

# Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



August 2010

## This Month

### Woodford Dojo Website

A new website has been launched for the Woodford Dojo, which will give the opportunity to post relevant issues on the web for that club. Some items will remain the same as on the Wado UK site, such as the lotto and dates pages, but things such as gallery and competition details can now be added specifically for the Woodford club.

To check out the new site, click anywhere on the home page screen shot below. Don't forget to save it to your favourites for future reference!!

Brand New Woodford Dojo Website

South Yorkshire Open Report

Bag-Pack 2

New Tatami Mats

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### **South Yorkshire Open Report**

On 1st August 2010, 28 members of the Wado-UK travelled to the Hillsborough Leisure Centre in Sheffield, for the annual South Yorkshire Open. This competition is organised by the Sukoshi-Ryu Karate group along with the Shindo Kai Karate Association and is now one of the regular tournaments on the Wado

UK calendar. This particular tournament offers Quality opposition for all ages, as well as the event being what you could term local. With so many competitors in attendance, it was always going to be a logistical problem for the coaches. This was compounded prior to the event with an accident which left Allison Munro with a broken ankle and an illness which prevented Paul Braid from attending.

The coaches managed to get the job done though, with all competitors being at the right area for their events. Our only late arrival (Due to train times) was Hasan Zorba, who missed his Kata event. Coaching duties for the day fell to Steve Balaam-Reed, Andy Barratt, Allison Munro (With a broken ankle) and Barry Meanwell, who was also competing.



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## Some of the competitors and medal winners from the South Yorkshire Open

from a competitors point of view the day went well. The group managed medals in both the Kata and Kumite categories, with a couple of team medals in the Kumite also. The best of the early medals going to Jack Stoddart and Amber Oetegenn, who won a silver each in their respective Kata divisions. This was bolstered however with bronze medal wins from Harry Oetegenn, Joe Munro and Teerth Dhesi.

Following the Kata events, the focus of the competition turned to Kumite. The best result as usual went to Barry Meanwell with gold in both his senior men's divisions. This double gold achievement was a special moment for Barry despite the fact he has achieved the feat before. He wasn't to be the only medallist in the senior divisions though, joining him on the rostrum on one occasion was club-

mate Chris Fenton. Chris had managed to add another bronze medal to the days tally, following his semi-final. Both Woodford competitors would have met in the final if Chris had managed just one more win.

Individual medals came from the younger competitors too. Amy Newton and Mia Cowles were probably the youngest, the pair adding a bronze each to the ever increasing haul. For the boys Ragen Allitt added another bronze medal to his personal collection. This was consolidated with further bronze medal performances from Jessica Newton and Ashleigh Clarkson.

The team events would add our last medals of the day, these would also be bronze in colour too. Teams of Thomas

Newton and Temi Lowery would win one of them in the boys and girls mixed gender section. The other was won by the boys 13-15yrs section team of Harry Oetegenn, Joe Munro and Andrew Parker.

At the end of the competition, Wado-UK finished with a total of; 2 Gold 2 Silver and 8 Bronze Medals!

Other students who took part were, Bethany Holmes, Charlotte Pinder, Hasan Zorba, Loretta Wendt, Matthew March, Megan Baterbee, Thomas Balaam-Reed and Yomi Lowery.

Thanks to everyone for representing Wado-UK.

Ward, Amy

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## Fund Raiser

Following the success of our last bag-pack earlier in the year, we will be holding a similar event in December. Allison Munro from the Woodford Dojo, has been kind enough to approach the store management with a request for us to revisit. This trip will once again take us to the Iceland Store in the Northpoint Shopping Centre on Bransholme. We were made to feel very welcome the last time we visited this store and we feel privileged to be asked back for a second time. We would love to see some of the previous bag-packers on this next occasion too, but we would also welcome the assistance of some new faces. Ideally we need the younger members of our group to take part, as these younger faces seem to attract peoples generosity more readily. It will probably be between 10.00am and 4.00pm like the last time and anyone interested should contact Allison Munro or Tony Dent.

## 2nd Hull & East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships



**Never mind only 121 days to Christmas!**

**We only have 66 days to the 2nd Wado UK Open Karate Championships!!**

**Please put the 31st October in your diaries**

**Details of categories etc can be found on the entry form by clicking on this banner**

## New Tatami Mats for Wado UK

Wado UK have recently been the beneficiaries of a brand new set of Budo Nord Tatami mats, thanks to funding from the Hull Community Voluntary Services. This will prove an invaluable aid to our own competition to be staged later in the year and for all courses and weekly training sessions we run. This has been a fantastic stage in the Development of Wado UK and we would like to thank George Campbell of the Woodford Dojo for his assistance and guidance throughout the application process. We would of course like to say a big thank you also to Hull CVS, for their help and generosity in helping us secure this grant funding. **Thank You to all concerned!**

## Date Section

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|---------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| • 5th September     | EKF 'A' Squad & Ref course    | Barnsley        |
| • 11/12th September | British Championships         | Edinburgh       |
| • 18th September    | Paul Newby Master Class       | Hull            |
| • 2nd October       | EKF 'A' Squad & Ref Course    | Barking         |
| • 31st October      | Wado UK Open Championships    | Hull            |
| • 7th November      | EKF Referee Course            | Midlands        |
| • 4th December      | Fund-raising Bag-pack         | Hull            |
| • 4th december      | EKF 'A' Squad & Ref course    | Ripon           |
| • 10th December     | Wado UK Presentation Evening- | Hull University |

All the relevant details for the above events can be found on the dates page of our website!