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News from the Eastern Area Secretary

Following the AGM I would like to welcome Jo Tippett onto the Committee. Thank you to Ted Evans for his contribution to the Committee over the past two years.

A big thank you is also due to Jane Blunt for editing the Newsletter for the past number of years. Jane has decided to hand over the post of editor after this issue.

We had a successful awards ceremony after the AGM. There was not a large contribution from Area Clubs of nominations for awards. Invitations for nominations were sent to club contacts by email. Next year I intend to supply the nomination form to club contacts by surface mail as I know that some emails may not have been read. The awards ceremony could be a good celebration of the work that goes on in the area.

Finally, congratulations to the recipients of awards, well done.

Colin Fordham

New Senior Examiner – Dave Southby

Dave Southby is the latest Eastern Area Judoka to qualify as a Senior Examiner. Dave is shown being presented with his Senior Examiner badge by Dave Horton-Jones National Director of Examiners. This qualification authorises Dave S to examine up to 5th Dan Competitive at a practical dan Grading and also carry out Technical Dan Gradings up to 5th Dan. If Dave is ever visiting your club and you wish to proceed along the Technical Dan Grade pathway, please ask him for advice and he may also be available to examine.



Kumo Judo Club

Reported by Howard Oates, Senior Club Coach

24/1/09 World Cup Georgia: Colin Oates finishes 5th. Not so long ago we would have been content with this result but this was more of a medal lost than a place gained.

7/2/09 Paris Grand Slam: Colin Oates loses first fight to his Turkish opponent and under any repechage system would have been eliminated but the new system put on the rostrum 3 players who did not win their medal but actually all lost their last contest-only the gold medallist won his last fight and somehow a total of 4 other players lost for a bronze place. The BJA website described the first round losers as: "less than impressive performances" but failed to add almost all had their funding axed after Christmas. Be nice to see Head Office give impressive performances without pay for a couple of months would it not?

15/2/09 NHC Senior High Wycombe: Jonathan Drane -73k and David Oates take silver while Thomas Turner loses for bronze

22/2/09 Red Belt Comp Thetford: Carys and Joshua Fowler take silver together with Rory Carter as Kumo look to rebuild its junior base. At the grading it was nice to see Vicky Oates return to the mat even if the draw did not yield any dan points

15/3/09 Ipswich Senior Open: Jonathan Drane moved up to fight -81k and his first contest could not have been tougher in the vastly experienced Fred Harris. Jono won a really hard contest in golden score and eventually took silver with David Oates taking silver at -66k

22/3/09 English Senior Open: Given the thousands of pounds invested in Colin Oates by the BJA it was little surprise he won all 6 contests to take the Gold in a hard fought final against James Miller fighting up a weight. Both these fighters have battled hard to reach their standards how nice it would be to see either or both medal at a European or world championship in the coming 12 months or so.

12/4/09 Lommel International Belgium: Thomas Turner wins 3 and takes gold on the same day he signed up to fight in the Belgium National League for Kemzeke-Thomas will join Colin and David Oates as the overseas players fighting for Kumo's sister club in November. Emma Paflin plagued by illness throughout 2008 bounced back with a great bronze at -52k however the medal was overshadowed by the first round win over Amelie Rosseneu who just a few weeks earlier had won the Bosnian B International. Emma at her best again. Colin Oates won 4 at -73k to reach the semi but following a golden score defeat pulled out of the bronze final as we could not risk missing the train home. Ben Tippett and Jonathan Drane lost their openers and were eliminated whilst Gemma Moore battled to the semi but then lost the next two to finish 5th in a pool of 14 players. David Oates fighting overseas for the 43rd time(not including Northern or Southern Irish trips) won his opener but lost the next and was eliminated. On a day when there were just 5 Brit medals in a field of 800 players it was nice to have collected 2 of them. A big thank you to Paul Nicholson of Marham judo Club who did all the organisation and driving.

