

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



January 2012

This Month

English Karate Federation National Kyu Grade Championships 2012



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Date Section

The EKF held their inaugural Kyu Grade Championships at the Ponds Forge International Sports centre in Sheffield on the 22nd January. Members of Wado UK secured three gold medals two silver medals and three Bronze medals by the end of the competition.

The gold medals were won by Charlotte Pinder (Woodford Dojo) and Brandon Greenwood (Shinken Dojo), in their respective Kata categories. Charlotte went on to add a Kumite team gold to her tally thanks to the help of Jessica Bates (St Nicholas Dojo) and Lauren Horner from the (Chikara Dojo).

Lauren Foster (Chikara Dojo) was one place behind Charlotte in the individual Kata, meaning she won the first of the groups two silver medals. It was very pleasing to see two of our youngsters reach the final in the same event.

The second of the silver medals went to Andrew Parker (Zanshin Dojo) in the heavyweight 16-17 years Kumite. This was probably Andrews last chance to compete at this age group, as he will soon be 18 and in the senior categories.

The bronze medals were to cover both Kata and Kumite. The first of which went to Oliver Dearing (Woodford Dojo) in the boy's Kata. Oliver is very precise in his movement and on this occasion add-

ed some extra power to his technique which was what put him on the podium. The next bronze medal went to Charan Dhesi (Woodford Dojo) in her individual Kumite section and not to be outdone, her brother Teerth added another family bronze as he secured a team Kumite medal in the boy's team event. He was joined by Brandon Greenwood and Ellis Miller (Zanshin Dojo) to contest this event.

Overall the eight medals won by the Wado UK group was a pleasing result. We would like to say well done to all those who found themselves on the podium at the competition, but also to those who competed but didn't medal this time around.



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World Karate Federation Karate 1 Premier League

On January the 14th & 15th, Paris was the host city for this years first Karate 1 Premier League event. This is a new series of competitions which will take place throughout the year around the world. Some of the most respected and successful competitors were at the competition, and England along with Scotland had competitors there too. Wado UK

was represented at the event by Tony Dent, who was there as part of an eight strong squad of English officials for the competition. Two English competitors had a degree of medal success over the weekend, with Katie Hurry being the best placed of the pair, with a silver in her individual Kumite category. Natalie Williams managing to add a further English

medal with an individual bronze in her Kumite category. The event was extremely well run with just 14 categories in total. Although day one was a very long day with a total of 14 hours on the mats, all the English officials enjoyed the experience and gained much from using the new rules which came into force in January of this year.

Below a group photo of the English officials at the Karate 1 Premier league event in Paris

Tony with current World Champion Raphael Aghayev of Azerbaijan



Table Officials Course

On Thursday 1st March, we will be holding the first of our table officials courses for 2012. These courses are aimed at teaching anyone who would like to assist at our competitions. Areas covered will be charting, draw-sheets and using the electronic scoreboards. The courses will be free of charge

and is open to anyone who thinks they might like to get involved in competitions. We have several volunteers already, however with the new rule changes it would be advisable for all those available to attend to do so. The course will be at the Cottingham Pavilion between 7.30pm & 8.30pm.

There is no need to bring anything on the night as everything we need will be there, but to help with organising the venue could we please ask that people contact Tony Dent to express your interest.

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First Aid Course

Wado UK will be running a First Aid course which will hopefully take place in March. It is going to be on a Saturday or Sunday and will be approximately six hours duration. The aim of the course is to make sure that all of our clubs have first aid cover during their club activities. Anyone attending will be accredited as a first aider following a successful course and will receive a certificate to display at the club.

Anyone who would like to attend would be welcome, but there will only be 12 places available allocated on a first

come first served basis.

The cost of the course will be covered in the main by Wado UK, however a small cover charge of £20 will be charged. Some of our clubs have already pledged to cover the £20 cost at club level meaning there will be no charge in some cases.

We will make firmer plans when we know which day of the weekend is most suitable for people. With this in mind it would be helpful if you could express a preference of dates etc when you let us know of your interest. We have several activities already planned

in March, however possible dates in could be 3rd, 11th, 17th, 18th, 25th or 31st.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact Tony Dent as soon as possible.



5th February

Regional squad training session, all ages, Kumite only. Wigan.

26th February

National squad training session and senior selections. Milton Keynes.

4th March

6th Chojinkai Children's and cadets championships. Penrith.

24th March

Referee Kata course. Barking Abbey.

3rd June

British Four Nations Championships.

17th June

36th Chojinkai Open Karate Championships. Penrith

21st October

4th Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships

7th December

5th Wado UK Presentation Evening. John McCarthy Suite, Hull University.