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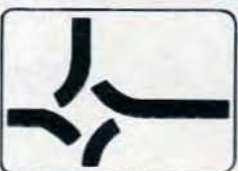


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FRANKLY

This is the last Editorial I shall write as Chairman of the Midland Area as I am not standing for re-election at the Annual General Meeting in April, although I shall continue to edit and compile *Midland Judo*. A lot has happened during the last four years, not the least being the remarkable growth of judo activity at all levels and the Officers of the Area now really have tasks that are all but full-time employment. Certainly for the last couple of years I have spent at least 40 hours a week on Judo administration and like the Chairman before me have neglected my own business interests to do so.

Bearing this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to extend my very grateful thanks to all those people who have devoted their time and efforts to assist me for little or no reward (especially the Area Committee Members) and apologise to those people I have upset in my desire to do the job more professionally. A couple of weeks ago I had dinner with Joe Ekins, Brian Regan, Bryan Perriman and John Beard who are the past Chairman and Chairman elect of the Area and reflected that this Area has had a succession of Chairman who over fifteen or so years have set and operated at a standard that has been both innovative and imaginative and achieved a status that is the envy of many. I am sure it will continue.

By the time this is read, the National Team Championships will be over and done with, but at this stage, some ten days before it takes place, I am struck by the odd fact that at the moment, it does not appear as if any of the Olympic Squad are taking part. It also seems odd that the National Squad, created in the last Trials will not be meeting until after the Olympics which means that to all intents and purposes there was little point in capturing a Squad place. I am told that the elite players have been told that they should only fight twice a year in domestic competition presumably the British Open being one of them and the Team Championships not being the other.

Whilst I wouldn't dream of suggesting to our two Team Managers that the way to further Judo in Britain is probably the exact opposite of what is being suggested, (i.e. the Stars should be seen fighting as often as possible), what I would like to know is, if there are no competitions and no Squad sessions for the next five or six months, aren't they going to feel slightly redundant?

Finally, this month's magazine is an example of what can be produced every month with a little more effort on your part. With an increase in Club sales of 50% we could produce a similar magazine each month. Those Clubs only taking one copy should show it around their Members and parents, with a little effort it really is not hard to sell. Remember, the Club also benefits by 5p per copy.

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Cover picture ... Neil Adams wins World Championship Bronze Medal.

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WON THE NATIONAL TEAM
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DIARY OF EVENTS

6th APRIL

Northern Area Championships. Consett Sports Centre. Details from the Sports Centre. Consett 505011.

6th-12th APRIL

Brian Jacks Coaching Course, Royal Marines, Poole.

12th APRIL

Audrey Longbottom Team Championships for Junior Boys. See advert in this magazine. Apply now!

12th APRIL

Midland Area Men's and Boy's Team Championships. Haden Hill.

13th APRIL

Dan Grading. Horwich Sports Centre. N.W. Area. Details from Peter Holme. Phone, 0539 23037.

26th APRIL

British Open Championships, Crystal Palace.

27th APRIL and 3rd MAY

Two day Junior Event. The Milton Keynes Open Championships. A Junior Event for Boys and Girls. Entry forms in this Magazine.

10th MAY

Midland Area Open Championships for Women. Haden Hill. Details in this magazine.

10th-11th MAY

National Referees Course. Largs, Scotland.

15th-18th MAY

Senior European Championships for Men. Vienna.

Centre of Excellence Squads

Girls and Women. No Squad Sessions in April. Men and Boys. Contact your Squad Managers for Date and Venue.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

April 1980

SUNDAY 13th

Mens Kyu Grades, 2-00pm, Coventry. Boys All Grades, 10-00am, Kidderminster. Girls All Grades, 1-00pm, Kidderminster. Boys All Grades, 10-00am, Bingham.

SUNDAY 20th

Boys and Girls Beginner to 5th Mon, 10-30am, Yarborough. Boys and Girls Beginner to 5th Mon, 10-30am, Grimsby. Boys and Girls Beginner to 5th Mon, 10-30am, Scunthorpe. Girls All Grades, 10-00am, Bingham. Womens Kyu Grades, 12 noon, Bingham. Boys All Grades, 10-00am, Ivanhoe.

SATURDAY 26th

Boys All Grades, 10-00am, KKK. Girls All Grades, 12 noon, KKK.