On a different note former Kumo players Sam Webb and my daughter Charlotte got married in Las Vegas in March. Ironically they teamed up on our second judo trip to Philadelphia back in 2000 and have been together ever since. So it was fitting they chose to get married in the USA. How I love American food-within 3 days my wedding trousers failed to fit-ended up having to walk up and down the strip to get the waistline down again.

The club celebrated the selection of Colin Oates for a third crack at the Senior Europeans he was also accepted for the British Judo Performance Institute at Dartford on terms that will still enable him to train at Kumo. Over the past 3 months the Squad have been in heavy training and this will I understand continue up until 2012 and beyond. Let's hope we read and hear less negative vibes on the forum and the Press as the new regime attempts to rebuild our system.

Littleport Judo Club News & Results

Reported by club secretary and coach, Ros Edwards

1. **MIDLANDS U20 AGE BANDS – SUNDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2009**
Nicholas Johnson, band C, u66kgs, was beating a brown belt opponent by a yuko in the first round when he fell to the floor unexpectedly and did not get up. He had to concede that contest and withdraw from the event on medical advice. Andrew Pickerill, band C, u90kgs, easily disposed of all his opponents with ippon scoring throws to take the gold medal.
 2. **KINGSLEY HALL KYU & DAN GRADING – SATURDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2009**
Andrew Pickerill won 1 contest but, weighing in at 84kgs, was then expected to contest a definite 'mismatch' against a 125kg player who was not content with a winning throw but also landed on Andrew's legs leaving him with at least torn ligaments and a possible fractured knee.
 3. **HAPPIDOJO HALF TERM TRAINING CAMP – THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2009**
Nicholas Johnson enjoyed a half-term training session and the benefit of high quality coaching.
 4. **LITTLEPORT MINI AGE BANDS INVITATION – SUNDAY 1st MARCH 2009**
Finn Livingston was the only Littleport member to enter and won a bronze medal in the 8 & 9 year old section. A report with full results of this event is elsewhere in this newsletter.
 5. **LITTLEPORT NAGE-NO-KATA COURSE – SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2009**
Sadly, due to lack of support, this course was cancelled however Littleport Judo Club thanks Steve Lesik, Alec Edwards, Angela and Jemma Thorpe for offering to run the course and the small number of players who did pre register. The majority of prospective participants were from Littleport and Cambridge University Judo Clubs with one player from Phoenix Judo Club.
 6. **PETERBOROUGH UNDER 20 AGE BANDS OPEN – SUNDAY 26th APRIL 2009**
Nicholas Johnson made a brave decision to move up a weight group to under 73kgs. Despite losing his first contest, Nicholas fought back to win a place in the last 4, won the semi final with a throw and won the final, against the player he met in his first contest, with a hold to win gold.
 7. **REMINDER – LITTLEPORT AGE BANDS INVITATION – SUNDAY 5th JULY 2009**
This established 2 star event is at Littleport Leisure Centre and open to East Area and invited clubs. There are 2 age bands, 8 to 11 year olds and 12 to 15 year olds.
Download entry form at <http://www.littleport-judo.org> or <http://www.bjaeast.co.uk> or <http://www.britishjudo.org.uk>.
 8. **REMINDER – LITTLEPORT YOUTH & SENIOR OPEN – SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2009**
This 3 star 'point scoring' event is at Littleport Leisure Centre and is followed by a Competitive Grading for 1st kyu and above. There are 3 sections, Youth (14 to 19) all grades, Senior Novice to 2nd kyu and Senior 1st kyu & above. Entry forms are now available to download at <http://www.littleport-judo.org> or <http://www.bjaeast.co.uk> or <http://www.britishjudo.org.uk>.
 9. **2010 EVENTS AT LITTLEPORT LEISURE CENTRE**
2010 Mini Age Banded Invitation, (for 8 to 11 year olds), is on Sunday 28th February 2010.
2010 Age Banded Invitation, (for 8 to 11 and 12 to 15 year olds), is on Sunday 4th July 2010.
2010 Youth and Senior 'point scoring' event, subject to obtaining relevant Tournament Licence, will be on Sunday 7th or 14th November 2010.
Please check for more details and entry forms for these events at <http://www.littleport-judo.org> or <http://www.bjaeast.co.uk> or <http://www.britishjudo.org.uk> if required.
 10. **2011 EVENTS AT LITTLEPORT LEISURE CENTRE**
2011 Age Banded Invitation, (for 8 to 11 and 12 to 15 year olds), is on Sunday 3rd July 2011.
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Marham Judo Club News & Results

