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Wado UK newsletter 1 Year Old

Our newsletter has its birthday this month, for the last 12 months we have tried to bring you all the news about clubs, students and anything else relating to the Wado UK group.

We hope that the info we manage to get out to those people who subscribe is what they want to read, however if anyone has any interesting articles they would like included, please let us have them.

At the moment we have around 70 people who receive the newsletter, there are many more students and parents out there though, so please pass the word around and lets have more e-mail addresses. The more people we reach with information and news, the more successful we will become.

March has been a very busy month and as such this edition is a little later than normal. We hope that it has been worth the wait though and hope that there is something of interest in it for everyone.

Ken Yu Kai Postponed

Unfortunately due to the re-scheduling of the English Karate Federation Midland Regional Championships, it has been

Necessary to postpone the above event.

This has proven problematic at such a late stage, as some people even had hotels booked. However the competition will still go ahead, but on the 27th September. The entry form will still reflect the original divisions and can be viewed on our website. The rescheduled date has also been updated on the site.

Students Train At The Top

On Monday 23rd March, Jessica Newton and Ashleigh Clarkson travelled to the Olympic Dream Dojo in Sheffield, for squad training. Jessica and Ashleigh who train at the Shin-Ken Dojo and Chikara Dojo's respectively, were nominated to train with the North Eastern area squad coach, Paul Newby. Paul a former world Champion and now assistant to National Coach Wayne Otto, runs the centre and provides weekly sessions for Karate-Ka in the North East. The training is specifically aimed at those who are looking to improve their competitive Karate skills and includes areas such as technical ability and fitness. Paul Braid, Jessica's instructor at the Shin-Ken Dojo trained alongside the two girls and said he was also inspired by Paul Newby's approach to training. Anyone who would be interested in training with the squad coach, should contact their club instructors for details. Harry Oetegenn from the Woodford Dojo has been invited to the centre also, to take part in national squad sessions. This follows his recent medal success at the National's in Sheffield.



John Moreton, Newly Elected EKF Board Member

Following the elections for the new officers for the English Karate Federation, John Moreton has been elected to serve on the board for the year 2009/10. John joins his long time friend Andrew Gennery, who was re-elected to serve another year alongside him. He has also been elected onto the technical committee for Standards of Karate within the EKF and also the senior grading panel, for those wishing to gain promotion to their senior Dan grades. John's first official task was to present the medals at the English Karate Federation National Championships, at the Ponds Forge in Sheffield.

This was made all the more special by getting the opportunity to present a medal to one of his own students, Harry Oetegenn. Harry won a bronze medal in the 12-13 years section of the boy's Kumite.

This next year is sure to be a very busy one for John, but his enthusiasm for the task should mean a very rewarding time ahead.

Wado UK Open Karate Competition

Our own competition has now been allocated a date, it will be Sunday 1st November.

We have booked the Hull University sports hall on Inglemire Lane, this facility offered the best all round venue for our requirements. We will need plenty of help with this competition to make it run smoothly. We will need timers/scorekeepers, marshals, ticket collectors, height/weight officials, van drivers etc. There will also be the opportunity for any of the senior grades who would like to help officiate, to do that too. With this in mind and to get the ball rolling, we will be holding a course sometime over the weekend of the 2nd/3rd May. The particular day and choice of venue has not yet been decided, but it will be either Cannon's Gym, or the Shin-Ken Dojo. Aspects covered will be some or all of the following; Table officials duties, rules for officials and actual squad training for our athletes.

Please support this event and pass the word around to those who may wish to get involved. It isn't necessary to be directly involved with Karate training for some of the tasks we need help with, for example, we may have parents who would be willing to help with timing/score-keeping etc. More details will be circulated as we finalise them.

It is hoped that with sufficient interest, we will be able to hold this type of session on a more regular basis. It might also be the case that different issues may need to be covered on different occasions, i.e. Squad sessions one month and rules table work another month.

Any feedback or suggestions would be gratefully received.

Presentation Evening

After the success of last years presentation evening, a booking has now been made at the same venue for later this year, so that we can reward this years deserving winners.

The date this year will be Friday December 4th and times, ticket details etc will be circulated at a later date. This, alongside our competition in November, means we will have a very busy time on our hands. It is important though that to make a success of both events, we try to enlist as much support as possible. Please make every effort to attend by setting the date aside and help make another success of this special night.

