

Independent Wado-Ryu Karate-Do Association United Kingdom



August 2012

This Month

Iceland Bag-pack

Iceland

Date Change

Please note that the bag pack originally planned for the 18th August has had to be moved to the **8th September**.

This has happened because of the Iceland Store having plans of their own on the original date. On this occasion we will be raising funds for three main items. All three in the main connected to the Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships on October 21st.

Firstly we need to purchase a membrane to place between our mats and the Bonus Arena floor. This is because the floor was left slippery following our competition last year, and we were asked to protect the floor surface this time around. The membrane will be a Visqueen building product,

which will be suitable for re-using each year we hold our competition. Secondly we need to purchase extra extension leads, as our competition has expanded into a 6 area event. Finally we are at the moment designing two roll up banners which can stand at each side of the podium for the presenta-

tions. This will help promote our group as all podium photos taken will have our identity visible on them. These banners will also be used at our presentation night each Christmas.

An example of the banners can be seen on the right, but ours will obviously have our Wado UK identity on them. These banners will be a great addition to our equipment.

If anyone is available to help at the bag pack, please contact your club instructors, or Tony Dent. The time slots will be the usual ones, 10am-12 noon, 12 noon-2pm, and 2pm-4pm. Several names are already on the list, so if you have a preferred time, please let us know as soon as possible.

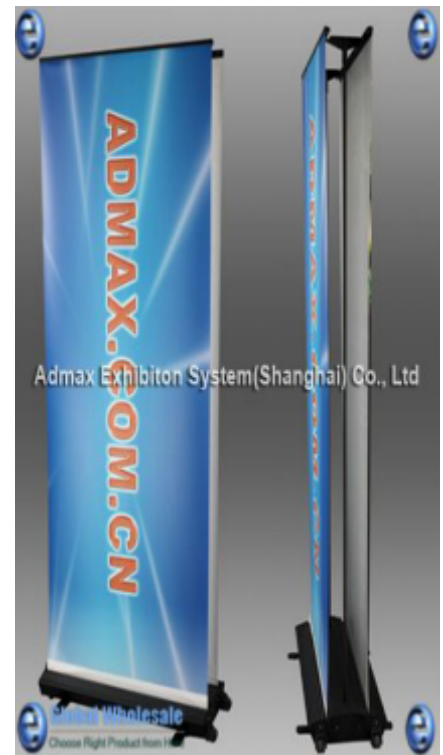
Bag Pack

Wado UK Junior Champ's

South Yorkshire Open

Wado UK East Yorkshire Championships

Date Section



Wado UK Junior Championships

On Sunday 22nd July 2012, Wado UK held its 3rd annual Junior Championships at the Woodford Leisure Centre in Hull. The day once again was a tremendous success, with around 75 youngsters taking part for the third year

running. The competition again included Kata, Kick-Master Kumite and Kumite divisions for boys and girls 15 years and under. All the officiating was done by the club instructors and senior grades, with all the help running

the event coming from enthusiastic parents and relatives. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success. Further details and results can be found on the Wado UK website.



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South Yorkshire Open Karate Championships

For the fourth year running, Wado Uk sent a squad off to this competition. The day ended with our group winning 1 Gold Medal, 1 Silver Medal, and 5 Bronze Medals.

Those taking part from the East Hull Karate club were;

Amrit, Charan and Teerth Dhesi, Oliver Dearing, Charlotte Pinder, Owen and Tonya Storr, Loretta Wendt, Joe Munro, Chris Fenton and Barry Meanwell.

From the Shinken Dojo were;

Amie Newton, Ellie Hayes, and Matthew March.

From the Hull Zanshin Dojo;

Ellis Miller, Josh Beaumont and Josh Hartery.

From the Kingswood Karate Club;

Hayden and Brandon Greenwood.

In the Kata events we were to win three of our eight medals. The best of which was to go to Brandon Greenwood of the newly formed Kingswood Karate Club. Brandon has been performing well recently, and managed to add our only Gold medal of the day to his personal collection.

