

## **2015 – 2016 CBTF President's Report**

I began the year continuing with involvement in the Education Committee meetings, and attended many of those throughout the year.

I am an ex officio member of the judges selection committee, and attended their web meetings.

I kept in contact with the organizers for Team Trials and Canadians throughout the year.

I attended a number of local competitions in Saskatchewan and Alberta. I also attended the Team Trials in Oshawa, Ontario, and the National Championships in Edmonton, Alberta. Both events were fantastic. The membership owes thanks to the volunteers who put so many hours into making these national competitions so successful for our athletes, parents, coaches, judges, and spectators. I wish to thank our attendees for supporting the host hotels for these events. Hotel sponsorship is critical to our financial success, and when we do not fulfill our room commitment to the host hotel, the financial losses are very significant to CBTF and the host province. When booking accommodation for national competitions, we must balance cost of staying elsewhere, with loss of revenue to CBTF that can be spent on each athlete, coach, and judge, that could have funded something for everyone's benefit. I urge you to keep this thought with you as you book hotels in the upcoming years.

I attended both the winter and summer WBTF meetings, and Pan-Pacific Commission Meetings. It is important that Canada maintains its presence in these meetings so that our opinions can be heard, and we preserve our reputation as strong and respected leaders in the sport. As well, we need to keep up to date with the important changes that come from these meetings.

I spent time this year in finishing up remaining issues from I Cup 2015, and am presently organizing entries for the Pan Pacific competition in 2017.

I attended the World Championships in Helsingborg, Sweden. I also was the Canadian contingent coordinator. Canadian athletes, coaches, judges, and officials represented us with great pride, and Canada placed fifth overall in the World Cup standings. We received a beautiful glass trophy. I organized and led the tour after the World Championships, and I think everyone who participated had an enjoyable time.

I have continued our relationship with Special T Group, who have continued as a CBTF sponsor as a result of working with us at I Cup. Plans are already underway for fan shirts, team wear, and souvenir apparel for next year.

The next WBTF meetings will take place in Croatia, and I will be making arrangements for our attendance there very soon.

I have attended numerous other meetings, webinars, conference calls, and organized the fall conference, with the assistance of the executive.

Thank you to all of the executive, technical and board members who have helped me in this position.