

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



April 2010

This Month

2nd Squad Session for 2010

On the 10th April, around 30 Wado-UK members arrived at the Cottingham Parks Dojo, for the second squad session of the year. This event was scheduled to take place during the morning and was to cover Kata, Kumite and Competition rules. The first hour saw everyone preparing their Kata for the Nationals coming up and our own junior championships in May. The session divided into three groups with Tony Dent Paul Braid, Steve Balaam-Reed Marissa Dunn and Andy Barratt instructing the students.

As the Kata section came to an end, the group divided into those doing the Kumite training with Paul Braid and those for the Competition rules section with Tony Dent. Paul managed the Kumite section single-handedly, but still managed

to get the whole group practicing competitive techniques and tactics. As for those covering the rules, they heard three of the most important aspects of competition, Scoring criteria, Criteria for decision and Prohibited behaviour. During the session questions were asked and explanations offered for any grey areas. This was followed by a judges flag signal session, which was both practical and instructional. To finish the morning off, everyone re-assembled and as the athletes tested their Kumite skills, the judges put their officiating skills to the test.

It was a very productive day for all who attended, thanks to all the athletes coaches and Marissa for a great day. Please keep your eyes on the website for future sessions.

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Wado UK Junior Champ's

Names are now coming in for our junior championships, but we still have much work to do to ensure a successful and enjoyable day. We would ask that entry forms arrive with us as early as possible, to enable us to prepare the draw-sheets etc. The last date for entry to ensure competitors receive a certificate of participation, is May 1st. Entries after this date will not receive a certificate! Helpers for the refreshments have now been enlisted, but we still need help in other areas. Ticket sales, booking in of competitors, setting up and clearing away etc. Please contact Tony Dent if you are willing to help. Many hands make light work as they say!

For the actual event itself, we would hope to hold all the eliminations for each division through the morning and early afternoon. This would then give us the opportunity to have the finals all in one session, with the medal presentations immediately afterwards. We can see the day finishing around 4.pm at the latest.

Please remember that refreshments and snacks will be available during the day and Karate-Kid will be there with a stall selling Karate products. Please be aware that any parents wishing to take photos in the competition area will be allowed to do so.

Thank You!

Referre and Judges Practice

**We will be holding a practice session for all those senior grades who will be officiating at our Junior Championships in May. The session will be at the Chikara Dojo on the 12th May.
6.00pm-8.15pm**

**The Chikara Dojo can be found at the Hall Road Primary School on Hall Road in Hull.
Between Bricknell Avenue and Greenwood Avenue**

Although there will be no charge for the senior grades who are there for the refereeing practice, if any students would like to attend for the competitive practice, there will be a cover charge of £4.



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EKF Regional Championships 2010

Day one was to see all Kata divisions and the 9 Yrs and under Kumite categories. For the Kata we had Matthew March representing us and his ShinKen Dojo. Matthew performed maturely in his 16-17 Yrs category, losing out to the eventual winner and England international, Alex Gardner. This did get the ball rolling for the group though as it provided our first med weekend, a bronze.

Later in the day we had Jessica Bates competing in the girls Kumite section. Jessica trains at the St Nicholas Dojo and is a regular competitor. This experience was to pay dividends, as she beat a Shindo Kai girl in the final, who had recently nudged Jessica out of the AMA International in Sheffield. This provided her with another podium finish and Wado UK the second and final medal for day one, a gold.

Day two was to see all the remaining Kumite divisions. And this provided the remaining 8 competitors from Wado UK with an opportunity to compete. For us the day started with Harry Oeteggenn, Joe Munro and Nathan Bates. Again this was to provide medals for the group. Unfortunately Nathan from the St Nicholas Dojo was to fall short of the medals, but represented the association well with his tenacity and desire. Harry and Joe from the Woodford Dojo were to fair better, as they took the silver and bronze medals respectively. Joe picking up a cut to the eyelid in the process. Later in the day, Jessica Newton and Ashleigh Clarkson from the ShinKen Dojo took to the mats. Expectations are always high for Jess, but on this occasion her division was under subscribed and as a result the decision was taken to enter her in the next age group up. This would be a difficult transition for the youngster, but she

rose to the challenge and took another bronze medal for her collection. Ashleigh was to follow in her footsteps with a further bronze medal immediately afterwards.

