

gordon wallace school of tae kwon-do



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Welcome to Taekwon-do

New Students

On behalf of our school I would like to welcome the following students who have most recently joined us:

Snr class:

Angela Wright
Denise Mexson
Andrew Harthill
Craig Donaghue
Stanley Beattie
Claire Beattie

Jnr class:

Sean McKinnon



uktf news

Technical Seminar

The next technical seminar for 2nd Kups and above will be on March 30th 2002. Mr G Wallace VI^o and Mr Mark Davies III^o will host.

Umpires Course

UKTF Competition Rules. Open to 2nd Kups and above. To held at Craighill in Feb 2002.

Instructors Course

The instructors course criteria has changed and shall now be separated into three categories to accommodate different levels of instruction necessary for C, B and A class certification. The course in conjunction with AGM and instructors grading shall be held in July, date to be confirmed.

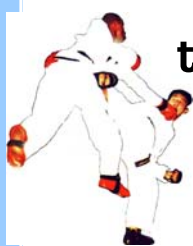
September Blackbelt Grading

CONGRATULATIONS!!!! to those from Aberdeen who were successful:

Mr Ronnie Roy	1st deg	26/06/80	promoted	II Degree
Christopher Gillespie	1st Kup	28/05/85	promoted	I Degree
Mark Robertson	1st Kup	24/06/88	promoted	I Degree

ITF Publications available:

General Choi's 15 Volume Encyclopaedia	(\$250)
General Choi's autobiography 93 books]	(\$80)



tournament news

Scottish Championships 2002

To be hosted by Mr A Dunbar VI^o Saturday 13th April.

Venue to be confirmed

British Championships 2002

To be hosted by Mr J McIlvanie IV^o in Wishaw, Lanarkshire.

Date and venue to be confirmed.

UKTF British Championships, Newcastle October 2001

Medal Table (Top Five out of 26 schools entered)

	Entries	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Bathgate	13	12	6	5
Johnstone	26	9	10	9
Dedridge	13	7	4	3
ABERDEEN	7	6	2	5
Broxburn	9	4	3	6

A very well done for all those who competed, to put Aberdeen back where it should be.....

AT THE TOP!!!!!

school news

Remember Grading Dates for 2001:
Thursday 6th Dec, 18:30 (+13yrs)
Saturday 8th Dec, 10:00 (-13yrs)

Congratulations!!!!!!

Everybody did exceptionally well. Here are the list of results from the British Championships, Newcastle, October 2001.

Juniors:	Grade	Event	Result
Steven Arroyo	4th Kup	Blue Blt Pattern	GOLD
Christian Keating	5th Kup	<140cms Spar	Good effort!!!

Juniors 13-17yrs:	Grade	Event	Result
Christopher Gillespie	1st Kup	Red Pattern	GOLD
		Red/Blk Spar	GOLD
		Red/Blk Power	GOLD
		Red/Blk Spec T	GOLD

A very well done Christopher!!

Christopher Arroyo	4th Kup	Spec technique	GOLD
		Grn/Bl Sparring	Bronze
		Blue Blt Pattern	Bronze
Scott Milne	4th Kup	Grn/Bl Sparring	Silver

Seniors +18yrs	Grade	Event	Result
Ronnie Roy	1 deg	Pattern	Bronze
		Spec Tech	Silver
Stuart Arroyo	4th Kup	Sparring	Bronze

Christmas Break!

The school will be closed during the Christmas and New Year Period. The last training session will be on Thursday 20th December. Classes will recommence on Tuesday 8th January.

Annual Awards

This year, the school will be presenting awards to individuals who have repeatedly worked hard throughout the year and shown great commitment and attitude to their training and as a result, this effort should be recognised. This year, there will be two awards per class:

- Student of the Year Award:** The overall award for outstanding effort, improved skill, technical achievement, attitude in training.
 - Perseverance Award:** for outstanding effort in training.
- The awards will be presented on the last night - Thursday 20th Dec.

Christmas Parties!!!

As the class has grown in all areas; juniors, big juniors and big kids, it looks like we will have to have three parties to accommodate all the age groups. The +18's always have the easiest solution but the most difficult for timing. This year it is hoped that having it earlier will remove this problem. That is why the date of **Saturday 1 Dec** has been selected for our **Xmas Night Out**. Any closer and everybody will have works nights out. A meeting place can be decided later.

The under 12's are easy - we will have a **Xmas Party (Fancy Dress)** at the church hall on Sunday 9 Dec. 1230 - 2:00pm.

The under 18's will not be left out as we will have a bowling afternoon from 15:30 onwards on the same day at Codonas, Beach Boulevard.

For bowling, please confirm that you will be going!!

Full details for all parties will be posted on the notice board.

System of Rank.

In Taekwon-Do, character development, fortitude, tenacity, and technique are graded as well as individual capacity. The promotional scale is divided into nineteen ranks—10 grades (Kup) and nine degrees (Dan.) The former begins with 10th grade (Kup) the lowest and ends at first grade. Degrees begin with the first degree (Dan) and end with the ultimate, ninth degree.

There is, of course, certain significance in the numbering system. With degree, the number 9 is not only the highest one among one digit numbers but also is the number of 3 multiplied by 3. In the Orient, three is the most esteemed of all the numbers. The Chinese character representing three is written: 三. The upper line symbolises the heaven; the middle line, mortals; and the bottom line, earth.

It was believed that the individual who was successful in promoting his country, fellowmen and God, and able to reach an accord with all three would aspire to become King, which was written thusly: 王. The Chinese character for three and King are nearly synonymous. When the number three is multiplied by itself, the equation is nine, the highest of the high; therefore, ninth degree is the highest of the high-ranking belts.

It is also interesting to note that when the numeral 9 is multiplied by any other single digit number and the resultant figures are added together, the answer always equals 9:

i.e. 9 x 1 = 9; 9 x 2 = 18, 1+8 = 9 and so on up to 9 x 9 = 81, 8 + 1 = 9.

Since this is the only single digit number having this property, it again points to the number 9 as being the most positive of figures.

Taking the use of the number three one step further, the degrees are further divided into three distinct classes. First through third degree is considered the novice stages of black belt. Students are still merely beginners in comparison to the higher degrees. At fourth degree, the student crosses the threshold of puberty and enters the expert class. Seventh through ninth is composed of Taekwon-Do masters—the elite who fully understand all the particulars of Taekwon-Do, mental and physical.