

GYMNASTICS FOR ALL

AGM 2011

Due to numerous personal reasons I wasn't very pro active in GFA the past year. I do hope to rectify this for the coming year. However, I did attend the FIG GFA colloquium meeting in Lisbon, Portugal last December which was extremely beneficial as the colloquium dealt with different forms of contest and competition in the area of Gymnastics for All. . Discussions also took place on the development of Gym for Life Challenge. There were also presentations of some resources developed by FIG Member Federations... so I now have numerous plans for development of GFA. One being a very simple GFA competition structure for all ages, involving apparatus. The other is an adaption of Team Gym. Team Gym is a combination of a group floor display, tumbling and vault. I intend travelling to Germany this October to attend a Team Gym Training Camp & Competition to obtain resources and ideas etc..

FIG GYMNAESTRADA 2011 - Switzerland

Finally here after two years of preparation. Letterkenny GC is travelling as the Irish Team. I am very proud of the Team and I'll be bursting with pride when I see the Team carrying the Flag in the Opening Ceremony. Ireland will participate in Group Performance and City Performance. Ireland will not be participating in Large Group performance, FIG Gala or National Evening. (90 mins show with predicted audience of 2.5k -3k)

At a recent meeting in Lausanne it was approved by the 'English speaking countries' that Great Britain will organize the Technical Production and provide the initial budget to run the National Evening, Petrina Hutchinson AUS was appointed Director and myself-Carolanne Tighe IRL appointed Assistant Director. We are doing an 'ABBA' production which promises to be lively!

Keep an eye on the website for updates.

www.wg-2011.com

FIG 'GYM FOR LIFE CHALLENGE 2013

It is with great pleasure that FIG and the South African Gymnastics Federation invite Ireland to the 2nd edition of the Gym for Life World Challenge, to be held in the city of **Cape Town from July 10 until July 14 2013.**

The 1st Information meeting will be held in Cape Town this coming November. This meeting will also coincide with the FIG GFA Colloquium.

Registration for this Event will probably start early 2012. Any clubs potentially interested in attending need to start informing me now as this will be an expensive Event to travel too. Preparations need to start sooner rather than later.

In time, more information will be available on the official website.

<http://www.gymforlife.co.za/>

UEG EUROGYM 2012-Coimbra, Portugal

This Event will happen in Coimbra, Portugal, July 15th-19th 2012. This Event is a Youth Festival and is aimed at 12 yrs- 18yrs approx. Teams perform twice in city locations and they also have the additional option to perform in one of the many Seaside locations. With attendance at both Opening/Closing Ceremonies, workshops, excursions and parties, it promises to be a very entertaining week.

The Information meeting will be held in Coimbra June 17th-19th and on my return I will inform clubs of the details. Currently three clubs have already expressed an interest in travelling so if anyone else would like to come join the party then please contact me.

Official Registration is through GFA and will open shortly

www.eurogym2012.org

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES

Registrations for friendlies are with organizers directly, but can I please ask clubs out of courtesy to inform GFA of their intention to travel.

Gym Fleadh, Ireland

Mid Sutton GC are hosting their Annual International "GYM FLEADH" in UCD, June 25th & 26th. They work very hard at this Event and I'm delighted to see more and more Irish Clubs performing there. This is an optional two day residential Event. Participants can enjoy the party and socialize with clubs from home and abroad. It's always a fantastic weekend with usual outstanding performances by Mid Sutton. They have an International reputation for their fantastic shows and regular attend Events such as Scotland's Gymfest, London Festival of Gymnastics and the "Blume Festival" in the Canaries.

Please contact the club directly for further information re Gym Fleadh.

www.mid-suttongymclub.ie

<http://www.blumegrancanaria.com/pages/English/Blume10.html>

Leeds Gymnastics Festival, UK

Both Arabian Gymnastics and Clondalkin GC attended the Leeds Gymnastics Festival. Congratulations to Clondalkins 'Precision Display Squad' who won a Trophy

<http://cityofleedsgymnastics.co.uk/festival/gymfest-2011>

Festival Del Sol, Italy

Blarney Glasheen travelled to this Event last Oct and had a brilliant time. This is an annual Italian Event. Check out the website...

www.festivaldelsole.it

A.O.B.

I would be very grateful if clubs could inform me of any Club Displays that they may be hosting. I do enjoy them.

Some Clubs are also establishing Adult classes which are brilliant. Please let GFA know if your club has an Adult group.

Many thanks to Shane for keeping me sane... and to my Fellow Board members for their support.

GFA also needs members to formally sit on the GFA Committee. Interested parties can contact the Chair directly.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or Shane for further assistance.

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Inc: Nominations for Technical Chairs-consent received from the following intending Officers.
Approved and dated Monday 13th July 14.00hrs

Nominations for Technical Chairs 2011

Vice –President General Gymnastics/GFA Carolanne Tighe IND 11314 proposed by Shane Holohan COS 18 Seconded by Avril Morrision JAN 702

Vice-President Women’s Artistic Natasha Preston proposed by Carolanne Tighe IND 11314 seconded by Shane Holohan COS 18

Vice-President Acrobatics Frank Duffy proposed by Carolanne Tighe IND 11314 seconded by Avril Morrision JAN 702

Vice-President Tumbling Sophie Skillen proposed by Carolanne Tighe IND 11314 seconded by Shane Holohan COS 18