



British Wado Ryu Karate Union Junior Championships

John Moreton's Wado-UK karate group entered the British Wado Ryu Karate Federation junior Championships on the 8th June and returned with an impressive haul of medals. All the youngsters taking part had trained hard for the event and a good result was anticipated.

Four of our member clubs were able to attend, Chikara, Shin-ken, Woodford and the Zan-shin Dojo's were all represented.

The Kata divisions were first to commence and our youngsters wasted no time in securing the first medals, Bronze medals going to Joe Rose, Jordan Fox and Harry Oetegenn, Silver to Joe Munro and Craig Bunting and gold to Phillip Weeks and Jack Wauldby. Alexander Youngson was unlucky just missing out on a medal position.

The Kumite sections followed and gave some of the Kata medallist's further chance of success. These events were split into two main areas, individual and teams. Great performances in the individuals saw us in the medals once again. This time we saw Jack Wauldby consolidate his earlier success by securing his second gold medal of the day, other Gold medallists were Emily Watson and Harry Oetegenn. Silver medals were the reward for Craig Bunting, Charlotte Angarano and Ashleigh Clarkson's efforts, while Bronze medals for Joe Munro, Jessica Newton, Leah Clarkson, Jordan Fox, Ryan Dodson, Josh Ralph and another for Craig Bunting, finished the individual divisions nicely.

The team events were to close the day's proceedings and were to leave some of the youngsters with a personal medal tally of three each. The boys were first up and with Wado-UK having two teams entered, the chance of more medals was good. The first team of Harry Oetegenn, Joe Munro and Joe Rose was to prove too strong for all but one of the opposing teams, earning themselves a silver medal for their hard work.



Some of our proud medal winners

The second boy's team of Charlie and Jack Cooper and Connor Todd, were also to finish in the medal positions, just one place back in bronze. Ryan Dodson also took a Silver for the part he played in a boys over 5 foot team

The girl's team of Jessica Newton Charlotte Angarano and Charlotte Clarke were to go one better however, as they battled hard to leave all in their wake, taking the final gold medal of the day.

The final medal tally was 6 Gold, 7 Silver and 11 Bronze.

Harry Oetegenn was declared competitor of the day, after an impressive display which saw him take home three medals and win every one of the fights he had during the competition.

Thanks must go to our loyal band of supporters who regularly attend this event. The parents and families who give up their time to offer encouragement are a real benefit to our youngsters. **Thanks to everyone and well done to all those who took part.**

Wado-UK Lotto First Draw

The first draw for our fund-raising lotto will be on the 28th June and each Saturday thereafter.

The draw will take place sometime prior to, or at the end of the junior class at the Woodford Leisure Centre, on Saturday mornings. For the time being this will be over the road at the church hall which is being used prior to Woodford re-opening. It is hoped that money will be raised which will help fund things like team events, which have always been fully funded in the past.

So far we have had six people kind enough to offer to sell tickets for the cause. Ideally this would increase as people become more aware of our efforts. If anyone would like to become involved, please contact Tony Dent to arrange for tickets.

Winning numbers will always be posted on the Wado-UK web site by Barry Meanwell, as soon as possible after the draw has taken place. Look out for the link on the home page. Anyone who wants an e-mail update just needs to let Tony know and they will be included on the mailing list. A big thanks to all those who have already offered their help.

Mushindo Kata Competition

Jake Newlove from John Moreton's Woodford Dojo travelled to Cannock on the 22nd June, for the Mushindo Kata competition.

Jake has been several times to this event and was hoping to repeat previous performances and return with more medal success. Jake managed to progress through the first two rounds before losing to the eventual winner. This meant that he had a chance to take Bronze in the repechage but unfortunately lost out on this occasion.



English Officials after the 6th European Championships for Regions in Maribor Slovenia

Wado-UK Success in Europe

The Wado-UK Group can now claim to have a European qualified official.

On the 11th June Tony Dent flew to Gratz in Austria before the short drive to Maribor in Slovenia. The competition on the 14th June was preceded by training with some of the top referees in Europe, with a view to preparing prospective officials for their exams.