Submitted by Senior Coach, Paul Nicholson

Marham have attended lots of competitions over the past three months, all set at different levels of experience.

Hooglands International Judo Competition on 1 February 2009

Marham Judo Club entered six skilled players into the dutch judo competition; Jenna-Jaye Nicholson, Cailean McCallum, Zak McCallum, Adora Storton, Sophie Buller and Chris Parrott. The competition was fierce and all Marham competitors performed exceptionally well, although no medals were won. A big well done to Zak, as this was his first international competition and he performed really well.

Harlow Judo Competition on 7 February 2009

Marham Judo Club entered two players into this competition, Cailean McCallum and Chris Parrott. Both players fought well and won well deserved silver trophies.

Eastern Area Red Belt Competition on 22 February 2009

Marham Judo Club entered six competitors into this local competition held at Thetford. Gold medals were won by: Lauren Francis, Connor Humphries, Garry Paterson and Daniel Bitson. Silver medals were won by: Zachary McCallum and Rebecca Bitson.

Littleport Judo Competition on 1 March 2009

Marham entered seven competitors into this competition for under 12's. Gold medals were won by: Sophie Buller and Daniel Bitson. Silver medals were won by: Garry Paterson, Chris Apps and Rebecca Bitson. Bronze medals were won by: Emily Apps and Jordan Eyre.

Huntingdon Judo Competition on 1 March 2009

This was a very friendly and welcoming club. Gold medals were won by; Daniel Campbell, Adora Storton, Cailean McCallum, Matthew Parrott, Ben Nicholson and Jenna-Jaye Nicholson. Silver medals were won by: Rebekah Grant, Chris Parrott, Zachary McCallum and Paul Nicholson.

Renkeido Judo Kwai Competition on 8 March 2009

This competition was a welcomed introduction for new competitors. Marham entered two players, Lucy Griffiths who won a silver medal and Tom Campey who won a gold medal.

Epping Judo Competition on 8 March 2009

First challenge of the competition was to find a car parking space. This was a well attended event, held in a small hall, with limited chairs and old style matting. This did not stop the children having a great day. All children were awarded medals. Gold medals were won by: Cailean McCallum, Chris Parrott, Adora Storton and Sophie Buller. Silver medals were won by: Zachary McCallum, Neith Charlesworth, Bronze medals were won by: Kaitlyn Humphries, Matthew Parrott, Ben Johnson, Henry Andrewartha, Terry Andrewartha, Garry Paterson, Rebekah Grant and Jenna-Jaye Nicholson. The gold medallists did exceptionally well, winning all their bouts, which was a minimum of four bouts.

Eupen International Judo Competition on 21 March 2009

Marham Judo Club entered three competitors into the Eupen International Judo Competition in Belgium. Although, this was an international competition, it did not attract a large number of competitors. All three of Marham's competitors won medals. Chris Parrott won a gold medal, Jenna-Jaye Nicholson won a silver medal and Adora Storton won a bronze medal.

British Schools Judo Competition on 28 March 2009

The Schools Judo Competition that was held at The English Institute of Sport in Sheffield. Competitors came from all over the UK, with players from as far as Scotland and Devon. Ben Nicholson represented his school, Wymondham College, in the under 73kg weight category, and won a commendable bronze medal. Ben won four fights out of five, utilising a wide variation of throws, proficiently demonstrating his judo skills and techniques.

