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Welcome to the Wado-UK Newsletter for September 2009

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### British Karate Federation Championships

Wado UK Karate group had a great weekend recently, at the British Karate Championships in Edinburgh. This competition is the most prestigious event in the competition calendar, with top class Karate-Ka from all over the British-Isles competing for medals. The competition took place at the Meadowbank Stadium in Edinburgh, over the weekend of 5th 6th September. It was an incredibly busy weekend, with competitor numbers somewhere in excess of 1400.

Wado-UK sent a squad of 10 competitors of all ages and they proved themselves worthy of 4 Kumite, medals by the end of the competition. Saturday saw the 14 yrs and over categories and was to provide two of the medals which Wado-UK won.

The first of these was to go to James O'Connor of the St Nicholas Dojo. James was competing in the cadet 16-17 yrs section of the competition and after working hard through the rounds found himself in the final against current European champion, Ryan Jay. James fought a valiant battle, but against such strong opposition had to settle for what was in reality, an amazing silver medal.

The second medal was to go to Barry Meanwell of the Woodford Dojo in the senior men's event. Barry has, over the years, proved himself to be a formidable opponent to any opposition and today was going to be no different. Barry also fought his way through the rounds, finding his semi-final opponent to be former Commonwealth champion Craig Burke. Barry is considerably smaller than Craig but gave him plenty to think about. With the match all square with just 13 seconds remaining, the tension was high. Unfortunately Barry's hopes were dashed as he conceded a point just at the end of the bout. This left Barry in the bronze medal position, a fantastic achievement against such experienced opposition.

Sunday was to see the end of the competition, but not the end of medals for Wado-UK. Two more bronze medals would be won in the under 13 yrs groups, thanks to former British girl's champion Jessica Bates and current Northern area champion Jessica Newton. Jessica Bates from the St Nicholas Dojo won this event last year as an eight year old in Sheffield and was hoping to retain her title. Unfortunately she had to settle for a bronze medal on this occasion, but at such a young age she will be back in the future. Jessica Newton from the Shin-Ken Dojo finished things off for the local Karate stars, in her 12-13 yrs category. Jessica battled hard through her bouts to secure the final bronze medal for the group.

Other people who deserve a mention for representing the group are Joe Munro, Leah Brettell, Aaron Brettell, Matthew March, Thomas Balaam-Reed and Nathan Bates. Thanks also to the coaches for their hard work and the supporters who travelled a long way to cheer the competitors on.

Three bronze and one silver medal for the group was a fantastic achievement, after what was a fantastic weekend. **Thanks to everyone concerned!**

## Wado-UK Championships

**We are now just a few weeks away from what will be one of the biggest days of the year for Wado-UK. The 1st November, if you needed any reminding, is to be our competition at the Hull University Sports Centre.**

Almost everything is now in place for the event, but it's still not too late for anyone who would like to offer some assistance. Probably one of the biggest jobs will be to lay the mats and set the chairs for the

### European Wado-Kai Champ's

**Final preparations are under way for the 37th European Wado-Kai Championships in Dublin over the weekend of October 23rd-25th.**

Flights have now been booked and hotel arrangements are being made. We would like to wish the very best of luck to all our competitors and say a big thank you to all the travelling support who will be in attendance.

Our competitors will be; Barry Meanwell in the +84kg section, Chris Fenton in the -84kg section and Dean Fenton in the -67kg section.

For the junior ranks, Joe Munro and Harry Oetegenn have both been selected for the boy's 12-13yrs -45 kg section, with Jessica Newton being our female representative in the girl's 12-13yrs -50kg section.

Paul Braid and Matthew March will both be competing in their respective Kata sections.

event the day before. At the moment we don't know what time we will be allowed into the centre to begin setting up. This is because bookings for the badminton courts on the Saturday afternoon, could be made up to the day before. We will obviously be attempting to gain access as early as possible, so that we can finish the job as early as possible. It is hoped afterwards that we will be able to have a get together and a nosh up at an Italian somewhere.

Following the event we will need to return all the mats and scoreboards to the van, tables and chairs to the store-cupboards and personal equipment to the cars of the people concerned. Any help at this point would be greatly appreciated. I'm sure the event will be a memorable one and one we will be proud of.

For all those wishing to compete, please get your entries in as early as possible to allow us to separate our competitors as much as we can in the draw.

## Training & Celebrations

**Please pay particular attention to the blue highlighted text below.** These are our opportunities for the rest of the year, to get together for training sessions and celebration evenings.

**Let's all celebrate our successes together!!**

### Dates Section

**27th September- Ken-Yu-Kai Championships, Manchester.**

**4th October- Wado-UK Squad Training at the Shin Ken Dojo. 10 - 3.30 pm.**

**18th October- AMA Yorkshire Open Championships, Ponds Forge Sheffield.**

**25th October- British Karate Association Open Championships, Leigh.**

**27th October- Wado UK Final night preparations for the weekend's championships, at the Shin Ken Dojo, 7-9pm.**

**1st November- Wado-UK Championships at the Hull University.**

**4th December- Wado-UK Presentation Evening, John Mc Carthy Suite Hull University.**

**6th December- BWKU Championships, Goole.**