

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom

March 2013



This Month



Mushindo Kata Championships

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Date Section

Mushindo Kata Glory

The Mushindo Kata Championships changed format slightly this time around. On this occasion the organiser included two competitions in one. That is to say there was a Wado Competition, and an Open Competition run simultaneously.

The Chikara Dojo attended along with the East Hull Woodford Dojo, with most of our students actually entering both sections. By the end of the day our group had done so well, they had actually finished in top slot and came home with the overall winners trophy. With a medal tally of 8 Gold, 10 Silver and 9 Bronze, it's not hard to see why we came out on top!

The day started with Wado categories being held on one tatami, while the Open categories were held on a second. This did at times mean quick shuffles between one tatami

and the other were needed, but with assistance from several parents Steve Balaam-Reed managed to pull it off.

First up were the under 9s beginner to 7th kyu and we were to see immediate success with Amrit Dhesi taking Silver in the Open Kata and Silver in the Wado. Thomas Fitz-John was to gain Bronze in the open where he went one step better than his team mate Logan foster, who was displaced during the repechage. Charan Dhesi was in the next section, because although the same age as the first group, her 6th Kyu grade sent her into a higher group. She was to perform well enough however, to win Gold in the open section, and silver in the Wado section. Age 10-12 was split into boys and girls on the Wado side and remained mixed on the Open sections. In the

Wado event the Boys medals went to Calum Longmuir Taking Gold with Teerth Dhesi taking Bronze and in the Girls it was Silver for Lauren Foster and Bronze for Lauren Horner. Then Calum was to add to his medals by entering the 3rd Kyu and above Boys 10-12 years Wado event, and despite being a green belt was to pick up a Bronze medal for his efforts.

In the Open event it was to be Wado UK 1 2 & 3 with Lauren Foster pipping Teerth Dhesi in the Final and Lauren Horner picking up a credible bronze. Isabelle Johnson and Calum Longmuir unlucky not to medal going out in the repechage.

Unfortunately Thomas Balaam-Reed was not to medal in the 13-15 yrs 3rd Kyu and above boys but did get to perform the Kata Ryu Sei for the first time in competition.

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Mushindo Kata Continued

In the veterans events Paul Foster and Scott Longmuir picked up Gold and Silver in the below 4th Kyu event and Tracy Balaam-Reed was to gain Silver in the 3rd Kyu and above male and Female combined veteran event.

In the Pairs and teams Wado UK was to dominate all the sections that we

entered. The pairs consisted of Chikara A (Lauren Foster, Lauren Horner), Chikara B (Calum Longmuir, Isabelle Johnson) and East Hull Woodford (Teerth & Charan Dhesi). The medals fell as follows in the Wado event Chikara A Gold with Chikara B and East Hull Woodford taking the joint Bronze medal slots. In the Open event, Chikara A took the Gold, Chikara B the Silver, and

East Hull Woodford the Bronze. The Teams were Chikara (Lauren Foster, Lauren Horner, Calum Longmuir) and East Hull Woodford (Teerth, Charan, and Amrit Dhesi). In both the Wado and Open events it was to be Chikara Gold and East Hull Woodford Silver result.

Well done everyone!

Race Night 2

To finish off March we organised a 2nd Race Night at the Police Club on Inglemire Lane. Around 75 of our membership and family members attended the event, and again it proved a great success, with a total of £363.52 being raised. As well as raising funds for Wado UK, everyone had a great time with the horse races and additional games we took part in. Many people had a hand in the proceedings, from organising, sponsoring, administration, donating raffle prizes right through to clearing away afterwards. Whatever your involvement we would like to say a big thank you for your efforts and continued support.

Lord Mayors Parade Ambulance Pull



This activity is not just about raising funds for Wado UK, it is also to help support the Lord Mayor in his quest to raise funds for his chosen charities. As well as raising awareness of our own group during the event, Wado UK would like to give back to the community by supporting this worthwhile cause.

Unfortunately due to a broken collar bone, Ashley Oldershaw of the Hull Zanshin Dojo is now unable to assist with the actual pull at least, so if anyone else would like to join the party please see your club instructors or Tony Dent. Thank You!!



Names are now being added to the list for helping at our Lord Mayors Parade ambulance pull, but we would still like enthusiastic volunteers to join us.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, we need muscle for pulling and some of our more younger members for carrying the collection boxes.

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Asda Club Level Bag-Pack

ASDA

On the 14th April, three of our clubs took up the offer of raising funds for their individual clubs at the Kingswood Asda. Normally our bag-packing activities take place at the Iceland Store, but this opportunity was given to the individual clubs for their own future activities. The day was a great success with a grand total of £651.68 being divided between the clubs, on the basis of how many hours the youngsters were involved. Well done to all those involved, and a special thank you to Steve Bell for arranging the event.



Gaynor Dent and Maddison Bell

Date Section

5th May

Weston Super Mare
Spring Invitational

26th May

Northern Open Classic

2nd June

British 4 Nations
Glasgow

16th June

Chojinkai Open Karate Championships
Penrith Leisure Centre

23rd June

British Karate Association Championships
Leigh

7th July

CEWKA Central England Karate Championships
Walsall

4th August

South Yorkshire Open Karate Championships
Barnsley