

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



September 2011

This Month

Liverpool Marathon, October 9th 2011

Josh Milner from the Woodford Dojo has asked his dad Mike to run to run the Liverpool Marathon on our behalf on the 9th October 2011. Mike has been a keen runner and fitness fanatic since his younger days of boxing and has kindly agreed to do just that.

All monies raised will go towards the Kids Karate Christmas Party which is being planned at the moment. We are very grateful to Mike for his generous offer and would like to invite anyone who wishes to offer support by sponsoring Mike to look out for the sponsor form at club. Alternatively donations can be pledged by contacting Tony Dent.



Thank You.

3rd Wado UK East Yorkshire Championships 2011

It really doesn't seem a year ago that Wado UK hosted its 2nd East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships, but it is! Preparations for this years event have long been underway, but are now reaching a crucial stage.

The Bonus Arena at the KC Stadium will be the venue for this years event and it promises to be the biggest and best yet. We will have four full sized areas running throughout the day, with an extra smaller area which will be used for peewee Kata and Kick-Master categories.

As usual we will be in need of assistance from anyone who would like to help on the day, or on the Saturday which will be used setting up. We will have jobs that last anything from an hour or so to jobs lasting nearly all day. Without the assistance we have received over the years this event would not have flourished and evolved into the out-

standing event it really is. We would encourage everyone who would be available over the Saturday and Sunday of the 29th/30th October to come forward and offer their help. It is a rewarding and enjoyable weekend and one which will give you a great sense of achievement by the time it is over.

Could we ask anyone who would be willing to help to contact their club instructors or Tony Dent to make themselves known.

Last years event was successful because of the generous nature of all those volunteers who helped. We hope this year will be just as successful.

Thank You

Details of the competition itself are now on the Wado UK website. All the categories are with the entry form, but if you see your club instructors they will be able to compile lists for each club.

Table Officials Course

For those helping with the running of the event, we will be holding two practice sessions for scoring, charting and judging. These sessions will be held at the Chikara Dojo thanks to Steve Balaam-Reed and will take place on the 12th & 26th October. The sessions will run from 6.45pm-8.15pm and will of course be free of charge. It would be beneficial if all those who are interested in assisting on the day could endeavour to attend these sessions. Please let Tony Dent know if you will be willing to help on the day and attending these practice sessions.

Thank You

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Northern Open Classic 2011

Six members of Wado UK took part in the Northern Open Classic on the 11th September and between them they brought home a total of four gold and one silver medal. Gold medals going to Thomas Balaam-Reed in Kata and Kumite, Brandon Greenwood in the Kata and Joe Munro also in the Kumite. The silver medal going to Harry Oetegenn in a thrilling battle with Joe in their Kumite final.

First to take to the mats was Brandon Greenwood, Thomas Balaam-Reed, Alfie Goff and Matthew March in their respective Kata divisions. Brandon showed great maturity in his performances and as a result secured the first gold medal of the day. Brandon has a good overall Kata when he performs, showing good speed, timing and strength for his age. It is easy to imagine him doing well in the future. Thomas was to keep the ball rolling with further

gold medal performances in his Kata category. Thomas too looked sharp and polished and he also breezed the rounds and found himself in the final. Following the final Thomas had added the second gold medal of the day. Unfortunately Matthew March was to go out early to the eventual winner. This competition had no repechage system which would have afforded Matthew the opportunity of challenging for the bronze medal at the Nationals. Never the less Matthew up to the point of the decision was pleased with his performance,

which is at least a positive result for his training.

Alfie was to suffer the same fate to

that of Matthew, but at such a young age his day of success will come. That was the end of the Kata performances for our competitors, Kumite was the order of the day from here on. The Kumite categories were to prove equally as fruitful. Gold medals were to find their way around the necks of Thomas and Joe Munro, with a silver hanging off Harry Oetegenn by the time the day was over. Thomas by now having two gold medals for his efforts following excellent performances.

Joe Munro and Harry Oetegenn were to domi-

nate their 13-15 yr division, removing all but each other on their way to the final. This was a large group with each of them having four fights by the time they had finished. The final was to prove a tight tense affair with neither Joe nor Harry giving ground to the other. By the time the bout was over the scores were all equal and the additional Sai-Shai was needed to separate the pair. This however was to prove equally indecisive meaning the refereeing panel had to give their votes as to who they considered the winner. This resulted in a 2-1 vote in favour of Joe in what was a very close fought bout which both boys should be proud of.

Kumite competitors who unfortunately fell short of the medals were Brandon Greenwood, Alfie Goff and Jonathan Chia.

Well done to all those who took part!!



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EKF Club Coach Accreditation Course

On the 6th November, Wado UK along with the BWKU will be holding a course for all existing and prospective club coaches to renew or sit their qualifications. The course is to be at the Adwick Sports Centre, Welfare Road, Woodlands, Doncaster, DN6 7QF.

The course is open to anyone from Junior Dojo leader to instructors who wish to run their own clubs.

A sliding scale of fee is payable along with Insurances and CRB disclosures also being required in some cases. All details and application forms being available from John Moreton or Tony Dent.

This is an ideal opportunity for anyone who wishes to renew or qualify without having to travel too far to do so.

British International Open

Over the weekend of the 1st & 2nd October, 6 Wado UK Karate-Ka will be competing in Glasgow, in the British International Open Karate Championships.

Barry Meanwell from the Woodford Dojo along with Matthew March, Jessica Newton, Amie Newton, Tom McAlindon and Brandon Greenwood of the Shinken Dojo, will all be hoping for international honours. The two day event is the biggest of its kind in the UK and we will bring you any stories of success in the next newsletter.

Good luck to all those taking part.

Grand Slam Event

Barry Meanwell has also been selected to represent England for the third time, in the Home Nations Grand Slam Event in Cardiff on the 5th of November. This will be Barry's second outing for this competition, as he represented England last year at this event when it was held in Dublin.

Once again we will be sure to bring you all the results and details following the competition.

Good luck Barry.

1st/2nd October

British International Open - Glasgow.

30th October

3rd Wado UK Open Karate Championships, at the Bonus Arena, KC Stadium, Hull, HU3 6GA.

5th November

Grand Slam event, Cardiff.

6th November

EKF Club Coach Accreditation Course
Doncaster.

27th November

Western Karate Union. Winter Invitational. Weston-Super-Mare
December

9th December

Wado UK Presentation Evening. John McCarthy Suite, Hull University.