



CHALK TALK



January 2016

WHATS NEW

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM was held on Tuesday 1 December – many thanks to those members that attended – we just managed a quorum which was a relief.

The committee remains largely as is and is made up as follows – Carlo Shields (chairman), Phyllis Baily (secretary), Jenny Fuller, Debbie Blofield, Marion Swan, Deon Stander, Chris and Mandy James joined by our 2 athlete representatives who are Natalie Kemsly and Sipeshile Biyase.

1 or 2 parents who could not make the meeting but are keen to assist will be co-opted in due course.

Fees for 2016

Our new brochure is enclosed with this – average increase is 7%

Also included in this invoice will be 2 annual fees – our club membership of R200 and the registration fee with the Provincial and National Federation which is R55 for non-competitive gymnasts and R425 for competitive gymnasts (provincial and national events)

FOR YOUR DIARY

11 January 2016 – Classes resume for the 1st Term (back to the grind stone !)

23 January - KZN Squad training hosted at Pinetown & report back on national training camp held in Pretoria during December

6 February – Trial event for African Championships Team (Algeria in April)

19&20 February - KZN Squad training hosted at Pinetown

26 February– Parents “Night Out” – Games, movies, hot dogs for the kids while mom & dad can go out – win win !

27 February – MAG (boys) Level 1 to 3 routine workshop – getting everyone on the same page after some revisions to program - hosted at Pinetown

4 – 6 March – Gymnastics Leaders coaches course – 1st level of coaches training – all disciplines – hosted at Pinetown

12 March – Level 1 Judges course for men’s/boys gymnastics (not limited to men !) – venue and detail TBA

19 March – Last day of classes for term 1

19 > 24 March – HP MAG test event in Pretoria followed by training camp

REPORT BACK

Lotto application

We are onto 2nd base !! – application received and we have been issued a grant number – now the question is will be adjudication board/committee like us ??

Competitive Routines

There will be slight changes for both boys and girls routines this year – as can be seen by the workshop already allocated for boys – girls one will be finalized shortly.

After the Rio Olympics there will be some changes to the international programs for the next “cycle” 2017 > 2020 (leading up to the Olympics in Japan)

International update

African Championships are in Algeria at the end of March – trial on February 6 will determine team

Rio test event – last chance to qualify for the Olympics - South Africa has Ryan Patterson (trains at the University of California, Berkley Campus) preparing for this final hurdle – our fingers and toes will be crossed in April for him !

