

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



September

This Month

News in Brief

With September being so busy, we have been a little slow in getting this rather brief Newsletter out to you all. However with the first class news we had during September it would be a travesty not to make the effort and get at least one story out to you.

On September 7th, the British Karate Federation held their International Open in Glasgow. Wado UK had just 5 competitors at the competition, in the form of brother and sister trio Teerth, Charan and Amrit Dhesi, Thomas Balaam-Reed, and Joe Munro. Amrit was to come up trumps on the medal front winning both his Kata and Kumite categories. The details which we posted on the website can be read below too.

**Amrit Dhesi
British International
Champion**

**Wado UK 5th East Yorkshire
Open Karate Championships**

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**Amrit displaying the first of his two gold medals which was for his Kata victory,
along with his participation medal**

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On Saturday 7th September, Wado UK sent a small squad to the British International Open Karate Championships in Glasgow. The competition was at the very impressive Emirates Arena, which is also known as the Sir Chris Hoy Stadium. It wasn't only the stadium which was impressive though, as the performances of our very own Amrit Dhesi from the East Hull Woodford Dojo were an equal match for the architecture of the National Stadium of Scotland. Amrit was to complete the day with double gold winning performances in both his Kata, and Kumite categories, making him the British International Kata and Kumite Open Champion for 2013. At 7 years of age his performances of Bassai were judged to have been the best on the Tatami

throughout his grouping. With his usual display of strength and determination, he did look every ounce a cut above the rest. It was a thrilling moment to see the flags all going in his favour in the final, crowning him the champion for this year. He was to repeat this gold winning performance later in the day in his Kumite category. His determination was once again on display as he looked both confident, and strong. He got off to a good start winning his first match in a comfortable manner, and then seemed to go from strength to strength. Once in the final he was to dominate from the start giving himself a commanding points lead which his young opponent was unable to answer. It was another excellent performance from Amrit giving him the golden double.

Charan was to be in the medals also as she too managed Kata success. It was to be a bronze medal for her as she unfortunately slipped up in her semi-final, her opponent being the one with the majority of votes. It was still a pleasing result and one which added to our overall tally.

Other notable performances came from Teerth Dhesi, Thomas Balaam-Reed and Joe Munro. Unfortunately all falling short of medal positions, but acquitting themselves well along the way and representing our group with admirable courtesy and respect.

Well done to everyone and thanks to Steve Balaam-Reed for coaching, Joe Munro for assisting, and Mak Dhesi for supporting our group at this prestigious competition.

5th Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships

Our very own flagship event the 5th East Yorkshire Open took place on the 29th September, and once again the groups who attended all said they will be back. We will bring a more detailed report later this month in the October Newsletter, but for the moment we wanted to say a big thank you to all who helped make the day the success it was.

Everyone who worked very hard on our behalf over the weekend should be proud of being part of not only a successful event, but also being part of a successful team.

Thank you!

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13th October

Welsh Open
Cardiff

13th October

Open Seminar with Master Tomiyama
RAF Cranwell

13th October

BIKO Open Championships
Grundy Park, London

24th November

Western Karate Union Winter Invitational
Weston super Mare

7th December

Proposed date for the
Kids Christmas Bowling Day

13th December

Wado UK Presentation Evening