Tony was promoted to British Kata judge in 2005 following the British Senior Championships of that year. Following on from that competition he was invited to go to Norway, to attempt his European Kata qualification. Unfortunately it coincided with a knee operation and he had to decline on that occasion. When Terry Pottage, Chief Referee for British officials offered a second chance to attempt the qualification, there was no hesitation to accept.

The exam for Kata officials was split into four elements, written, oral, practical and competition. Friday the 13th was to be the busiest day with Kata candidates performing two Kata, in front of a panel of judges. One Kata from their own style of Karate and one from another. This was followed by technical questions relating to the Bunkai etc, of the different styles. The actual competition on the 14th was the last stage of qualification, but even following this the English officials were not aware of their results. They had to wait until the Sunday just before boarding the plane home. At this point Terry Pottage was able to tell each candidate whether or not they had passed. Tony was one of the successful ones on this occasion, but the news was dampened somewhat by the news that some of his fellow English officials had been unsuccessful. All in all a rewarding trip for Tony but more progress for Wado-UK.

Wado-UK Web Site

Check out our improved web site!!

Barry Meanwell has been busy updating and improving our site for everyone's convenience. You will now find up to date articles, news, photos, links etc. If you have any ideas for inclusion, please contact Barry.

After The Floods

After just over a year the Woodford Leisure Centre looks like nearing completion on its refurbishment.

John Moreton is in discussions with the Centre management as to the viability of returning his Dojo to the Centre. John's Dojo was based there for many years after moving from the Hull Y.P.I. On George Street in the town centre. For the past year the Dojo has had temporary residence at the church hall over the road, which allowed the adult and junior classes to continue during the building works.

In the next few weeks a decision will be made as to the future of the Woodford era.

Watch this space!!



Future Events

Next month we will be listing events for the second half of the year.

The first six months of the year have been very busy with competitions, courses, grading's etc. But with that all behind us it is time to look forward and plan the second half of the year.

We will be listing some of the future events that we know of but if you know of an event that you will be attending, let us know too.

AMA Invitational Event

Steve Balaam-Reed's Chikara Dojo entered the above event on the 22nd June.

The event was for groups outside of the Amateur Martial Arts Association (A.M. A.) and was by invitation only. Chikara sent an impressive number of competitors and the results made it all worth while. Representing the club were; Thomas Balaam-Reed, Ashleigh Clarkson, Leah Clarkson, Craig Bunting, Jordan Fox, Charley Fox, Callan Cartledge, Jordan Bamforth, Ryan Dodson and Josh Ralph.

All competitors were entered into the Kumite sections with Ashleigh and Craig entering their respective open weight sections too. Further to this Thomas, Craig and Jordan and Charley fox were entered into the Kata sections also.

On this occasion all the medal success was to come from the Kumite sections, but the Kata divisions did provide valuable competitive experience for those taking part.

Ashleigh lead the way with an impressive double. She took Gold in the girls 10-15 years open weight and added an impressive Silver in the girls 14-15 years 55+kg division. Craig battled hard to earn himself a Silver medal in the 16 years and over open weight section, while Jordan Fox took Bronze in the 14-15 years 55+kg section. The final two medals for the group were to be won by Ryan Dodson and Josh Ralph as they finished locked together in Bronze medal position, in the boys 12-13 years 45+kg section. A great set of results for Chikara Wado Ryu and more success for Wado-UK.

Well done everyone!!

Hopefully we may have some photos next month.

Any Ideas?

We would still like to hear your ideas.

Hopefully people are still finding this newsletter informative, but we would like your input. If there is any information regarding students, clubs, competitions, or anything which may be of interest to other members of our group, let us know.

Also if anyone would like us to include articles on a certain aspect of Karate we will do our best to accommodate your requests.

We want as many people as possible to get involved and pass as much information as possible to as many people as possible. We can only do this if we get feedback and new people to send us their e-mail addresses for inclusion onto the mailing list. Please forward this newsletter on to other students and get them to send their details to Tony Dent if they want to receive future issues.