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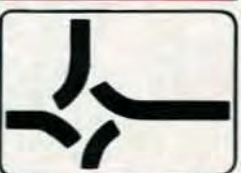
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FRANKLY

In the centre pages this month is a pull-out poster for the National Team Championships which the Area are staging at Haden Hill on Saturday, 22nd March, 1980.

This, in my opinion, is the most enjoyable of all the domestic competitions and usually provides for very exciting Judo. On our 'Home Patch', Harry Hobbs and the Men's Squad are anxious to do well and we should have a strong Team with a number of the youngsters in the Team for the first time. The day starts at 10-00am with Finals around 5-30pm.

There will also be entertainment between the semi-finals and final and most of the Olympic Squad players will be seen in action. Admission is just £1 for adults and 75p for Children with discount available on pre-contest bookings of five or more adults. PLEASE GIVE YOUR AREA AND YOUR TEAM YOUR SUPPORT. In the evening of the Event there will be a Dinner at Haden Hill with tickets limited to 250 places, cost is £6 per head and applications will be processed as received.

As you know, 'Midlands Judo' is published by the Area as a non-profit making informative magazine primarily for the benefit of Area Members but now with a much larger National interest than when conceived. The Area subsidise the production of the magazine to the tune of around £80 per month which is about what it would cost us to produce a duplicated newsletter but unfortunately in recent months this subsidy has increased dramatically.

With a 20% increase in printing costs plus the large postal charge increases which we have now faced on two occasions it is inevitable that the cost of the magazine will rise. As a consequence from the April edition the cover price will be 45p per copy with discounts on sales remaining the same. Advertising costs will also be increased proportionately. The cash flow situation is not helped by those Clubs who take several months to pay for their copies and just recently around £500 was owed by Area clubs who are slow in payment of their invoices.

Please ensure that your Club is not one of these and help us continue producing the best Judo magazine currently available. Subscriptions will be invoiced at the new price when due for renewal. I regret that we have insufficient space for the third part of 'Judo Photography' this month which we hope to include in the April edition.

MIDLANDS JUDO

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Compiled and Edited by Frank Smith. Copy for inclusion must be received by the first of the preceding month.

Cover picture — Seeing double five sets of twins all Members of Monks Park Judo Club, with Coach John O'Mara who is also a twin. See page 13.

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LATE NEWS

Grading Venue Pontesbury Judo Club, for 18th March. Grading has moved to Bicton Village Hall, Bicton, Shrewsbury (A5 Holyhead Road).

Gradings for 2nd March cancelled.

LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I have been worried reading all those letters from Captain Featherhead as he seems to claim all the credit for causing confusion and despondancy. Now this is just not fair, for I too have been working on my credit.

Just lately I have been very successful in evading payments of suppliers accounts due in seven days for well over three months. Now in these days of high interest and bank charges this is very clever indeed and should please my Execution Committee.

My latest stunt is to send two sets of invoices to all the Midlands Judo advertisers in the hope that if they are as inefficient as I am, they might pay me twice.

I can't think why Trevor Williams has put us on his stop list, after all, he seemed a nice bloke!

Must go now or I might be in when the telephone rings.

MAJOR FRANKANSKINT
Midland Area Treasurers Office

*** Editor . . . Touché Trevor. But, it's worse than you think. The money hasn't even been in a deposit account! They just forgot.**

Dear Editor,

As you are obviously aware, there are moves afoot to alter the qualifying arrangements for the National Boys and Girls Championships. There are a number of suggestions being floated about and I fear that the Management Committee in their wisdom(?) will suddenly inform us all of a change about which the majority of the competitive clubs will have no prior warning and with which a lot of them will disagree.

As the BJA seems incapable of consultation, perhaps Midlands Judo could throw open its pages to all Areas, Clubs and Individuals, to obtain an informed position on grass roots feelings on ways of improving the National Junior Championships.

As a starter, I would suggest a grade limit be imposed to ensure that the competitor had some Competition experience prior to the Nationals.

You may be aware that the Weight Categories for Boys have been changed. This has happened without consultation as far as I can see. I believe the suggestion left the old Competitions Sub-Committee as a discussion document and now we find we have competitions being arranged in two different systems and no Official notification has been given to Areas or Clubs. Indeed if you ring headquarters you will probably be informed that there has been no change.

The view that I have put to Head Office on numerous occasions is that there should be a notification to all Clubs (not only Areas as some Area communications are as bad as the BJA's) of proposed changes six months before they are due to take effect. This should apply to any change be it in refereeing, weights, grading

syllabus or what have you. Perhaps there are others who would support this idea.

May I conclude by adding congratulations to you on your excellent magazine.

DAVE BUTLER
Pinewood Judo Club, N.H.C.

*** Editor . . . There is a lot in your letter Dave with which a lot of people agree though we should bear in mind that the Management Committee was appointed with executive power to make changes as it thought fit. To a certain extent so were the Sub-Committees but this seems to have been lost somehow. That the administration is not capable of communication as you suggest is another matter and a point on which we have been super-critical in the past. I must also admit that there has been considerable improvement lately. As ever, the Letters Page is open to all correspondents whatever shade of opinion, and other contributions in the way of comment for the other pages are welcome. Personally, I like the National Championships as they are!**

Dear Editor,

I am glad to hear that our affiliation to the BJA has reached the Area. To my knowledge we have been Members of the BJA for the last ten years.