Castle Vale Competition on 29 March 2009

This was a very enjoyable and rewarding competition, with Marham Judo Club entering senior and junior members. Gold medals were won by: Sophie Buller, Ben Nicholson, Wendy Hulley and Paul Nicholson. Silver medals were won by: Zachery McCallum, Lauren Francis and Jenna-Jaye Nicholson. Bronze medals were won by: Chris Parrott and Craig Hulley.

Samurai Judo Competition on 4 April 2009

This was a well attended tough competition which the children enjoyed. Gold medals were won by: Sophie Buller who defeated all her opponents. Sophie has been competing extremely well and her judo has been going from strength to strength. Silver medals were won by: Jenna-Jaye Nicholson. Bronze medals were won by: Adora Storton and Rebekah Grant.

Kumo (Thetford) Judo Competition on 5 April 2009

This competition was aimed at less experienced competitors and was a good introduction to competitions. Marham Judo Club entered nine competitors who thoroughly enjoyed the day and were extremely pleased with their medals.

Lommel International Judo Competition on 11 & 12 April 2009

This competition held in Holland is a well attended event for the more experienced judo player. Marham entered two competitors, Ben and Jenna-Jaye Nicholson. Ben was withdrawn from the competition after his second fight resulted in a shoulder injury. Jenna-Jaye won all her fights to win a gold medal.

Norwich Premier hosts an Instructors' Course

The BJA held an Instructors course at the New Norwich Premier Judo Club on 28 Feb and 1st March. Course tutors were Dave Horton-Jones and Dave Southby. 13 Judoka attended the course with many qualifying for this new award and are now able to run sessions in clubs when the club coach is not available. For details on the next Instructors course in the area please contact either of the Daves. Norwich Judo Club moved to the new premises in Jan 2009 and welcome visitors, directions and club practice times can be found on the club web page. The club plan to host a Technical Mon/kyu and Dan Grading preparation and Exam in the future, please contact Dave H-J for details.

Littleport Mini Age Banded Invitation Championships, Littleport Leisure Centre, 1st March 2008

Reported by Ros Edwards

Littleport Judo Club takes this opportunity to thank all area clubs and 6 guest clubs for supporting this event. Almost 70 players participated, 40 represented the 6 guest clubs but only 30 represented area clubs. Despite the lack of local interest, Littleport Judo Club still plans to hold this event annually.

Special thanks to everyone who assisted before, during or after the event especially the Littleport club players and parents who voluntarily turned out twice because I had a back injury and could not lift a mat! Players, coaches, officials, family and friends are vital to the success of an event. Results are below.

Check Littleport Judo Club website at <http://www.littleport-judo.org> and Area and National websites for future Littleport competition dates and entry forms including an Age Banded event on Sunday 5th July 2009 and a Youth & Senior Point Scoring Open and a Dan Grading on Sunday 29th November 2009. In 2010, the Mini Age Banded, U12, is on Sunday 28th February, the Age banded, (U12 & U16), is on Sunday 4th July and the Youth/Senior Open Point Scoring event is on Sunday 7th or 14th November.

RESULTS

Under 10 BOYS

U29 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Alex Rogerson Luke Treveil Edward Cooper Jordan Eyre Oliver Blake	Vale Northbrook Coopers Marham Vale
U30 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Harry Gale Louis Preater John Forrest Jake Smith	Moreton Hall Harlow Moreton Hall Moreton Hall
U31 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Joseph Majidian Thomas Rees Thomas Hamlyn Ben Cooper	Ipswich Harlow ThomasDeacon Melbourn
U35 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Adam Deaton Joseph Chandler Charlie Love Oliver Lundie	Coopers Haverhill Happidojo Melbourn
U36 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Jacob Cor-West Luke Heyworth John Lloyd Nash Morton	Coopers Vale Vale Vale
U42 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Thomas Addison Edward Parker Finn Livingston Laurence Withero	Barnardiston Barnardiston Littleport Melbourn
U50 Gold Silver Bronze	Alex Vasekin-Jones Joe Madgwick Max Wakeford	Happidojo Stowmarket Vale