Finishing day two would be the senior sections. With Barry Meanwell, Chris and Dean Fenton from the Woodford Dojo being our representation. First to compete was Dean in his -67 kg section. Dean has recently returned to competition, after a significant lay-off. The match going to full time with the scores being even for most of the time, meant it would be a tight finish. It wasn't to be Dean's day however, as nearing the end of the match, his opponent managed to put daylight between himself and Dean. This left Dean in a bronze medal position as his consolation. Chris and Barry would be next in the -84 kg section. Managing to avoid each other before they met in the final, assured Wado UK of both the gold and silver medals. The question was, which way would the result look following the match. After a long and hard fought 4 minute match, the decision was Barry's, but both men doing the association and their clubs proud.

Normally this would have been the end of the competition, but a Grand Championship between the winners of weight groups from each region was to conclude the days proceedings. With Barry being the Northern regional Champion, he was destined to meet the winners of the other regions in a mini competition of their own. In his first match he met the son of the tournament organiser, who he had recently been frustrated with at the England Squad Selections. Today gave Barry the opportunity to turn the tables and this he duly did, dispatching his opponent with a comfortable points victory.



Barry with his category trophy

This left Barry battered, bleeding and bruised, but never the less one step nearer the Grand Championship Final. In this next fight he was to meet the first of twin brothers. The outcome was to be the same however, as he once again battled hard to dispose of another opponent. One more fight then and the title of Grand Champion would be his, but could he finish the day off in style. Yes would be the answer, although not without further injury. Barry managed to gain a lead against the twin of his earlier opponent, a lead which he wouldn't relinquish. Although the match was always under Barry's control, the fight took its toll and the final bell although arriving slightly earlier than the allotted 4 minutes, couldn't have come a moment too early for him.

This left Barry aching and tired, but with the satisfying feeling that after a long hard day's competition, he reigned supreme as the English Karate Federation Grand Champion 2010.

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Iceland Bag-pack

To enable Wado UK to purchase a competition score-board, it was decided to hold some fundraising activities. The main one of these activities was to be a bag-pack for the shoppers in the Iceland Store, at the Northpoint Shopping Centre on the Bransholme Estate in Hull.

On April 17th, eleven members of the Wado UK member clubs arrived at the shop, for six hours of packing shoppers bags. Getting off to a nervous start, all the youngsters were paired up with the adults in an attempt to pack bags at the same speed the staff on the tills could rattle the food items past the bar code machine. This was the difficult part, because at some points during the day the queues at the tills were quite long and the staff were serving at break neck speed to keep customers happy.



After a short while, any trepidation from the young helpers subsided. Everyone settled down into a routine which kept the staff at the store happy and more importantly all those shoppers having their bags packed. Almost all of the shoppers accepted our offer of assistance and the generosity offered in return was quite amazing. With only four tills in the store, the Iceland customers donated a staggering £528.42 over the six hours, for our score-board fundraiser.

We will be writing to the Iceland store very soon, offering our sincere thanks for the opportunity to collect funds. We would also like to say a massive thank you to Allison Munro, because through her contacts in the Shopping Centre, not only arranged the day for us, but also packed with the rest of the gang for six hours solid.

Thank you also to those people who assisted with the event. The youngsters were, in no particular order; Joe Munro, Harry and Amber Oetegenn, Joe and Amy Rose, Charlotte Pinder and Stevie Dent. The adults were, Allison and Ben Munro, Barry Meanwell and Gaynor and Tony Dent.

We would also like to thank the parents of the youngsters, who not only allowed them to take part, but delivered their children to the event for us too. Thank's then to Rob and Leanne Oetegenn, Pete and Amanda Rose and Mike Pinder.

Date Section

24th/25th April- EKF, Ponds Forge, Sheffield.	13th June- Chojinkai Open, Penrith.
2nd May- EWKF Championships, Tipton.	27th June- CEWKA Karate Championships. Walsall.
2nd May- BWKU Junior Championships. Goole.	
15th May- Wado UK Junior Championships. Hull.	10th/11th July- BKF International Open. Glasgow.
22nd May- EKF Judges & Referees Kata Course, London.	1st August- 3rd South Yorkshire Open. Sheffield.
6th June- Northern Open Classic. Warrington.	22nd August- karate competitions.com Open Championships. Oldham