

# Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



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## This Month

This month seems to have more competition reports than general news, however there are still items of news to pass on. This is in part due to the fact that final planning is underway for the second of our association competitions. This has left us rather busy and resulted in a slightly shorter edition of the newsletter. Never the less, we want to make sure that everyone receives the most important of news items.

As previously suggested, the Wado UK Championships are now almost upon us. With around two weeks to the event on the 31st October, we would ask that all those available to help in any way let the fact be known. We can always use assistance offered and many hands make light work as they say. We also need as much support as possible in the way of competitors. The entry form with all relevant details can be found on the dates pages of the Wado UK website by ([clicking here](#)).

Our presentation evening is now fast approaching too. The 10th December is the date for our third annual celebrations. Once again we will be using the John McCarthy Suite at the Hull University as the venue. Tickets will be available soon at a cost of £6, which includes a buffet, disco and presentation. Awards will be made for the same categories as last year, details of the 2009 event can be seen by ([clicking here](#)) Please give us your support as before and help us celebrate the achievements of all our members.

Photo DVD's of our activities will be playing throughout the night, so if you have any images you would like us to add in from club, competitions or social occasions, please get them to Tony Dent. We did have an issue last year with the format of the DVD disc we gave to the staff, but this issue has now been resolved and will not re-occur this year.

We hope to see you there!!

### Dublin Grand Slam

On 2nd October Barry Meanwell took part in his first competition as a full England International. The competition was a home nations Grand Slam event and took place at the Dublin University, with teams from England, Scotland Ireland and Wales all sending teams. Female teams were also competing and for a full report on how the day played out ([Click Here](#)) while connected to the internet.

Our congratulations to Barry on his selection, which was a reflection on all his recent hard work with the England squad.

### General Announcements

Barry Meanwell in Dublin

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**The England men's team from left to right were;  
Michael Burke, Chris Harris, Lee Heath, Barry Meanwell,  
Alton Brown and Rory Daniels**

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## BIKO Championships

Joe Munro was our only competitor at these championships and his decision to attend was in the main due to the fact that he was already in London. The previous day was the English Karate Federation's latest squad training session and Joe had been there with Ashleigh Clarkson and Jessica Newton. Their plans of returning home on the same day prevented them from competing, but their arrangements were spoilt by a late finish at the session. As things turned out, they would have been able to take part as a Sunday train home was their only option.

The competition was Joe's first opportunity to compete in Kata divisions with scorecards, instead of flags. The basic principal is that all competitors perform once, where they are scored at the end of their performances. Following the Kata performance of the last competitor, all scores are added with the top eight competitors being asked to compete in a final.

Joe decided to perform Niseishi in the first round. This Kata has been practiced recently with Harry Oetegenn and Joe Rose, with a view to using it for team events. On this occasion Joe had made a good choice, because his performance was better than he had displayed in the club. This saw him comfortably into the final, with the other competitors who impressed the judges.

His choice of Kata for the final was Bassai. This was to be another good decision because following everyone's performances, Joe was judged to have given the second best performance overall. This meant of course that he had won himself a silver medal! Unfortunately he was unable to repeat his earlier success in the Kumite divisions. This despite a thrilling bout which saw him claw back a 6-2 deficit to 6-6 forcing a Sai-Shiai (Extra Time) bout. This was equally nail biting, with Joe's passion for success being exuded with every technique he threw. His efforts to secure a lead were intense but unfortunately unsuccessful. Unfortunately, this was to be the end of Joe's attempts at Kumite success for this event.



## Mushindo Kata Competition

Four Wado UK Kata competitors travelled to Cheslyn Hay on the 10th October, to compete in the Mushindo Wado Kata Championships. Matthew March from the ShinKen Dojo was the oldest, taking part in the senior men's category. Also in the line up were Joe Munro and Harry Oetegenn from the Woodford Dojo along with Joe Rose from the Zanshin Dojo. The latter trio taking part in the junior boy's sections.

All four competitors managed to win medals on the day, the best of which was a silver going to Matthew. The other three managed four bronze medals between them, with individual medals going to Harry and Joe Rose, a pairs medal for Harry and Joe Munro and the final medal belonging to all three in the team Kata section. ([Click Here](#)) to visit Wado UK for a full report.

## Date Section

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| • 31st October  | Wado UK Open Championships    | Hull            |
| • 7th November  | EKF Referee Course            | Barnsley        |
| • 4th December  | Fund-raising Bag-pack         | Hull            |
| • 4th december  | EKF 'A' Squad & Ref course    | Birmingham      |
| • 10th December | Wado UK Presentation Evening- | Hull University |
| • 11th december | North West Open Championships | Wigan           |

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