

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



October 2012

This Month

Welsh Open Karate Championships



On Sunday 30th September, Four East Hull Karate Club members travelled to Cardiff for the Welsh Open Karate Championships. Joe Munro was there to compete in his Junior Male Kumite category, but was also asked to assist with ensuring Teerth, Charan and Amrit Dhesi were in the right place at the right time. Joe did a great job on both counts, as the small group came home with 2 Gold medals, 2 Silver medals, and 1 Bronze medal.

Two Gold medals in the Kata categories got us off to a good start. The three youngsters all on the mats at the same time, it was at times difficult to watch them as they appeared simultaneously. All three performed with a real purpose with strength and great determination. Unfortunately for Amrit, he was one of the youngest competitors at 6 years old. His group was 9 years and below, meaning he had some more experienced competitors to battle against. He did manage a few bout victories before he eventually

succumbed to what were considered by the judges to be stronger performances from other competitors. He also had his sister Charan in his group, but she managed to keep nudging her opponents out of her way as she fought her way to the final. Another good performance here saw her win this round also, and win the first Gold medal of the day for the Wado UK quartet.

Teerth would also see victory in his Kata category, as he followed in Charan's footsteps and replicate what she had just achieved. Excellent performances saw him push all his competitors aside and secure our second Gold medal.

The Kumite events would also prove fruitful for our competitors. The first of these would once again go to Charan. Fighting with the same determination as in her Kata event, Charan managed to dispose of several opponents. Unfortunately on this occasion

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she was to fall at the last hurdle, as she lost out in the final. This did mean however that she had added a respectable Silver medal to her earlier Gold one.

Once again Teerth was to follow in his sisters footsteps, as he did exactly the same thing for a second time, and win the Silver medal in his category matching Charan's efforts.

Joe was to finish the day off for our small group by taking our last medal of the day. On this occasion it was to be the Bronze medal in his Junior Male Kumite section. Joe fought well, but once reaching the semi-final he came across an exceptionally talented competitor from Sakai's squad. His opponent stole the fight by a single Yuko which was no disgrace. He did however go on to win in the under 21's event, and compete in the senior men's team event. This calibre of competitor is what Joe needs to push him to the next level in his competitive karate.

A great weekend and a great set of results for our small team of youngsters. Well done guys!!

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British International Karate Championships



Glasgow was once again the venue for the British international open karate Championships in 2012. This year however saw the event held for the final time at the Kelvin Hall venue. In actual fact, Kelvin Hall closed its doors for the final time following these championships. Future editions of this competition and in fact any other event held in Glasgow, will be held at the newly developed international sports centre. Named after sir Chris Hoy, OBE.

Wado UK took a very small squad to this event, and it turned out to be the youngsters who returned home with the medals.

The best of these was to go to Amie Newton of the Shinken Dojo. Amie took the gold medal in her children's Kata section at age 10 years. This result would later grab the attention of our local media back home, where the newspapers and regional news programmes began to draw parallels with elder sister Jess Newton. Amie not only appeared in the local press,

but Look North also wanted their program to cover the story too. Amie it has to be said, looked rather more comfortable in front of the camera than Paul Braid her instructor did! Well done Amie on the medal success.

The second and final medal would be a silver which was won by Brandon Greenwood. Brandon secured his success in the children's 7-9 years age group Kata section. Managing to progress well through the rounds, Brandon came up against a strong opponent in the final. His performance was a very good one here, but the other finalist managed to tip the scales with the judges, by winning 3 flags to 2. Another good performance though earned him a respectable silver medal.



4th Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships

Our very own East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships took place on October 21st. Once again the competition was a great success, with over 400 Karate-Ka from around the UK and Ireland descending on The Sports Arena at the KC Stadium. This year once again saw the event grow in size, from the 4 areas of 2011, to this years 6 area set up. Numbers of competitors also rose from around 300 in 2011, to this years 400.

We had an incredible amount of assistance from our members and their families over the weekend of the competition. There are so many people who were

instrumental in the competition's success, it would be difficult to name everyone here. However if you were one of our small army of volunteers, we would like to say a massive thank you for your time and efforts.

In next month's newsletter, we will have all the results, and details of our Wado UK members who achieved medal success. These results however will be on the web sites in the next week or so. Please check out the sites to see if we have managed to add any specific content, but we will definitely have it all here in the November Newsletter.

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Kids Bowling Day



Following the success and popularity of last years bowling day, we will be repeating the event on December 8th this year. This time around we will be at the Hollywood Bowl on Kingswood from 3pm.

We have enough lanes booked for 72 youngsters to enjoy the fun, but it will have to be on a first come first served basis. The cost will be £2 per child, which will include 2 games of bowling, and a bite of something to eat. Hopefully we will have the additional fun of a few games along the way like last year.

It is important that you see your club instructors as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. This activity is certain to be popular.

Presentation Evening

The Wado UK presentation evening is also approaching fast, and it will once again be held at the John McCarthy Suite within the Hull University. The date is December 14th, with the evening getting underway around 7.30pm. Tickets like last year will be priced at £6 per person.

There will be the usual awards at both club level and Association level, with club awards being for Service, Achievement, Kata and Kumite. The association awards will be for High Level Achievement, Service and the Emily Pierce Memorial Shield. Other awards are presented throughout the evening for various things, and we will have the usual games, raffles and auctions along the way. This years auctions include signed items from Luca Valdesi, former World and current European Kata Champion, and Rafael Aghayev, current World Kumite Champion.

Places for this event are limited to around 170, so again it would be advisable to get your tickets booked early from your club instructors.

18th November

Northern Regional Squad Training
Sale Dojo, Greater Manchester

25th November

Western Karate Union Winter Invitational
Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, Weston-super-Mare

8th December

Kids Christmas Bowling Day
Hollywood Bowl Hull

14th December

Wado UK Presentation Evening 2012

20th January

English Karate Federation Kyu Grade Championships
Ponds Forge, Sheffield