Lotto is Finally Won

Our lottery which began on August 29th 2008 has finally been won. It was looking increasingly as though it would run for ever, but with just three tickets left to check on Friday night, a winner popped up.

The winning numbers were 1,2,3,7,11,12 and were drawn by Andy Barratt. The lucky winner was Stuart Wainman who bought the ticket at work at BAE Systems in Brough, he pocketed the nice little sum of £684.50.

This week sees the start of our next lotto draw and although we expect a slow start, the prize does build up nicely. If you want to stand a chance of winning of course, you need to buy yourself a ticket!!!!

If anyone would like to start selling the lottery tickets and help association funds in the process, please let us know.

Website Additions

As is often the case as each month goes by, new articles are added to our website.

This month is no exception with the addition of some more downloadable PDF Files. One of the files this month is for anyone wishing to help on the tables at our, or any competition. This (Table Officials) file gives all the information and instruction necessary to run a score-table during a competition. It will be necessary for anyone who wishes to attend the course at the beginning of May, with this purpose in mind.

Another one of the files added this month is for our coaches. It includes score-sheets for use when our athletes are competing, sheets included are for individual, team and Kata competition. They have also just been amended to incorporate the new rules such as the addition of the new Sai Shiai bout's, if they become necessary.

Again anyone attending the course in May would be well advised to locate and print off the relevant documents for their intended purpose on the May course. If there is anyone who does not have access to the Internet, please get in touch and we will be able to arrange for any documents to be printed off for them.

Updated pages also include the competitions page, where recent write ups that have been featured in the Hull Daily Mail are added.

If there is anyone who as yet not discovered our Website, click the title on the first page of this newsletter which is a link to it, or visit;

www.wado-uk.com

3rd Chojinkai Junior Championships

On Sunday 8th March, a small squad of Wado UK competitors travelled to the 3rd Chojinkai Junior Championships. Once again the Championships were held in the Penrith Leisure Centre and it proved to be a



Chojinkai Hopefulls



Harry Joe And Danny After their Chojinkai Success

very fruitful day for the group. Joe Munro, Thomas Balaam-Reed and Matthew March, were first to compete in the Kata divisions. Unfortunately there was to be no medal success for the trio in the Kata, but that would change as the Kumite got underway.

The Kumite saw both Joe and Thomas back in action, along with Harry Oetegenn and Danny Stannard. Joe picking up an individual Bronze in his category, with Thomas going one better, winning silver in his. The icing on the cake however was to come when Joe, Harry and Danny joined forces to enter the boy's team event. In the first round Joe and Harry appeared to make light work of their opponents, as they both won with ease, this put them through to the next round without Danny even needing to compete, but it was to be much tougher opposition next time. Facing them in the next round was a Scottish trio, who proved very worthy opponents. At the end of the battle it was one win each, with a draw evening things up. On the points tally it was decided it was all square there too, meaning a deciding Sai-Shiai contest had to be fought. Joe was elected to settle the matter for the Wado UK group and in impressive style that's exactly what he did, winning inside the allocated time 6-0. This put the boys into the final where the confidence they had gained earlier, saw them come out on top comfortable victors. Team Gold, a great way to finish the day!

EKF Nationals

On the weekend of 21st & 22nd March 2008, the English Karate Federation held their National Championship's at the Ponds Forge in Sheffield. John Moreton's Woodford Dojo was represented in part by Harry Oetegenn, Harry was competing on the Saturday in the boy's 12 to 13 years section and the form he is in at the moment was enough to see him return home with measured success. Harry had to work hard for his reward, but showed enough determination to win a very creditable Bronze medal. This is a fantastic achievement at such a high level of competition. Also taking part from the Woodford Dojo were Joe Munro and Danny Stannard. Thomas Balaam-Reed and Ashleigh Clarkson were there representing Wado UK from the Chikara Dojo and last years National Champion and current Northern area Champion Jessica Newton, from the Shin-Ken Dojo.



Harry Oetegenn

Competition Calendar

19th April Midland Regional's

5th July BWKU Children's Champs

3rd May Wado-Kai Kata Championships

For more concise info, visit our Website or contact your club instructor's.

14th June Chojinkai Open