

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom

March 2011



This Month

Chojinkai Junior Championships March 2011

Wado UK athletes once again attended the Chojinkai Children's and cadets Karate Championships in Penrith and once again we came home in the medals. Below is a report on how the day panned out.

The day actually started in early December 2010, when many club members and parents did a fundraising event at the Iceland store on Branshorne. The event raised £530.75 towards the hire of a coach for the Penrith event. This helped subsidise the cost of travel to the competition and gave more people the chance to attend. On the day 49 competitors, parents, coaches and officials made the trip and those competing made it all worthwhile.

Those youngsters who were competing were:

Brandon Greenwood, Thomas Balaam-Reed, Bethany Holmes, Charlotte Pinder Tom McAlindon, Amie Newton, Jessica Newton, Ashleigh Clarkson, Matthew March, Joe Rose, Ellis Miller Owston, Teerth Dhesi, Charan Dhesi, Harry Oetegenn, Amber Oetegenn, Joe Munro, Oliver Dearing, Briane Goff, Jessica Bates Thomas Ward and Nathan Bates.



The youngsters above were in numerous events, with some of them in several. Individual Kata along with pairs Kata would be contested, along with individual and team Kumite events. Although we had much success at the competition, we had to withdraw from some events because of the day getting rather late. Unfortunately the team Kata trio of Harry Oetegenn, Joe Munro and Joe Rose would miss this event, along with the team Kumite event of Harry and Joe Munro. This was disappointing as the prospect of more medals had to be sacrificed, but getting home any later than we did wouldn't have been fair to the younger ones travelling.

As things turned out however, the group of youngsters still managed to bring home a respectable collection of medals. Those youngsters who won medals are listed below. It must be stated however that all those taking part should be congratulated on their personal achievements during the day and for showcasing Wado UK in a polite and respectfully manner.

Kata Results

Brandon Greenwood - Gold Charlotte Pinder - Gold Joe Rose - Silver Pairs Kata Brandon Greenwood & Joe Rose - Gold

Kumite Results

Joe Munro - Silver Bethany Holmes - Silver Brandon Greenwood - Silver Charan Dhesi - Bronze Amie Newton - Bronze Jessica Bates - Bronze Joe Rose - Bronze Charlotte Pinder Bronze Tom McAlindon - Bronze Jess Newton - Bronze

Chojinkai Success

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Jess Newton Gets Turkey Call Up

Jess Newton of the ShinKen Dojo has been selected to represent the English Karate Federation in an Invitational competition in Turkey. This is Jess's first call up to International duties since her inclusion in the EKF 'A' squad just over a year ago. Jess will be away between the 19th & 23rd April 2011. Wado UK wish Jess every success at the event and look forward to reporting on her progress following the competi-



Italian Open Karate Championships

Tony Dent was invited to officiate at the Italian Open Karate Championships recently. The competition took place in Milan, over the weekend of 18th-20th March. The experience was a great success, with Tony judging in his first European final. Over 2000 competitors registered for the event, with the number who actually competed being nearer 1950.

Tony is pictured above with other International officials and his Tatami Chief for the weekend, Elsa Epifani from Italy, 2nd from right.



Iceland Bag-Pack III

We now have several names for the next bag-pack day at the Iceland Store on Branshorne, but to make things more comfortable for those attending we would still like a few more volunteers. It will take place on the 9th April at the NorthPoint Shopping Centre, between 10.00am - 4.00pm. Offers of help between these times would be greatly appreciated, with the funds on this occasion possibly going towards a coach trip to the South Yorkshire Open in August. Please contact either Allison Munro or Tony Dent if you are able to help!

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| • 2nd April | EKF Referee Kata Course | Midlands Session. |
| • 9th April | Wado UK Fundraising Bag-Pack | Allison Munro (Organiser) |

We would appreciate any offers of help for the Bag-Pack fundraising event mentioned above. The event as mentioned last month is once again at the Iceland Store on Branshorne and monies raised help towards things such as the coach fare for the competition in Sheffield. Please help if you can