

GYMNASTICS FOR ALL **AGM 2010**

Following on from the success of last year's attendance at the first ever FIG Gym for Life Challenge, I've had a very busy year working with Letterkenny GC who will represent Ireland next year in Switzerland at World Gymnaestrada 2011. Blarney Glasheen and Mid Sutton have also travelled to International Events. I'm delighted that more and more clubs are seeing and enjoying the benefits of GFA Events.

FIG 'GYM FOR LIFE CHALLENGE' 2013

This was the first ever FIG GFA Competition, and 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**. Registration for this Event will probably start late 2011. Any clubs potentially interested in attending need to start informing me now as this will be an expensive Event to travel too, though costs incurred locally are far cheaper for us. Preparations need to start sooner rather than later.

UEG EUROGYM 2010 - Denmark

This Event happened in Odense, Denmark July 12th-16th 2010, but unfortunately we had no Teams present. They had 5k participants approx. 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.

UEG EUROGYM 2012 - Portugal

The event and hosting of some 5,000 gymnasts goes to Coimbra, on July 14 - 20, Portugal and registration will be open in 2011.

www.eurogym2012.com

FIG GYMNAESTRADA 2011 - Switzerland

Registration is closed. I've officially registered Ireland's interest in participating at FIG World Gymnaestrada 2011. Letterkenny GC are travelling as the Irish Team. Ireland will not be participating in Large Group performance, FIG Gala or National Evening. (90 mins show with predicted audience of 2.5k -3k) Ireland will participate in Group Performance and City Performance. We may yet take part in Educational Forum- TBA.

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. Details of production is 'under wraps' at the moment and will be disclosed later....The Management Team will meet again in December in Portugal & Lausanne in March.

FIG GFA Colloquium-2010 - Portugal

The colloquium will deal with different forms of contest and competition in the area of Gymnastics for All. Discussions will take place on the development of 'Gym for Life Challenge' and FIG will have presentations of some resources developed by FIG Member Federations.

Shane Holohan and I will be in attendance.

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDLIES

Mid Sutton GC hosted their Annual International "GYM FLEADH' in UCD, June. This is a wonderful opportunity for Irish Clubs to perform so please contact Mid Sutton directly for information. 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 and the "Blume Festival" in the Canaries.

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

www.mid-suttongymclub.ie

Blarney Glasheen GC recently attended the 'Festival Del Sole' Riccione, Italy... where they had a fabulous time!!! Read their article in the next edition of the IG Magazine.

www.festivaldelsole.it

A.O.B.

Can I please remind clubs to contact GFA/Irish Gymnastics re their intention to travel to GFA Events. Travel Approval forms/Policy documents etc... must be completed and

submitted.

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

Some Clubs are also establishing Adult classes which is brilliant. Please inform GFA if your club has an Adult group. Alongside with GFA Events to participate in, I think it would be brilliant to start a Veteran Age Groups Competition. I wouldn't mind competing myself so if anybody wants a challenge and fancies some fun....:)

Congratulations to Tuam All Stars who competed in the All Ireland Talent. I thought it was fabulous !!!!

Congratulations also to Clondalkin GC who have also formed a permanent Display Squad- "Precision Display Squad". They recently attended the open auditions for the next "All Ireland Talent Show" and were successful and are now through to the next round! They were also asked to record a promo video with Grainne Seoige which will be shown on RTE as the trailer for the programmes.

Many thanks to Shane for keeping me sane... and to my Fellow Board members for their support and the best of luck to those whom I know have declined to stand.

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

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