



Welcome to the Wado-UK Newsletter for February 2009

This Month

**Another Coach for
Wado-UK
Web Site Additions
Wolds Way Sponsored-
Walk
Chojinkai Champ's
EKF Nationals**

**New Competition Coach
for Wado-UK**

Steve Balaam-Reed of the Chikara Dojo has recently qualified to coach at National Competitions.

Steve was one of a small group of Wado-UK Karate Ka who travelled to Manchester to a referee course held recently. Although Steve was attempting his coaches accreditation, other qualifications were also being attempted on the day. Some attendees were hoping for table officials qualifications or Kata/Kumite judges/referees badges.

Steve was the only one of our group who on this occasion was attempting a qualification, with the remainder either assisting on the day, or attending to see the new rule changes put into practice.

John Moreton and Paul Braid who qualified last year, attended to see what impact the rule changes brought in after the last World Championships would have. On the whole the changes although quite numerous seem to work fairly well, with most people adjusting adequately.

Special thanks must go to Jessica Newton, Harry Oetegenn and Joe Munro, for providing the much needed competition for the day. Without this valuable addition to the days proceedings, the prospective judges and referees wouldn't get the necessary practice with real competitors.

Anyone who would like to get involved in any way with the next course should contact their club instructors for details. It is not necessary to be directly involved with Karate to become involved with competition, it may be that parents who regularly travel with their children may wish to become table officials. Although this can be quite hard work on what are often long days, some people do find it quite rewarding. It is also the case that free entry to the event and food and refreshments are also provided. Future dates will appear on our website. as we receive them.



Pictured above are some of the students and instructors who were involved in the recent Kumite/Kata course held in Manchester.

New Dates on the Website

Plenty of new dates for competitions etc have now been added to the Dates and Events page of the website.

As the relevant entry forms become available for the various events, we will place links to them with each heading. Most of these forms will be there just for reference, as club coaches would normally be responsible for the actual entry of our clubs. Dates, times venues and maps etc will be useful information for students and parents who may be attending any of the events. Once again if anyone has any ideas for content which may be beneficial, please give us your ideas. Our aim is to provide students with as much information as possible as early as we can, if we have missed a trick, please let us know.

Chojinkai Cadet Champ's

The first competition of the year for Wado UK will be the Chojinkai Cadet Championships in Penrith.

This is the third time these championships have been held, with each of the previous occasions proving fruitful for us. Once again we are taking a small squad and we hope to repeat the medal successes of previous years.

On this occasion we have competitors from John Moreton's Honbu Dojo, Steve Balaam-Reed's Chikara Dojo and Paul Braid's Shin Ken Dojo.

In next month's newsletter we will let you know who took part and hopefully we will be able to give a report which includes details of further medal success.

EKF Nationals

The weekend of 21st/22nd March 2009 is the date for the English Karate Federation National Championships.

The competition is for both junior and senior members of affiliated associations, with all Kata and some junior Kumite divisions being held on the Saturday. The remainder of the junior and all the senior Kumite divisions being held on the Sunday. After the success of the National's last year, it is hoped we can once again put Wado UK on the map with further podium positions for our athletes.

The Ponds Forge in Sheffield is once again the venue for the event, so most people will be well aware of the difficulty regarding parking. If you require parking at the venue my advice would be to get there early. Alternatively there is a park and ride service offered which does provide a good service to the venue.

Good luck to all our athletes who are taking part!!

Walking the Wolds Way For Wado UK

During June Tony Dent will be doing a 79 mile walk to raise funds for the Wado UK Open Championships, which will be held later in the year. Details for this event will be circulated as they are finalised.

The walk is a national trail called the Wolds Way and covers the 79 miles between Filey and Hessle. Tony will be walking the trail over a four day period with three of his work colleagues. All monies raised will go toward funding our very own Wado UK open Championships. If anyone would be willing to make a pledge toward this event please let Tony Know.

It would be great if people could help to raise funds within their clubs by publicising the walk. The sponsor form will be posted on the Wado UK website in the near future for anyone willing to help. Any amount raised no matter how small, will help to make a success of our competition.