SUNDAY 27th

Girls All Grades, 10-30am, Yarborough. Womens Kyu Grades, 2-00pm, Yarborough.

May 1980

SUNDAY 4th

Mens Kyu Grades, 1-00pm, Yarborough. Boys 6th Mon and above, 10-00am, Grimsby. Boys All Grades, 10-00am, Chapelhouse J.C. Girls All Grades, 12 noon, Chapelhouse J.C. Girls All Grades 10-00am, Ivanhoe.

SUNDAY 11th

Keele University. Men Kyu Grades, 1-00pm. Women Kyu Grades, 2-00pm. Boys All Grades, 10-00am, Dudley. Girls All Grades, 1-00pm, Dudley.

SUNDAY 18th

Boys All Grades, 10-00am, Northampton. Men Kyu Grades, 2-00pm, Ryecroft. Women Kyu Grades, 2-00pm, Ryecroft.

SANDWELL JUNIOR KNOCK-OUT

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16th FEBRUARY 1980

BOY'S SECTION

Another enormous entry for what is now becoming a very popular Event despite the fact that the Competition is a knockout and repechage only.

Despite the large attendance, this form of Competition makes administration easy to handle and allows the organizers to keep the mats busy non-stop all day. More important, because of the ability to take more entries, it provides income to help subsidize the Championships that do not make a profit and so helps maintain our range of activities.

The day was split into two, with the Boy's Events starting at 9-00am and the Girl's competition at 2-00pm and naturally the lightweight categories again provided the largest entry.

In the Boy's Under-30k Category over 60 competitors started to be gradually eliminated until D. Binner (KKK Midlands) and D. Ogden (Leigh N.W.) met in the final with Binner taking the Gold. Lowery of Pinewood and Humphries of Ryecroft fought back through the repechage for the Bronze medals. Binner had to win six fights to get to the final as did Ogden whilst Lowery had to fight four rounds of the repechage to get the Bronze only losing one fight during the day to Ogden in the second round.

The Under-35k Event had just as many entries with Dickson of Bracknell and Broadbent of Coventry making the final, and Dickson getting the Gold in an exciting final. Pinewood (Bracknell)

were amongst the medals again in Event 3 with D. Welch beating G. Acton (Leigh) for the Gold whilst S. Holland of Solihull did well to share the Bronze medals with R. Lee of Stockton.

Only in the Heavyweight categories was the entry small and this was offset by the quality of the players, Adrian Law (KKK) and L. Pearce (Veraloy) showing the way with an exciting final, full of variety with Adrian deservedly winning to take the Gold. Micky Russell (Derby) then demonstrated what an improved player he is by winning the 65k title from Hill (Wigan) and Wigan Club picked up another Silver in the Over 70k category when Booth narrowly lost to D. Foxton of Stockton.

GIRL'S SECTION

Naturally the Girl's entries were less than the Boy's but even so comparatively large especially amongst the lightweights where Christina Robinshaw of Leigh eliminated some very good players to take the Gold medal with T. Cooper of Stockton being held for the Silver. Not unexpectedly National Champion H. Taylor of Crawcrook won the Gold from Helen Grocott in the 32k section and another Crawcrook player H. McCaskill also struck Gold at 36k holding Susan White of the 3 K's and Anita Harris of G.K.N. maintained the recent improvement she has been showing by beating Tracy Harrison of Ryecroft in the 36-40k Event.

BOY'S RESULTS

Under-30k: D. Binner—Gold, D. Ogden—Silver, O. Lowery—Bronze, D. Humphries—Bronze. **30-35k:** G. Dickson—Gold, G. Broadbent—Silver. **35-40k:** D. Welch—Gold, G. Acton—Silver, S. Holland—Bronze, R. Lee—Bronze. **40-45k:** D. Paton—Gold, M. Sommerville—Silver, M. Curran—Bronze, J. Lowe—Bronze. **45-50k:** N. Jones—Gold, M. Bywater—Silver, R. Welch—Bronze, C. Bowater—Bronze. **50-55k:** D. Riley—Gold, C. Copeland—Silver, D. Kyte—Bronze, K. Waldron—Bronze. **55-60k:** A. Law—Gold, L. Pearce—Silver, J. Henn—Bronze, S. Lynch—Bronze. **60-65k:** M. Russell—Gold, M. Hill—Silver, I. Wills—Bronze, J. Francis—Bronze. **65-Over 70k:** D. Foxton—Gold, K. Booth—Silver, G. William—Bronze, K. Hayran—Bronze.