Under 12 BOYS

U32 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Jack Purlant Charlie Biggs Jay Rogers Alexander Loft	Black Dog Shudan Shudan Moreton Hall
U38 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Andrew Morgan Gary Patterson Alistair Sheppard George Whitworth	Black Dog Marham Comberton Renkeido
U46 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Ian Roberts Jack Rogerson Jack Clark Callum Curtis Sean Coyle	Shudan Vale Harlow Black Dog Comberton
U55 Gold Silver Bronze Bronze	Joseph Arnold Charlie Watt Aaron Bishop Andrew Bayes	Harlow Vale Marham Northbrook
U66 Gold Silver Bronze	Daniel Bitson Chris Apps MaximilianHirschburger	Marham Marham Moreton Hall

Under 10 GIRLS

U32		
Gold	Eva Graham	Vale
Silver	Eleanor Bland	Vale
Bronze	Milly Walker	Vale
U40		
Gold	Chloe Nunn	Harlow
Silver	Chelsea Harbin	Saffron Walden
Bronze	Imogen Ranner	Melbourn
Bronze	Olivia Stephenson	Vale
U48		
Gold	Jessica Brown	Harlow
Silver	Morgan Hodgkin	Vale

Under 12 GIRLS

U36		
Gold	Georgia Stark	Ipswich
Silver	Katie Parrish	Bedford
Bronze	Hollie Catley	Haverhill
Bronze	Chloe Freeman	Harlow
U40		
Gold	Sophie Buller	Marham
Silver	Poppy Gurney	Stowmarket
Bronze	Chelsea Aldridge	Northbrook
Bronze	Aziza Farhoud	Bedford
U52		
Gold	Elora Parocki	Bedford
Silver	Rebecca Bitson	Marham
Bronze	Emily Apps	Marham

Thomas Deacon Judo Club

Contributed by John Dearden

The Thomas Deacon Judo Competition which was held on 26th April was a great success. We had 185 competitors from all the areas of England plus Wales. There was some fine competition; the standard was good and the officials ran the competition very well.

It was a first for Mr & Mrs Mullen who were Senior referee and Competition controller and a fantastically good team they make. Thank you both.

We would like to thank all the referees and officials who made the competition so successful and not forgetting the competitors who all gave their best - well done

Calendar of Events 2009

Date		Event	Location
May	17 th	Ipswich Under 16s Age-banded champs	Ipswich
June	21 st	Promotion exam and kyu grade and red and yellow belt 12 years + competition	Thetford
July	5 th	Age-banded event, invitation	Littleport
August		Judo Camp	Happi dojo
September	13 th	Mini-mon, U6th Mon, U11 years of age, U55kg	Thorpe Marriott Hall
	20 th	Under 20s Championships	Ipswich
October	Half term	Judo camp	Happi dojo
November	29 th	Youth & Senior Open, Point Scoring, Also Dan Grading.	Littleport
December	13 th	Area Championships and Team Championships	Thetford

Looking forward to 2010:

Sunday 28th February Mini Age Banded Invitation, (for 8 to 11 year olds), Littleport

Sunday 14th March Ipswich Senior, Veterans and Youth Open

Sunday 16th May Ipswich Under 16s Age Banded

Sunday 4th July Age Banded Invitation, (for 8 to 11 and 12 to 15 year olds), Littleport.

Sunday 19th September – Ipswich Under 20s

Sunday 7th or 14th November Youth and Senior 'point scoring' event, subject to obtaining relevant Tournament Licence, Littleport