

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



November 2010

This Month

2nd Hull & East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships

The front page of our newsletter this month shows a selection of photos from our recent championships held in Hull. They took place on Sunday 31st October 2010, where Wado UK played host to around 250 of the English Karate Federation's more competitive members. Wado UK were holding their Hull & East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships for the second year running. Numbers of competitors and spectators were up on last year, a sure sign that Wado UK and this, their flagship competition is held in high regard. Thirty one groups were represented at the event, with some of the competitors travelling from as far as Ipswich and London to the South and Cowdenbeath, Scotland in the North. Several England Internationals were among the competitors, the younger ones using the event as a spring board to the Junior European Championships in February. Many local Wado UK clubs were in attendance too, as well as several local clubs not attached to the Wado UK Karate Group. Competitor's ages ranged from 5 years up to those in their 40's and they

were offered a total of 48 categories according to their ages and experience. It was a long day, starting at 9.40am, slightly behind the 9.30am schedule and finishing at 7.45pm, again slightly beyond the anticipated finish time. This again was proof that the event has quickly become so popular, that an entire day was needed to satisfy the numbers of competitors.

The day was a tremendous success and all the groups who contacted the organisers following the event said they will be back next year. Some saying they will be bringing bigger squads next time around. This is encouraging for Wado UK, who will begin planning the next event almost immediately. This is likely to be at a venue which can accommodate a fourth area, meaning that an earlier finish can be more easily achieved.

We were assisted by many members and parents from within our own group and we are eternally grateful for this much needed help. Thank You to Everyone!

[Click Here](#) to visit the competitions page of our website, where you can check out the results and see more photos. All photos courtesy of Amy Rose.

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December 4th Bag Pack

We will once again be holding a bag-pack fundraiser at the Iceland Store on Bransholme, to raise funds for the association. We had a fantastic time on the last occasion, where we were well received by not only the staff at the store, but the customers too. We will probably be in the store between 9.30 am and 4 pm, but any help between these times would be appreciated. I'm sure this visit will be as good as the last, so if you fancy helping out please contact Allison Munro, or Tony Dent.

Summer Camp 2011

From the 8th-10th July 2011, we will be holding a summer camp and grading at the Skipsea Sands Holiday Park on the East Coast. This is a fantastic opportunity to combine some training time and leisure time and enjoy a great experience. Training will be over the three days with the last day incorporating a grading too. We have three choices for the event, caravans, camping, or simply travelling to the venue on any or all of the training sessions. All details are in the brochure which is attached with this newsletter, but if you have any questions please just contact [Paul Braid](#) who will be organising the event. Alternatively, you can ask your club instructors who will try to answer any questions you may have.

Presentation Night 2010

We now have around four weeks to our 3rd annual Wado UK Presentation Evening. Tickets are selling fast for the event on the 10th December, which will be held once again at the John McCarthy Suite in the Hull University. Previous years have proved very popular and have provided everyone with an opportunity to relax and enjoy a slightly less hectic time together, than the usual stresses of a competition meetings.

The evening will follow a similar theme to those previous, with the addition this year of an auction. I'm sure everyone who attends will have a great time as always. Tickets are priced at £6 per person, which includes a disco, buffet and auction. We will also be holding a raffle and any donations of prizes will be gratefully received. Please see your club instructors for tickets, but anyone with donations of raffle prizes should contact Tony Dent.

We look forward to seeing everyone on the 10th December!

Table / Marshal Training

We will shortly be putting some dates together for anyone who would like to get involved with learning how to look after a table, or marshal at our competitions. At present we have 12 people who have these skills, but we would like to give anyone else who would like to learn, the opportunity to. Our intention is to have all our helpers able to do both jobs, which will then mean they can take turns in either role on the day. We are one of the only groups who offer this opportunity and it helps us stage 1st class events like the one we have just run at the Ennerdale Leisure Centre. It does also mean that travelling parents may have the opportunity to help at other competitions we attend, where you will gain free access to the competition and lunch. The people we have now are not necessarily active in Karate training, but enthusiastic volunteers who like to help out when necessary. If you fancy joining our group of helpers, just contact Tony Dent and watch this space for further announcements.

Chojinkai Bus Trip 6th March 2011

We will be planning a bus trip to the Chojinkai Junior Championships in Penrith next year. Although it will be an early start to the day, the stress of travelling will be removed as we all travel together to the venue. We will also be home by 8.30pm at the latest for those youngsters who have school the following day. More details will be available soon, but if you would like to express an interest in the trip and book provisional seats on the coach, please contact Tony Dent.

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| • 4th December | Fund-raising Bag-pack | Hull |
| • 5th december | EKF 'A' Squad & Ref course | Dudley |
| • 10th December | Wado UK Presentation Evening- | Hull University |
| • 11th december | North West Open Championships | Wigan |
| • 9th January | EKF 'A' Squad training | Midlands |
| • 23rd January | Tobi Ishi Kai Championships | Worcester |

All the relevant details for the above events can be found on the dates page of our website!

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