GIRL'S RESULTS

Under-28k: C. Robinshaw—Gold, T. Cooper—Silver, J. Western—Bronze, J. Simpson—Bronze. **28-32k:** H. Taylor—Gold, H. Grocott—Silver, C. Illingsworth—Bronze, S. Clark—Bronze. **32-36k:** H. McCaskill—Gold, S. White—Silver, D. Fiddler—Bronze, D. Robinshaw—Bronze. **36-40k:** A. Harris—Gold, T. Harrison—Silver, J. Lloyd—Bronze, J. Goodey—Bronze. **40-44k:** M. Fidgeon—Gold, D. Paton—Silver, A. Vellender—Bronze, K. Finney—Bronze. **44-48k:** S. Merciaci—Gold, D. Sheldon—Silver, D. Hamilton—Bronze, J. Winter—Bronze. **48-52k:** S. Warboys—Gold, D. Edwards—Silver, J. Thompson—Bronze, L. Hughes—Bronze. **52-56k:** C. Dufficy—Gold, D. Lea—Silver, C. Fry—Bronze, S. Colledge—Bronze. **56-60k:** J. Mather—Gold, S. Rostron—Silver. **Over 60k:** R. Evans—Gold, J. Rowberry—Silver.

Another of Winn Bolton's proteges from Crawcrook, Mandy Fidgeon won the 44k Class from Beddie Paton (SKK) and another member of the Merciac family, Susan continued their excellent competitive standard by beating Debbie Sheldon (Dudley L.C.) for the Under-48k title.

Linda Hughes surprisingly went out in the second round of the 48-52k Event losing to T. Edwards of Baden but then fought well to come back through the repechage for a Bronze medal. Sharon Warboys in the meantime had progressed to the other final place and fought an excellent tactical final to win by a yuko. Heavyweight girls were few and far between in the last three Events and as a consequence only three medals could be presented with Celine Dufficy, Jennifer Mather and Rachel Evans taking the titles.

Many thanks to the numerous Clubs from other Areas which supported the Event and congratulations on the standard of their Competitors and their behaviour throughout the day in helping produce an enjoyable Championships.



Far Left Top:
D, Riley (Coventry v
C. Copeland.

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Far Left Below: We
see Russell attacking
Hill in the 60-65k
Event.

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Left: Two photo-
graphs from the
55-60k Final, Adrian
Law (KKK) attacks
L. Pearce (Veraloy)
with Te-guruma.

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Right: Goody, (Pine-
wood) attacks
Chambalain
(Wolverhampton).



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COACHING SPOT



This month we show three pictures of KUZURE-KESAGATAME, broken scarf hold. Kesagatame is probably the favourite junior groundwork hold with the arm around the neck giving the person applying the hold a feeling of control and security. Why then do a large number of senior contest players prefer kuzure-kesagatame? Picture 1 shows Roy Muller applying the hold in almost the classic position with the fingers spread on the ground. Picture 2 shows Peter Donnelly holding in the British Open Championships with a variation where he holds his opponents shoulders and picture 3 shows Numan of Holland in the World Championships with another simple but effective variation.

Practice these three styles and then practice moving from kesagatame into kuzure-kesagatame. Ask your Coach what benefits kuzure version gives over the normal version and what he thinks of the top players preference for this hold.



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The 'Milton Keynes' Junior Open Championships

SECTION 1—APRIL 27th, 1980 . . . SECTION 2—MAY 3rd, 1980

This Competition will be held over two weekends at Radcliffe School, Aylesbury Street, Wolverton, Milton Keynes.

On Sunday, 27th April, 1980, it will be for Junior Girls in the weight categories up to 40k and for Junior Boys in the weight categories up to 41k, and on Saturday, 3rd May, 1980, for Girls from 40k to over 60k and for Boys from over 41k to over 65k.

All Competitors must be Members of the B.J.A. and must produce current Membership licences. Failure to do so will result in a non-returnable fine of £1.

A Tournament Licence has been applied for and as entries are limited early entries will have greatest chance of acceptance. Entry Fee £1.

CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES FOR BOTH DAYS, 21st APRIL, 1980

All entry forms must be accompanied by: 1—The entry fees (Cheques made payable to Milton Keynes Judo Club) and 2—A stamped addressed envelope for the return of Competitors tickets.

Spectators admission is 60p Adults, 40p Children. Refreshments will be available.

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ENTRY FORM—FOR SUNDAY, 27th APRIL, 1980

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GIRLS
Under 28k

BOYS
Under 28k

Under 32k but over 28k

Under 31k but over 28k

Under 36k but over 32k

Under 37k but over 31k

Under 40k but over 36k

Under 41k but over 37k

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Milton Keynes Junior Open Championships—Section 2

SATURDAY, 3rd MAY, 1980
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BOOK-IN AT 9-00am

ENTRY FORM

GIRLS

Under 44k but over 40k

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Under 48k but over 44k

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Under 52k but over 48k

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Under 56k but over 52k

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Under 60k but over 56k

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BOYS

Under 45k but over 41k

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British Judo Association . . . Midland Area Midland Area Open Championships for Women

DETAILS AND ENTRY FORM

For 1980, the 'Midland Area' goes Open and entries are invited in the normal Women's weight categories from other Areas. The Championships are to be held at **Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Barra Road, Warley, West Midlands on Saturday, 10th May, 1980** and have been licenced as a Four Star Tournament.

THIS EVENT IS PROMOTIONAL POINTS SCORING

The Closing date for entries is Saturday, 3rd May, 1980, and entry fee is £2 per event. Competitors must be Members of the B.J.A. and failure to present a current Membership licence will result in a non-returnable fine of £2.

Note that Competitors need to be within the advertised weight categories, not just be inside the top weight, and white 'T' shirts should be worn under judogi, not leotards.

All other details as per the Tournament Handbook for a Four Star Tournament.

Accommodation can be arranged at discount prices if required. Booking-in and weighing-in between 9-00am and 9-45am on Saturday, 10th May, 1980, at Haden Hill.

ENTRY FORM

Event 1—Under 48k

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Event 2—Over 48k but under 52k

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Event 3—Over 52k but under 56k

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Event 4—Over 56k but under 61k

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Event 5—Over 61k but under 66k

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Event 6—Over 66k but under 72k

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Event 7—Over 72k

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.....Grade.....
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Event 8—Open Category

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.....Grade.....

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Name and address to whom competitors cards should be sent.....

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REMEMBER TO ENCLOSE . . . Your entry fee—cheques made payable to the BJA, Midland Area—the entry form and a stamped, self-addressed envelope—for the return of competitors cards. Send your entries to: Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands.

JUNIOR MIDLANDS JUDO

Centre of Excellence Squads

WINNING VISIT BY NORTHERN AREA

The February Squad session for the Girl's Squad was supplemented by a visit from 15 of the Northern Area Girl's Squad driven down by Winn Bolton and with a bit of help in the categories where they were short of players we managed to fix up a couple of Team matches with Northern Area running out winners 6-2 and 5-3. Good performances from Diane Bell, H. McGaskill and D. Young from the heaviest weight categories of the Northern Teams winning both their contests when appearing in both the 'A' and 'B' Teams.

Also spirited debuts for Midland Area newcomers in their first contests from Joanne Jeffries and Sandra Rostron and also from Helen Killgallon who showed great promise against the very experienced Northern and National Champion Taylor. Many thanks to Winn for making the trip and giving us the opportunity of an excellent training session with different players led by John Cole who lent his services for the day.



Left: Helen Killgallon (H) v H. Taylor (N).
Top: Karen Inwood (M) v H. McGaskill (N).
Middle: North 'A' Team.
Bottom: Midlands 'A' Team.



Area Squad Train with National Squad at Lilleshall

A very active month for the Girl's Squad also produced a training session with the National Women's Squad at Lilleshall at the invitation of Roy Inman and he and Marion Woodard added a new dimension to the fitness training of the Area Girls with some arduous circuit training. Fortunately they all managed to cope and come through it with credit though some were obviously wilting during the contest sessions.

It is nice to be able to encourage Area Squads by giving them the opportunity to train with the best Women and I am sure it will benefit them enormously. Many thanks to Marion and Roy for their invitation.



Top: Randori session with the National Squad. Above: Training at Lilleshall under the eye of National Coach, Roy Inman.

