

# REBOUND GYMNASTICS CLUB

# NEWSLETTER

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## COMPETITION RESULTS

We had gymnasts competing in Grades 4, 3 and 2 on 15 and 16 March with some very pleasing results:-

**Grade 2:** Jessica Wevill (15<sup>th</sup>), Sam Deakin (16<sup>th</sup>) and Jessica Bayliss (21<sup>st</sup>)

**Grade 3:** Hannah Bond (10<sup>th</sup>), Katie Griffiths (19<sup>th</sup>), Rebecca Blay (23<sup>rd</sup>), Freya Phillips (25<sup>th</sup>) and Alanah Coley (40<sup>th</sup>)

**Grade 4:** Ellie Sarson (12<sup>th</sup>) and Amy Wevill (30<sup>th</sup>)

Following on from that we had 9 girls competing in Grade 6 and 5 over the weekend of 19 and 20 April

**Grade 5:** (Out of Age) Jasmine Padda (6<sup>th</sup>) and (In-Age) Annalise Pugh (34<sup>th</sup>) and Maisie Franklin (49<sup>th</sup>)

**Grade 6:** (All In-Age – *with 90 gymnasts competing that day*) Ella Cooper (11<sup>th</sup>), Morgan Watkins (14<sup>th</sup>), Lucy Paddock (41<sup>st</sup>), Amelia Nicholls (54<sup>th</sup>), Abigail Spinks (76<sup>th</sup>) and Megan Hughes (77<sup>th</sup>)

*A full set of results is available on the club website.*



Grade 6 girls – Morgan, Megan, Ella, Lucy, Abigail & Amelia

## FUTURE COMPETITIONS

The gymnasts will now focus on getting ready for Level Competitions which begin on 5 July with the County Competition where our girls will have the opportunity to compete against gymnasts from Chelmsley Wood, Wolverhampton, Flames and Earls Gymnastics Clubs.

## FUND RAISING

We are now looking for permanent premises and as a result are actively seeking to raise as much money as we possibly can over the next couple of years. We have established a "Fund Raising Committee" whose members include coaches Mel, Krystie, Pat and Kerry together with parents Ruth Bond, Deb Sarson, Jane

Griffiths, Daniella Ward and Tracy Nichols. Further information about the Committee will be available shortly.

The most recent fund raising event was our Family Quiz Night which was held on Saturday 3 May. This was a huge success and we raised £609.20!! Well over £100 was raised as a result of the artistic talents of Mel and Krystie in face painting – see a selection of photographs under "**Gymnasts**" on the website.

We would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who took part in the event and helped make it a success; especially Mel for all her efforts behind the scenes. A special thank you also goes to Alex (Mel's son) who helped out by collecting money and organising the face painting queues!

## Other Funding Raising

Once we had the new beam in place, we held a bid for the low beam and matting and raised £510.00.

We have also received a personal donation from Ellie Sarson of £22.00 from the sale of leotards – thank you!

## COACHING

We have 5 trainee coaches waiting to take their first coaching course later in the year. Anyone else interested in helping out in any way, please speak to Erin, Krystie or Mel.

## TERM DATES

Term dates for both the Recreational and Competition Classes are available under the **Members** section of the website. However, any changes to training dates will always be posted on the **NEWS** page of the Club website, e.g. if classes need to be closed due to inclement weather conditions or problems with the school building.

## RECREATIONAL CLASSES

We introduced a new class at the end of April to enable us to offer places to gymnasts on the waiting list in the younger age categories which tend to be the most popular classes.

This is keeping us all very busy on a Saturday morning and we recently held our Annual Recreational Class Championships with almost 100 gymnasts taking part from the age of 4 up to 15.

Our new Recreational Class Champions are as follows:-

Senior Champion – Jessica Graham  
& Intermediate Champion – Catherine Galvin



Junior Champion – Rosella Lanza  
& Infant Champion – Olivia Kunneke



For more photographs see the *Photo Gallery* under "Gymnasts" on the website.

### HOSTING

Thank you to the gymnasts, coaches and parents who helped host the National Finals (Grades 3 and 1) held at Cocks Moor Wood Leisure Centre on Saturday 27 April – Ruth Bond, Jane Griffiths, Deb Sarson, Karen Taylor, Kerry Noton, Pat Sarson. Especially those parents who came along at the end of the event (or stayed) to help put away the equipment – Des Blay (and brother), Simon Griffiths, Martin Mynott, the Sarsons, the Coopers, Jo Hughes and Karen Spinks.



Runners Pictured: Sam, Georgina, Jess B, Jess W, Hannah, Katie, Bex, Gina, Jordanna, Abigail, Megan, Ella, Alanah, Ellie and Annalise (not pictured are Freya and Niamh)

### EQUIPMENT

Last term we took delivery of the new beam with its folding matting – this has proved very popular with both gymnasts and parents!

### WEBSITE

The website contains lots of useful information about the Club, including Club Policies and Procedures, the Club Constitution etc. The "Members Only" pages are private and can only be accessed via a login and password which we control. The website was updated in April introducing a new section for **Gymnasts** and which contains details of all the gymnasts currently in the Competition Class.

At the request of our gymnasts we have now included a **Photo Gallery** under the "Gymnasts".

### HELP

We would like to thank all those parents who regularly help us to "squeeze" everything into the kit room. With everyone's help we are now getting the equipment out and away in about 20-25 minutes. It is, however, vital that we continue to receive regular help with equipment so that our classes can start and finish on time.

### SPECIAL MENTIONS

We would like to thank Kerry and Pat for the dedication and commitment shown over the past 12 months. They help out at every club event and are well known for their expertise when it comes to selling raffle tickets!

We also thought it was important to acknowledge the additional help given by Krystie over the past six months. She has taken over responsibility for new members to the Club and is playing a larger part in the organisation of the Club's Recreational Classes, including preparations for the competition. This is much appreciated by both of us.

*Mark & Erin Simpson – May 2008*