

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom

June 2013



This Month



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Wado UK were once again represented at the Simon Coope competition on Sunday 16th June 2013, and just like last year we were not disappointed with the results. With a total of 3 Gold, 9 Silver and 4 Bronze medals, the day was a great success.

The Kata honours went to Thomas Balaam-Reed who was to take Gold in the 12-13, 3rd Kyu and above sections and to Lauren Horner won Gold in the 12-13, 3rd Kyu and below section. Briane Goff was to gain Silver in the female Junior 16-17 years 3rd Kyu and above. Toby Ashworth achieved Silver in the Mixed 10-11 years (below 3rd Kyu). And last but by no means least Logan Foster who took bronze in the peewee open grade section.

Our Gold Kumite medal was to go to Charlotte Pinder who once again had to fight our own Lauren Horner (Silver medal winner) in the final of the light weight girl's 12-13 section. Charlotte went on to win a well deserved Silver medal in her Heavyweight section also. More Silver medals were deservedly won by Isabelle Johnson in both

her Lightweight and Heavyweight section, and by Logan Foster in the peewee division. Silver medals were secured by Paul Foster in the Veterans section and collectively by Charlotte Pinder, Lauren Horner and Ellie (from Simon Coope's Club) in our 12-13 Girls team. Bronze medals were admirably achieved by Briane Goff, Olivia Ashworth and Thomas Fitz-John in their sections. Many of our competitors chose bravely to step up and compete in not only their own weight sections but also the heavier section and fought commendably.

Unlucky not to medal this time were Calum and Scott Longmuir, Jon Chia and Harry Fitz-John who all showed great determination, vigour and strength of character.

I would just like to add that the coaches for the day, Steve and Tracy Balaam-Reed, were extremely proud of the team and supporter spirit, and of the way all the competitors conducted themselves on the day, you did the association proud.

Report by Steve Balaam-Reed

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Chojinkai Open Championships

On Sunday June the 16th, British Chojinkai held their Open Karate Championships for 2013. Normally we take quite a large group to this competition, however on this occasion it was down to Josh Hartery of the Zanshin Dojo to go it alone. Josh enjoys competing, but is still relatively new to the scene. His nerves were apparent, but with his dad Ian and Gaynor Dent there for support he did an excellent job. He was in a relatively small group of 8 for his Kata category, but despite this he was unfortunately unable to secure a medal. He was drawn against a competitor who had the better of him, but he should be reassured from the fact that his opponent did eventually win the group. I'm sure with continued commitment Josh will get Kata medals in the near future. His Kumite section was to be a different story though. This time in a much bigger group he managed to win himself the silver medal having dispatched his first three opponents with a comfortable points margin in each case. His opponent in the final had looked good throughout his matches too, so it looked to be an interesting match up for the bout. Josh battled hard, but unfortunately he couldn't manage to get his nose in front on the scoreboard. Never the less he put up a good performance and should be very proud of his well-earned silver medal.

Josh is pictured left with his opponent in the Kumite final
Well done Josh.



Lord Mayors Ambulance Pull

Our involvement in the Lord Mayor's Parade was a great success, thanks to the organisation of Steve Bell and his daughters Stevie and Maddison. Several of our students and parents took to the city centre streets of Hull on June 1st, to help in what is one of the city's long standing traditions. Although the weather for the event was changeable, it was at least dry which afforded those there a comfortable walk around. The idea was to have the adults there to do the pulling, with the youngsters in the main carrying the collecting tins. I'm sure along the route though that the rolls became reversed on at least one occasion. The collecting tins were never part of our plan as far as Wado UK went, however with 50% of the proceeds going to the Lord Mayor charities, and 50% to us, it did mean we had around £25 to add to our bank account.

It was a great experience for those involved, and we are very grateful for those that took up the challenge. We would also like to say a big thank you to Steve Bell for organising the event, and providing us with the opportunity.

Well done to all!

Pictures of the event can be seen over the page.

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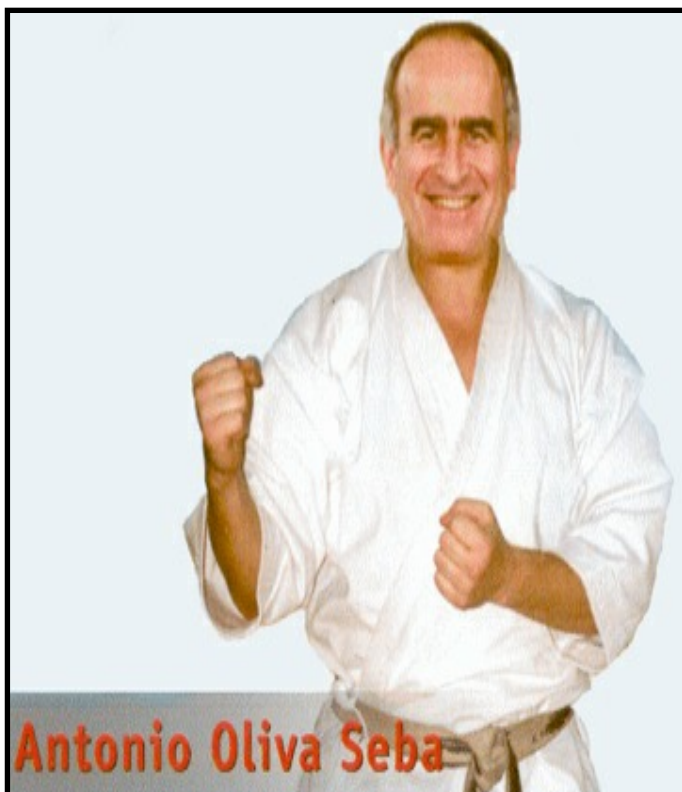
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Kumite & Kata Courses

Two top class courses are available for our members during the next month, one covering Kata, and the other Kumite. The first course is on July 9th and sees world renowned instructor Antonio Seba return to the No 1 Fitness centre run by Paul Newby. This is going to be a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in Kumite competition.

The second course is to be run at our own Shinken Dojo where instructor Paul Braid has invited England International John Gardiner to conduct a Kata course aimed at competition. Both these courses offer great opportunities for our competitors. Anyone interested should contact either Paul Braid or Tony Dent for details.



SHINKEN DOJO
OPEN KATA COURSE
With
SENSEI
JOHN GARDINER
28th July 2013
11am - 4pm
Contact
07866 310 649
For details
& To book

Date Section

7th July

CEWKA Central England Karate Championships Walsall

9th July

Antonio Seba Seminar
Paul Newby's Dojo

14th July

Wado UK Junior Championships

27th July

Kumite Workshop with Willie Thomas & Haldun Alagas

28th July

Kata Course with Sensei John Gardiner
Shinken Dojo Hull

4th August

South Yorkshire Open Karate Championships
Barnsley

31st August

Kumite Seminar with 2004 World Champion Paul Newby
Lincoln.

September

7th September

British International Open
Glasgow

29th September

5th Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships
The Sports Arena, KC Stadium, Hull.