

Welcome

We would like to welcome those who have joined since our last issue.

Little Ninjas

Jack Baxter
Sebastian Warren
Leah McKay
Brandon Martin
Erin McKay
Michael Muoneke
Jack Low
Dagan Raitt
Jamie Buchan
Archie Lund
Diego Guzman

Kickin' Kids

Callum Robertson
Dylan Hepburn
Juan-Pablo Gore

Juniors

Mishaal Sanad

Seniors

Paul Clarke
Jaime Mendieta

Kickboxing

Jordan Smith
Lewis Coutts
Jason Evans

UPCOMING COMPETITIONS

TAEKWON-DO

North East Challenge Cup – Montrose

Sunday 19th September – Montrose Sports Centre, Montrose

This competition is being hosted by Master Wallace and Mr Boydell and is open to all students. We are hoping for a great turnout from both academies, along with many others from schools throughout Scotland. For those who have not competed before, this is a great opportunity to try it when so little travelling is involved. Those who have reached senior grades and have not yet competed, must use this opportunity to go and experience entering a competition as this will be required at these levels before further promotion. Entry forms are available from reception.

KICKBOXING

IAKSA Championships

Sunday 29th August – Citadel Leisure Centre, Ayr. Events will be Semi Contact Sparring, Light Continuous Sparring and Patterns. Please see Master Wallace if you wish to attend.

WKA Championships

Sunday 5th September – Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh. Events will be Semi Contact Sparring, Light Continuous Sparring and Patterns. Please see Master Wallace if you wish to attend.

Sparring & Kickboxing Seminar

Conducted by Master Willy van der Mortel & Tomaz Barada

This seminar is open to students 13years and over of all grades. Forms are available from reception and in order to guarantee your place, payment must be made in advance. The cost will be £30 for one day and £50 for two days.

Saturday 11th September – East Renfrewshire

Sunday 12th September – Edinburgh

Tomaz Barada (Slovenia) is a 6 time European Champion, 3 time World Champion and an undefeated World Kickboxing (WAKO) Champion. His coach throughout his successful competition career has been Master Willy van de Mortel (Netherlands). Together they will put together a fantastic series of seminars that will benefit all those who attend.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

ITF European Championships - May

This year, three members of our academy were selected to compete with the ITF Scotland National Team at the ITF European Championships in Skovde, Sweden in May. Mrs Jacqui Wallace II Deg, Mr Alan Whyte I Deg and Miss Halle Stuart I Deg. Master Wallace was the Team Pattern Coach and was an official umpire at the event.

The Championships were a huge success for Scotland who returned with a total of 1 Gold 1 Silver and 7 Bronze Medals. Amongst those medals was a Team Pattern Bronze for the Senior Male Team (with Mr Alan Whyte I Deg) and a Team Pattern Bronze for the Junior Female Team (with Miss Halle Stuart I Deg). It was a fantastic championship and there a great team spirit amongst the squad after all the months of training they had done in preparation for this event. Many thanks to the coaches for their help.

Global Goodwill Shield - May

This competition was held in Edinburgh on Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th May. Blackbelts were on the first day and colour belts on day two. Twenty one students travelled from our academy and after the two days, returned home with 9 Gold, 6 Silver and 3 Bronze Medals.

Taekwon-Do Scotland Open - June

This competition was held on Sunday 20th June in the Bellahouston Leisure Centre, Glasgow. Results from this competition were 9 Gold, 9 Silver and 11 Bronze. A fantastic effort by everyone.

WKA Fight Night - July

This fight night was held in Shotts, Bon Accord, Glasgow on Saturday 3rd July. Dean Sutherland fought Jack Owens again of IAKSA (a rematch instigated by Jacks coaches after Dean beat him at the Paisley fight night in May). Dean weighed in at 34.6kg and Jack weighed in at 35.2kg. Both boys were hungry to get their hands on the vacant Full Contact Title. Den had to raise his game by fighting 5 x 1½ minute rounds (his first fight of this length) but won the 5 rounds unanimously and said afterwards that he enjoyed the 5 rounds more than 3 !!!

