



England Wado-Kai training session with Ticky Donovan

England national coach and former Great Britain world championship winning squad member Sensei Ticky Donovan 8th Dan OBE, was invited to coach the England Wado-Kai squad recently in Wolverhampton. Wado-UK were represented with Barry Meanwell, Paul Braid and Jessica Newton.

The Kumite course took place on Sunday 20th July and covered the finer points of competition fighting techniques, including blocking and countering, distancing and various other fighting drills.

The course was very informative and not only gave some excellent techniques for the individual students to use in their own sparring, but also some good ideas and drills to take back to the Wado-UK group. The session was also used as a selection process for those people who were hoping to compete in the Wado-kai European championships in Romania later in the year. More on this can be found later in this newsletter.



Paul, Jessica and Barry pictured with Ticky after the course

Upcoming events.

AMA North West Karate Championships Sunday 17th August.

Bury Castle Leisure Centre, Bury.

**British Karate Federation Championships
6th & 7th September.**

Ponds Forge Sheffield.

**Northern Open Classic 14th September.
Leigh Sports Village, Leigh, Greater Manchester.**

**1st South Yorkshire Open Karate Championships.
Concorde Sports Centre, Sheffield.**

For further details contact Tony Dent or visit
www.karate-competitions.com



Former Great Britain Team mates John Moreton and Ticky Donovan catch up on old times after the training session.



Wado-Kai Champs Romania 2008

Running alongside the recent squad training session with Ticky Donovan, was the selections for the European Wado-Kai Karate Championships.

Five Wado-UK students were due to travel to the session, but following a bout of food poisoning for the Fenton brothers the squad was reduced to three. However at the end of training Barry Meanwell from the Honbu Dojo, was selected to compete again. This follows his fine performance at last year's competition in Sweden, which saw him win two bronze medals and be voted Wado-Kai England competitor of the day. Jamie and Chris Fenton still have the opportunity to join Barry, but they will have to wait until they next attend the selections.

This years competition will see a Japanese team in attendance for the second day's proceedings. They will be competing against the category winners from the European competition the day previously. This will be a great opportunity for all those who win their events, lets hope some of the Wado-UK group are in with a shout.

Jessica Newton from the Shin Ken Dojo was also under close scrutiny following on from her title winning victory in March at the English Nationals. It is hoped that Jessica will gain a place in the Wado-Kai junior squad for this and future events.

This years competition is to take place on the 1st & 2nd of November in Bucharest. So planning for the trip has already started. Everyone travelling will be doing so with the minimum of financial support, so if anyone has any ideas of how to raise funds to help our competitors please let us know.

John Moreton wished to say that he thought it was a good result for Wado-UK but would like to see more people trying for selections at future training sessions.

We will keep you up to date on all developments regarding this and all competitions we attend. Well done Barry and good luck Jamie, Chris and Jessica in your efforts!!!

Lotto

Our weekly Lottery is about to start making a profit for the first time. Although we have now been up and running for four weeks it has taken us until now to break even. Our set up costs which included a licence fee, printing costs and an initial prize fund of £50, have now been matched by the proceeds of ticket sales. Tickets are at the moment being sold by six volunteers, ideally we could do to increase this figure. If anyone would be willing to sell them please get in touch. Vendors must be 16 or over. Thanks for all the support we have had so far especially to those people selling tickets.

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Christmas Function

Hopefully we will have details of our Christmas 2008 celebrations for the next newsletter. We are at present exploring several options but think we have come up with something that will suit everyone. We are hoping to arrange an event which will suit people of all ages which will include students and parents etc. This will make it a better night which we can all enjoy.

As with most things they only succeed with the support of everyone so please give us your support when we finalise the details.

Woodford Delay

Unfortunately although the Woodford Centre has reopened, a delay in the delivery of the mats which will be used for our Karate training, has meant another short delay in our return. We will be sure to keep people in touch with developments.



**Fancy a night on
the town ?**

**Does anyone fancy a night around
Hull town Centre?**

Are you free on Saturday 16th August

If so why not join us?

Everyone welcome!

**There is no real plan, apart from meeting at Three
John Scott's between 7.30-8.30pm, then see where
the night and the mood takes us.**

**There is no need to let anyone know if your going,
just turn up if you fancy it. Small groups, large
groups whatever you fancy.**

Wade night it will be!!!