Bronze medals were to be the order of the day for Ellie Hayes and Amrit Dhesi, following their performances on the tatami. Ellie is another one of our competitors who is showing a real maturity in her development, and will hopefully bring more medals our way in the future. Amrit too is a promising prospect, as he has been winning medals for some time now and is still only 6 years old.

The remaining five medals would be in the Kumite divisions, the best of which being a silver won by Barry Meanwell in his +75kg senior men's category. One medal never being enough for Barry, he was to add a Bronze for his efforts in his men's open weight section. Another double medal winning performance for Barry, meaning we had two more

medal wins on the day.

One of these would be another Bronze, and go to Charlotte Pinder for her Kumite performances. Charlotte is a regular medal winner in both Kata and Kumite, but today would see no reward for her efforts in Kata. However all was not lost, as Charlotte got down to work in her girls Kumite matches and performed well enough to secure this medal. Fingers crossed she is soon back on track in Kata too.

The final medal of the day was to be our final Bronze. This time it was the boys team of Oliver Dearing, Teerth Dhesi and Josh Hartery who were to be in good form. Oliver and Teerth being the more experienced of the trio, they set off in positions 1 & 2 with Josh being used at position 3 when necessary. Overall their performances were good enough to see them into the semi finals, where unfortunately they met their match. However this was enough to see the boys get the Bronze medal which they thoroughly deserved.

We would like to thank all our travelling supporters for being at the event, and encouraging our youngsters

along the way. Many of these supporters and younger competitors stayed back to offer support to our senior competitors, and this support was really appreciated.

Thanks also go to Paul Braid and Barry Meanwell and Chris Greenwood for their assistance with coaching duties. Sukoshi Ryu the tournament organiser's would like to thank Allison Munro and Gaynor Dent, for helping with table official duties on the day.



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Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships 2012

Our biggest event of the year is now only around 8 weeks away, so it's all hands on deck for our East Yorkshire Open Championships 2012. At the moment we are finalising the floor plan for the newly re-named, 'The Sports Arena', formerly the 'Bonus Arena' and we will add this plan to the newsletter next month. We have just taken delivery of our new mats, which will provide us with sufficient mats for 5 full sized competition areas. We will be using 6 areas on the day, with this sixth area being on loan from Paul Braid's Shinken Dojo. We are now in a very fortunate position of having our own mats for such an extensive area, and are probably one of the only associations that has. One of our biggest challenges now is to find a suitable location to site a large metal container for their safe storage while they are not in use. If anyone has any ide-

as regarding this, we would be very interested in hearing from you!! We also now have to ask for support from our volunteers. We do now have enough table officials for the day, which in itself is a remarkable achievement when you consider our expansion to six areas. We do need marshals though. This role is simply to organise the competitors on a draw sheet, so that they are prepared and delivered to the correct area ready for starting as soon as the area becomes available. This is one area where we can save or lose a lot of time over the day. We also need helpers to stand on the doors at the beginning of the day, making sure that people arriving enter only after they have paid, or are wearing their competitor wrist bands. All of these jobs are essential to the smooth running of the event, however it doesn't stop there. We also need

assistance setting up on the Saturday, and just as importantly, stripping down on the Sunday!

If anyone is willing to help with any of these aspects of our competition, we would be delighted to hear from you.

As for the competition itself, the entry form is available to view on our Wado UK website. It is advisable that you only complete an entry form with the guidance of your club instructors however.

One other point to mention is that of photography. This year we have made a decision to allow parents etc to take photos from two points. Firstly from the spectator seating, and secondly at the podium presentations. This will give everyone an opportunity to take photos of their medal winners as we go through the day.

30th September

Welsh Open Karate Championships 2012. Cardiff.

Northern Regional Squad Training. No 1 Fitness Centre, Crosshills, BD20 7BW.

6th/7th October

British International Open

National Indoor Sports Arena (NISA), Glasgow, Scotland

14th October

BIKO Championships. Grundy Park, London.

21st October

Wado UK East Yorkshire Open Karate Championships 2012

25th November

Western Karate Union Winter Invitational

Hutton Moor Leisure Centre, Weston-super-Mare.

8th December

Kids Christmas Bowling Day.

14th December

Wado UK Presentation Evening 2012.