



Preparations continue for competition

Wado UK Open Karate Championships

On the 1st November 2009, top class Karate-Ka from all over the country converged on Hull for the 1st Wado-UK Karate Championships. The venue for this event was the Hull University Sports Centre and it proved to be a successful day for all concerned. Wado UK, which is run by Mr. John Moreton, have several top class athletes of their own, but this competition gave them the chance to compete on home soil and support the efforts of their own association in the process. Some of these athletes have just returned from the 37th Wado Kai European Championships in Dublin, with a haul of 3 gold and 2 silver medals. Many months of planning went into the event and the whole

group of Wado UK clubs and members worked hard

to make sure that everyone who attended enjoyed the day. Rarely do local Karate-Ka get the chance to compete without having to travel many miles to events. Wado UK decided to redress the balance and host a competition which would not only put them on the map, but Hull also as an attractive venue to travelling competitors. Some of these clubs had travelled from as far as the Midlands, Lincolnshire and Essex. Many local clubs attended too, not just from the Wado UK group, but also several from other associations who offered their support.

The day got off to an early start around 10am with the Kata, (Forms) events. This element of the competition was followed after lunch with the Kumite, (Fighting) events. The day ran like clockwork despite the fact that all of the table officials and marshals for the day were going about their duties for the first time.

The venue and venue staff proved a great choice for this inaugural event. Without their support, help and assistance leading up to and during the event, the day could have been much more stressful. During the day with competitors, spectators, our own organisers and the travelling referees, it is estimated we had around 500 people to take care of. As mentioned earlier though it all ran without a hitch and was a really pleasing event.

By the end of the day as the competition was drawing to a close, it was pleasing to hear so many positive comments, from clubs who had decided to attend and check out our Hull based group. With this feedback it is an easy decision to make to continue the event each year. Plans are already being drawn up for the Wado UK Open Championships for 2010. It is hoped that next year as word spreads, the event will attract even more groups from around the country. As a group we were proud of the quality of competition we staged for all the competitors who attended. The city of Hull should also be proud to be the host of such an event.



Barry Meanwell receiving the Malcolm Adjei Memorial Shield from Mally Adjei Snr



Medal winners from the Wado UK Champs



Presentation Evening

We are now only about two weeks away from this years presentation evening and it looks like being another successful event. The venue will be the John McCarthy Suite at the Hull University, which proved popular last year. The evening starts at 7.30pm, with the presentations starting around 8pm. As with last year there are presentations within the member clubs and these will include Achievement, Service, Kata and Kumite. For the association there will be awards for Service and High Level Achievement, along with recognition awards for those who have achieved qualifications this year.

As well as the awards there will be a disco, raffle and buffet for everyone to enjoy. We are sure that the evening will be a great success and all the photos from the evening will be on the website as quickly as we can upload them. Don't forget that all the info and photos from last year are on the website to view now. Please make sure you all get your tickets in time from your club coaches and we look forward to seeing you all on the night!!

BWKU Championships

This years British Wado Ryu Karate Union Championships will be on the 6th December.

As usual they will be held in the Goole Leisure Centre, a map for this venue can be found on the downloads page of our website. This is a competition we have supported for many years and traditionally we have always had a good crop of medals. The entry forms are now available and are to be found on the dates page of our website.

The entry forms may look confusing as there are no specific heights or weights etc for the competitors. This is because the youngsters are separated into heights on the morning of the competition itself.

Hopefully we will once again give good support to this competition and come away with plenty of success stories.