ITF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Following our students selection into the Scotland Team for the ITF European Championships in Sweden, they now hope to be selected to compete in the ITF World Championships in New Zealand in March 2011. Obviously this will be a costly trip for them which will be self funded as the previous one was. We hope to help them as much as we can by doing a various fundraising before these championships. Our first one started at the Cove Gala with a **Guess the Name of the Taekwon-Do Bear** prize draw. Half the names were guessed on the day and the rest were chosen by students and parents at the academy a few days later. The winning name was ETHAN as guessed by Lennox Milton from out Kickin' Kids Class. This draw managed to raise £80.00 which has helped us make a start. Thank you to everyone who entered.

ITF SCOTLAND BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Following the Congress of the International Taekwon-Do Federation (Scotland) which was held on Saturday 26th June. Several Instructors from the North East were elected to serve on the Board of Directors: Master G Wallace VII – Secretary General; Mr David McNairn VI – Vice President; Mr Mark Boydell IV – Board Member and Mrs Jacqui Wallace II – Treasurer.

GRADUATION RESULTS

Sunday 30th May

JUNIOR / SENIOR TAEKWON-DO

2nd Kup – Steven McKendrick

5th Kup – Vinnie Wilson

6th Kup – Laura Blair, Christopher Officer

8th Kup – Liam McKay

9th Kup – Nicola Johnstone, Calum Burke

Sunday 11th July

LITTLE NINJAS

Champion Ninja – Mitchell Glen & Lyall Keir (graduated into the Kickin' Kids programme – well done!!)

White/Green – Zaid Farook

White/Orange – Darryl Cox

KICKIN' KIDS

Orange/White – Jamie Connel

Sunday 4th July

SENIOR TAEKWON-DO

4th Kup – Gordon Baxter, Mike Simpson, Scott Horne, Rachel Montague

5th Kup – Roy Maclean, Frederic Place, Mark Smith

7th Kup – Stephen Dionne, Dee Hunter

KIDS CAMPS

SUMMER

These camps were held in July (21st & 22nd) and August (11th & 12th). As always they were well attended and some interesting new games were brought in this year. Many students attended the camps for the first time since moving from the Little Ninjas group and had a great time.

OCTOBER

This year, our October Camp will be held as follows: **Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th October (9:00-4:00pm)**

It will be open to students in the Kickin' Kids and Junior Programmes (all ages). Students can attend one day (£30) or both days (£55). If you would like to attend, please complete a registration form and hand in along with £10 deposit or full payment to reserve a space. Full payment must be received before 6th October. Please see registration forms which are available from reception.

HALLOWEEN

As Halloween lands on a weekend this year, we will have our annual Halloween fancy dress nights on the week before. Students can attend classes in their chosen fancy dress outfits and although classes will be held as normal, we will also be including some Halloween fun and will have a prize for the best dressed from each class!! This will be for classes on Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th and Saturday 30th October.

EQUIPMENT IDENTIFICATION - Sparring

Please remember to ensure that your name is clearly marked in permanent ink on your sparring equipment to ensure that it can be identified. Many students have the same equipment and therefore it is essential for this to be done to avoid any mix-ups. Please remember that your equipment is your responsibility and the academy will not be held responsible for the loss of personal belongings.

LOST PROPERTY

We have yet again accumulated a large number of lost property. Please remember that this will only be kept for a few more weeks before it is donated to charity. Remember to check with Sally to see if you have left anything behind and please try to ensure you have all your belongings before leaving the changing rooms.

FOOTWEAR

Once again, I would like to remind all our younger students/parents that outdoor shoes must be changed upon entering the building into clean slip-on footwear. This also applies the opposite way for leaving the building. Indoor shoes should not be worn when leaving the building. Many students are still doing this and I shouldn't have to remind you to respect our rules both inside and outside of the training area.

CLOSURE DATES - Christmas

The academy will be closed for its annual Christmas break as detailed below.

CLOSED ON Friday 24th December

OPEN Monday 10th January

Please note that there will be no classes held during these 2 weeks.

FAREWELL

Sadly once again we have to say farewell to 9 of our students who have moved away from Aberdeen over the past few months and would like to take this opportunity to wish them well.

Senior Taekwon-Do - Frederic Place (Edinburgh), Claire Lemettre (returning to France).

Kickin' Kids - Aaron and Megan Duncanson (Australia), Eshan Weerasinghe (England), Brandon Stones (Edinburgh).

Little Ninjas - Declan & MaryKate Kennedy (returning to California), Connor Napier (Ellon).

It's always sad to see people leave the academy, but we are sure they will all continue training in their new locations.

"Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do"