwood Academy Club Status at the new Gold Level. This brings with it a cash grant of £500 to be spent at the club's discretion;
- We have recently submitted our self-assessment against GymMark compliance and are awaiting response. Irrespective of the outcome of this (which is likely to be OK), next year will be a longer process since it will be a full reassessment by BG officials involving a fair amount of committee members time next Autumn;
- This year saw the club on National TV for the first time with a short 10-minute 'insert' piece about the history of trampolining during BBC's Flog It! Programme. Although filmed in Autumn 2009, this was first broadcast in March this year and has recently been repeated in November – it may still be available on iPlayer.





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We are proud to remain involved with the Jack Petchey Achievement Award Scheme. This scheme is intended to recognise the efforts and achievements of the Club's members. Members are asked to nominate another member (aged between 11-25) who has exemplified, for them, the characteristics of somebody who, to quote the scheme's booklet, *"does not need to be the cleverest, the fastest or the best looking! But they need to be exceptionally hard working or have done something really positive for other people"*.

The winners for 2010 were:

- Josh Newman (Jan)
- Lauren Michaels (Feb)
- Emma Brereton (Mar)
- Lauren Marchant (Apr)
- Vanessa Lewis (May)
- Natalie Shade (Jun)
- Kensie Sherlock (Sep)
- Alexandra Bartkowiak (Oct), and
- Laura Studd (Nov).



They were nominated for a variety of reasons and you can look on the website for more details (http://www.brentwoodtc.org/jack_petchey.htm).

We have also been advised that a 'small grant application' put forward to Jack Petchey under the name of Steven Nicholls (our 2009 Leader award winner) recently has been successful. With that £500 and the £1,300 Paul was able to obtain from Brentwood School for wear & tear of our equipment over the past years, we will now be able to acquire another new bed and springs. To date there have been no nominations for a Leader Award in 2010 and absent an award winner we may not be able to apply for similar funds in 2011. If you don't do this already, please encourage your children to nominate a fellow member each month (& a Leader perhaps). Not only is it a very good reflection of good team spirit, it is also a useful source of funds for the Club.

Dave Kingaby, Publicity & Welfare Officer 19th November 2010

Treasurer's Report

The Club has had an improved financial year with the end of year figures showing a surplus of £2,888. As a consequence of this we were able to introduce a discount scheme to the prepaying members of the club opting to pay by standing order which is now in operation. This will obviously have to be monitored carefully to avoid possible future deficits.

The club has changed Bank accounts to HSBC and are in the process of closing the Natwest account which will hopefully be completed within the next month.

The Club has again secured Jack Petchey funding of £1,800. This money is held in a reserve account and can only be used to fund items suggested by the children who receive the awards. From this fund we have purchased a new bed and springs totalling £2,240.

We have again hosted two major competitions this year a grading in January and our open in September. Both were run to a high standard, but the open was a huge success with good feedback from other clubs and competitors.

In total this year we have raised a sum of £1,230 for club funds.

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 8th November 2010



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Coaching Report

The last year has seen many changes taking place with some of our senior National competitors retiring and the inevitable transition to University careers of several of our young coaches. Hopefully these coaches will return in the future to continue their work with us. Some current coaches continue with us but will eventually follow the same path.

Both of these have impacted greatly and as such a rejuvenation is constantly happening throughout the club. It is to our young developing members we now turn to raise our profile for the future whilst encouraging our remaining national competitors toward another successful season.

At regional level which is the competition launching point, 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.

Details of all upcoming competitions, and reports of most shortly after they have taken place, are on the club's website at http://www.brentwoodtc.org/comps_this_year.htm.

Fortunately we are experiencing talented youngsters continuing to join the club thus creating newer layers of development ready to aspire toward the same goal. Great news as this is, there is a price for this success with greater numbers competing demanding we provide more officials in order to compete. Judging is a way of developing a greater 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 a judge course during the February half term next year and it would be encouraging to see volunteers putting forward their names to attend this – the club will meet course fees and, for non-competitors/coaches, BG membership costs.

Recruiting new coaches is always going to be difficult but our adult sessions have recently shown a surge in interest with some wishing to compete, some already qualified as coaches, and others showing signs of interest in becoming coaches. As young adults, though, often at the beginning of their career, they may not always be able to devote the time we may need so again, if any parents are interested in looking at becoming a coach please do let us know.

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 already, a great thank you on behalf of the coaches and members.

Paul Kitchen, Head Coach 19th November 2010