4th Audrey Longbottom National Team Trophy for Junior Boys

SATURDAY 12th APRIL 1980

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JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

In January on this page appeared, "Judo is . . . something the British Press have never heard of . . ." It should have continued " . . . except for the *Sandwell Evening Mail*."

This paper has given us very good coverage in the Midlands and have assisted by giving sponsorship help to the British National Championships for Women . . . but, it does not alter the fact that the remainder of the press give just as much space as they devote to the Ayatollah Khomeini's night life!

On the 20th April, at the Europa Lodge Hotel, the Annual General Meeting of the Midlands Area will take place. Now there is a nice bar at the Hotel and we shall not begin the meeting until the bar closes. If you are perfectly satisfied with the running of the Area's affairs, why not come along, buy the Committee a drink and say so. If you are not happy about the Area, still come along . . . buy yourself a drink and let us hear your complaints. If you buy yourself enough drinks, by the time the bar closes, you may well find yourself positively brimming with happiness.

Also bear in mind that the BJA National AGM will be held on June 15th, and it could well be that you are not quite satisfied with the Association's affairs at National level. In the unlikely event of this being the case, it might be interesting (or may be boring) or even slightly amusing, to discuss matters at the Area AGM first.

**Judo is...
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I have some good news and some bad news. First the good news: Midland Area Marketing is receiving lots of orders through the post for copies of the Kyu Grade Syllabus Book. Now the bad news . . . We've sold out.

There is however some more good news, we are printing a new book which this time will include the Gokyo for promotion into the Dan Grades so keep sending the orders but not for a few weeks or so. Watch *Midlands Judo* for further information. The Junior Syllabus is still available from MAM or FJR Publishing.

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There is no truth in the rumour that A. O. Kwazema was Graham Perkin's 50c.c. Motor bike . . .

At the last Championships, Brian Roberts was sporting a fine pair of brand new spectacles, which I must say looked very smart. Congratulations Brian, now you can see what you are doing wrong.

I wonder how many people in Londonderry Area have as much trouble training as Charlie Nash (the lightweight boxer) seems to have. He told BBC Sportsnight that he had a problem running because all the roads but one in his area are downhill!



BITS AND PIECES

...NEWS AND COMMENT IN BRIEF

A Gold Medal for Neil Adams in the Hungary Cup Championships in March at 78k. As Neil trains at around 76k and trains down to 71k for major Events, could it be the secret weapon for the Olympics in a weight in which he is not expected? Ray Neenan also took a Bronze medal.

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The Birmingham Sports advisory Council have an annual presentation for the 'Sportsman of the Year' and the 'Sports Personality of the Year' who makes extraordinary contributions from behind the scenes. We have nominated Peter Donnelly and Area Treasurer Frank Webb and by the time this comes out we will know the result. I have however been advised to take my camera as *Midlands Judo* will be interested! A trophy and £250 cheque to the Sport of the winner.



FRANK WEBB



PETER DONNELLY

Congratulations to Andrea Trigg of Ryecroft Judo Club who at 15 years of age has just won her Dan Grade. Andrea is also National Under 18's Silver Medallist and number one in the National Young Women's Squad and I believe is the youngest Dan grade ever amongst the Area's female players. The Northern Area Open Judo

Championships for Men and Women is on Sunday, 6th April, 1980 at Consett Sports Centre.

Entries to Mr C. Symm, Consett Sports Centre, Ashdale Road, Consett, County Durham in weight categories, open grade for Women, in weight categories up to 2nd Kyu and 1st Kyu and over for Men.



Good turn out for the Area Conference of Examiners at Derby Judo Club in February with Sue Palmer acting as a tremendous host. Those present were Ray Topples, Andy McWhirter, Joe Ekins, Jack Palmer, Harry Hobbs, Harry Percival, Arthur Dabbs, Trevor Ross, Eddie Awford, Frank Smith, Bill Davies, Walter Edwards, Harry Slater, Roger Houston and Gordon Jay, though a few were missing when this photograph was taken. Recommendations from the conference which have been endorsed by the Area Committee and will now be submitted to the National Conference of Directors of Examiners are as follows. 'That the awarding of 9th Kyu by registered instructors be rescinded' . . . To support the NHC proposal that the Junior Syllabus requirements remain as originally approved . . . No armlocks and strangles to be offered for examination below 12 years of age. Proposals concerning the revalidation of Examiners which remain from last year's conference to be put to the Conference of Directors of Examiners.

