



Gymnastics Club



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Chairman's Report 2022/2023



The 2022/2023 year continued with the challenges of delivering Gymnastic Classes to our members within a Covid-Safe environment. We continued with our staggered class start times and smaller bubble, regular hand sanitising and fogging of the gym.

Member numbers have continued to increase and are nearing pre-covid levels again. We are running Recreational Gym, Preschool and Freerunning classes, as well as an expanding Development Squad and Display Team.

It has always been and remains the ethos of the Club to be open to all as a grass roots Club embedded in the Community. In doing this our aims are to bring the sport of Gymnastics and the associated activities of the North Devon Display Gymnastics Club to as many people of all ages and abilities as possible and to have a reputation built around Accessibility, Inclusion, Safety, Enjoyment and Aspiration.

In recognition of the ever increasing statutory requirements on the Club and in particular, employers, the Trustees have had to consider the financial and personnel effect that the regular increases in the minimum wage, living wage and pensions has and will make. The Club's accountants who run the payroll, along with personnel guidance and advice, also administer the workplace pension scheme.

Class fees are reviewed regularly and increased as necessary to cover the overheads of the club. During the year we have also been fortunate to attract some grant funding from various local and national organisation towards coaching aids.

To address the Club's long term liabilities and responsibilities, the Trustees set up a Contingency bank account with the aim of accumulating enough funds to cover 6 months of outgoings in reserve. This aim has now been achieved and the club is in a stable and secure financial position.

With the continuing stability and steady increase in membership the club is in a position of strength to look and work towards its future.

The Trustee Induction Scheme has continued to prove successful with interested people being co-opted to the Committee to give them a period of time to learn and understand the needs and administration of the Club whilst getting to know the Committee; being in an informed position to then put themselves forward. This has generated a well established committee giving commitment, knowledge and continuity.

The last year has seen the Club both holding and attending great events and competitions that have shown the continuing development of not only gymnasts but also their Coaches.

In October 2022, 27 gymnasts, making up the Display Team plus Coaches and Parents attended a full weekend of gymnastics at the Annual London Gymnastic Festival with their routines receiving great credit.

These events are often the first time a gymnast has travelled and performed in public and although great fun are also hard work and educational.

Any Club member of school age can join the Display team regardless of ability.

None of the above would be possible without the huge commitment and hard work given by the Head Coach, the Coaching team and our volunteers.

Our aim is to bring through well trained and qualified coaches to carry the Club into the future, with investment by the club, both financially and in time as mentors.

We look forward to offering apprenticeships to candidates into the future. The scheme also opens an avenue of education for all our staff should they want it.

My personal thanks go to our Head Coach who works tirelessly, along with our Membership Administrator, aiming for the best future for both the Club and its gymnasts and to all our coaches for their commitment and hard work to NDDGC in helping it remain true to its core values.

Our thanks must also go to our volunteers; Trustees who give up their time regularly and shoulder the legal responsibilities to manage the Club; all our helpers, both in coaching and working at events to raise funds; and to all our sponsors and those who gave grants.

In closing, the Club is in a strong and healthy condition and is striving to improve and develop.

I and the Trustees look forward to the new gym year, as always, with great optimism.

Jayne Poole
Club Chairman