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NOTE

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The Annual General Meeting of the Area is at the Europa Lodge Hotel on Sunday, 20th April, 1980 at 2.00pm. Booking in of representatives is at 1.30pm. Only those holding Club authorities may vote and **everyone** must have a current B.J.A. Membership. If you are dissatisfied with the way the Area is run this is your opportunity to say so.

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FRENCH VISITORS

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An interesting 'Guest' addition to the Midland Area Junior Boy's Team Championships will be a French Team from the village of Moreuil in the Province of Picardy. The village has a population of some 2,500 and the Judo Club which meets in the local school has a Membership of around 100, and will be in the Midlands on an exchange visit with Quorn Judo Club. The party aged between 10 and 15 years will be accompanied by their Coach Jean-Pierre Delmail and their Club President Jacques Luillier. There is no truth in the rumour that they have applied for affiliation to the Midland Area.

A good medal haul for the British Women's Team in Italy for the European Championships, Jane Bridge—Gold, Bridgette McCarthy—Silver, Loretta Doyle—Bronze, Heather Ford—Bronze, Avril Malley—Bronze in Over 72k and Bronze in the Open. Congratulations to Roy Inman and everyone in his Squad.



HEATHER FORD

Tony and Beryl Jackson at Milton Keynes kindly hosted a Timekeepers and Records Course at Milton Keys on 9th March, with Brian Regan conducting the examination. An enthusiastic response saw twenty or more people turn up plus a few juniors who sat in to improve their knowledge. Many thanks to everyone concerned for their hospitality.



The Area have agreed to participate in the Northampton School for Sport this year from 2nd to 8th August, and have arranged that the Course, which is residential will be for Young Women only between the age range of 14 to 18 years.

Roy Inman will be the Coach with a female chaperone staying with the Girls. The total cost is around £70 for the week but this will be heavily subsidized by the Northampton School Sponsors and the Midland Area so that the cost to the Students will be around £20 each.

Selection will initially be at the discretion of the Girl's Squad Manager. The week before this Course, Roy Inman is also coaching at the Midlands Guinness School of Sport at Lilleshall which is for young men of National potential and these have been nominated by the Squad Managers.

They are Densign White, Tom Brindle, John Swatman, Nick Wilkins, Tim Wilkins, Dale Wood, Kerrith Brown, David Hughes, Mark Bowater, Roger Blake and Martin Vale.

During the month there have been a number of enquiries about the Junior Theory Syllabus and how it operates. So that everyone gets it right, here is the process again.

Each student obtains a Mon Grade Theory Record Card, each Club should have a supply, and decides which Theory level he/she wishes to attain. The requirements are one item from each of the three sections for each grade required and they are selected by the student, i.e. 3rd Mon, three from sections one, two and three must be selected.

Examinations on Syllabus can be conducted by a B.J.A. Examiner, Senior Coach or County Coach and in the Midland Area by revalidated Club Coaches. A list of these people were printed in March magazine. This means your own Club Coach can do the Theory Examinations for both Mon grades and Kyu grades once he/she has revalidated. Contact Bryan Rowlands to arrange revalidation. The Theory Examination must be completed before going to a practical promotion examination though if the Candidate progresses farther than anticipated the Examiner may test their knowledge further.

Talking about Peter Donnolly, which we were earlier, Tony Reay came out with an interesting statistic the other day which was that Peter has fought for Great Britain at international level in no fewer than five different weight categories. Just wait whilst he grows up!

The Derby County Judo Championships were held this year at Belper Sports Centre, a change of venue which everyone seemed to appreciate with Derby J.C., St. Thomas's and Aitons taking the lions share of Junior Medals.

In the only Ladies Event, Lucy Nelson of Long Eaton took the Gold, whilst the Men's Kyu grade events saw seven of the 16 medals

going to Aiton J.C. Graham Eyre of Derbyshire Police won both the Dan Grade and Open categories for the second successive year whilst Micky Russell of Derby won the Junior Open Event.

Medal Table . . . Derby—9 Gold, 5 Silver, 1 Bronze. Aiton—5 Gold, 5 Silver, 6 Bronze. St. Thomas—3 Gold, 2 Silver, 5 Bronze. Long Eaton—1 Gold, 4 Silver, 4 Bronze.

Samuri—2 Silver, 1 Bronze.

FJR Publishing who financed the printing of the Junior Syllabus Book in a deal with the Area recently estimated for the preparation and printing of the B.J.A. annual report. Tony Reay accepted it like a shot . . . the price had been missed off!

1980 B.J.A. CLUB AFFILIATIONS

Last year we published a list of those Clubs from whom we had not received affiliations and this created somewhat of an upset because a number of Clubs had in fact joined the Associ-

ation but the B.J.A. had not notified the Area of them. To avoid this, the following is a list of Midland Area Clubs from whom copy affiliations have been received, if your Club is not on this list, then either you haven't renewed or Head Office haven't told us about you as of 15th March, 1980. Contact Head Office if the latter applies.

Asbhy Ivanhoe
Aiton Judokwai
Belper J.C.
Birmingham University
Birmingham Polytechnic
Bingham Judokwai
Bottesford J.C.
Birmingham Ath. Inst.
Bridgnorth Torikei
Burton Judokwai
Bushido Holy Name
Buxton & Chapel
Derbyshire Police
Derby J.C.
Edgbaston J.C.
Christ Church
Coventry J.C.
Corby J.C.
Chapelhouse Boys Club
Dudley L.C.
Eversfield J.C.
Garringtons Ltd
G.K.N. Sankey
G.K.N. Hardy Spicer
Halesowen Judokwai
Hereford J.C.
9th Hallows Judo Club
Judokwai Leicester
Jukuren Judokwai
Lacon Childe School
Lanchester Polytechnic
Lady Manners School
Ladybrook J.C.
Linton Judo Kan
Loughborough Students

Leicester University
Leasowes J.C.
Massey Ferguson
Midland Arts Centre
Newman College
Newmark J.C.
Northampton J.C.
Olympic J.C.
Pirelli Judokwai
Pontesbury J.C.
Quorn Comm. College
Ratcliffe College
Ren do Kan
Redhill Judokwai
Rushcliffe L.C.
Retford J.C.
Worcester Col. for Blind
R.N.C. Blind Hereford
Ryecroft Judokwai
Samauri Kidderminster
Shin Wa Kwai
Southwell J.C.
Solihull J.C.
Shrewsbury
Springfield J.C.
St. Mathews J.C. (Leicester)
TI Tubes Judo Club
University of Aston
Warwick University
West Mercia Police
Wrekin J.C.
Wellingborough J.C.
Wem Judo Club
Worcester St. Pauls
Wolverhampton

Your Club must be a Member to vote at either the Area AGM or the National AGM.

Personality of the Month . . . Joe Ekins

It's not often that we have featured an orange belt graded Judoka as the Midlands Judo personality of the month . . . there again, there are not many orange belts like Joe Ekins. At 57 Joe can list a record of achievements in Judo which are the administrative equal of several gold medals and his record of service to the Midland Area over the last twenty years is unequalled.

Joe was introduced to Judo when his son of around 10 years of age started to go to Kettering Club and seeing a man over 60 practicing convinced Joe that he could have a go. David Ekins, is now an Examiner of the Midland Area and a first Dan and Joe having progressed to Orange decided that the life of a middle-aged contest player was not for him and took his first step into administration by representing Kettering at an Area meeting.

Somehow or other this resulted in him being co-opted on to the Area Committee where he stayed and eventually became Chairman during the period 1970 to 1972. During this time he was also the Area's representative on the Executive Committee and soon a Member of the National Competitors Sub-Committee.

In recent years we have seen Joe taking a leading role on the Reorganisation Sub-Committee which changed the top level management of the B.J.A. by introducing



a Management Committee elected by postal vote of the Members and created executive Sub-Committees and also as the Chairman of the National Competitions Sub-Committee from which he has only recently resigned.

At Area level Joe is still the Area Recorder and Director of Examiners and is responsible for the extensive arrangements made in staging the Area's promotion Examination programme and Nationally is still a Member of the Sponsorship working party and the Disciplinary Sub-Committee.

Joe's abrasive tongue and unshakable resolve has not made his efforts at improving and updating the B.J.A. an easy task but the depth of respect his associates have for him was shown with the recommendation and award of the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1977 for services to the Sport.

Joe is also a Vice-President of the Area and can still be seen assisting at Championships and making a nuisance of himself at the Annual General Meeting.

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