ANTHONY SLACK
Ratcliffe College

*** Editor . . . Sorry Anthony, I don't know where it's been going? Does anybody?**

Dear Editor,

Not only did the BJA Newsletter of December issued by Head Office get the rules about the Junior Syllabus wrong it also stated that a Junior must hold both a Junior and a Senior Licence to enter a Junior Tournament (when already a Senior Licence holder) which is, of course, rubbish.

On 5th September 1976 the Executive Committee, of which I was then a member, approved a document entitled *Classification of Players* which states quite clearly that a Junior player wishing to enter Senior Events must become a Senior Member by taking out a Senior Licence. If the Member still wishes to enter Junior Tournaments he or she does not have to become a Member twice.

This bye-law is still current and has not been repealed.

How do I know? Well I have received a copy of every Management Committee Minute since that date and better still the Management Committee (via the Chief Executive) has asked me to look at the document with a view to updating it.

Why do Head Office invent rules? It's this type of thing that makes one wonder why we need Committees.

BRIAN REGAN
Ex-Competitions Sub-Committee Chairman

*** Editor . . . Membership of the BJA is the only prerequisite for Midland Area Tournaments.**

DIARY OF EVENTS

9th MARCH

Mens and Boys Centre of Excellence Squads, at Coventry at 11-00am prompt. Final selections for MEN'S NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM. Intermediate session Coventry Judo Club, Sunday 16th March, 11-00am.

30th MARCH

Girls and Women, 11-00am, Haden Hill Leisure Centre. Prompt start, do not be late. Outside training gear required for this session.

9th MARCH

Timekeepers and Recorders Course and Examination at Milton Keynes Judo Club. All enquiries, reference fees etc. to Tony Jackson, Milton Keynes 642385. Examination fee £1. Instructors Brian Regan, Frank Smith.

22nd MARCH

NATIONAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN. Haden Hill Leisure Centre at 10-00am. Come and support your Area.

29th and 30th MARCH

Southern Area Open Championships. Boys Saturday, Girls Sunday. Details from Ellen Cobb. Phone 0252 45837.

1st and 2nd MARCH

INTER COUNTY CHAMPS. ELIMINATIONS IN YOUR AREA. See last months magazine for Area Organiser.

26th APRIL

British Open Championships, Crystal Palace.

12th APRIL

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

27th APRIL and 4th MAY

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

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS

March 1980

SATURDAY 15th

Boys All Grades, 2-00pm, Jukuren.

SUNDAY 23rd

Boys Novice to 6th Mon, 9-30am, Derby Judo Club. Boys 7th Mon and Above, 1-30pm, Derby Judo Club.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE

A Dan Grading for Men and Women, up to 2nd Dan going for 3rd Dan, will be held at Ryecroft, on Sunday 4th May at 11-00am.

MIDLAND AREA COACHING INFORMATION

from BRYAN ROWLAND
Telephone: Tamworth 62315

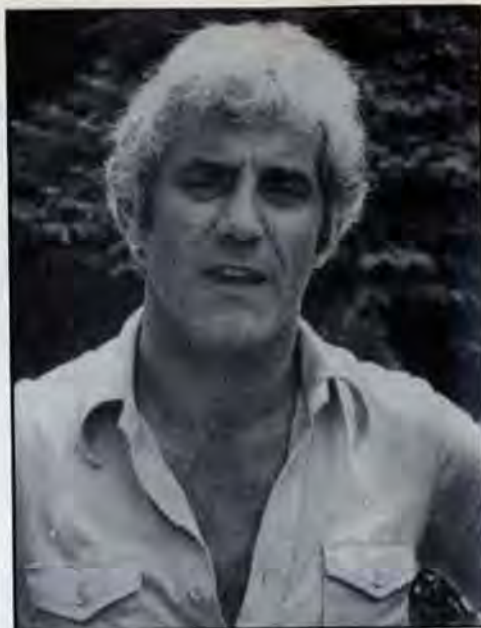
The following qualified Coaches have the necessary National and Area revalidation requirements to conduct Junior and Senior Theory Examinations and sign and date cards.

County Coaches

F. Farrenden MC2
B. J. Waite MC8
A. McWhirter MC9
E. Holmes MC10
H. Hobbs MC11
S. A. Turbin MC14
B. Rowland MC26
J. Palmer MC29
P. Barnett

Club Coaches

D. Ross M43c
A. Dabbs M87c
E. Sear M124c
D. Kennedy M148c
K. Hall M151c
W. Davies M162c
S. Wadman M163c
B. P. Scurr M164c
Miss D. Barnett M165c
J. Graham M167c
M. Allsopp M157c
J. M. Haffner M168c
M. Clements M169c
L. C. Davies M170c
Miss J. Howard M171c
V. Meredith M172c
R. C. Muller M173c
G. Jay M103c
R. E. Lane M150c
S. R. Neal M142c
S. J. Clarke M23c
J. Forrest M89c



Qualified Club or County Coaches not on this list should contact me as soon as possible with their revalidation details. Only these Coaches and Area Examiners and Senior Examiners can conduct Theory Examinations which are now mandatory for all Junior and Senior Grades.

The Area Residential Coaching Course will again be held at Lilleshall National Sports Centre (A41) near Newport, Shropshire from Friday, 2nd May to Sunday, 4th May, 1980.

The Course, designed to improve the Coaching skills of anyone interested enough to attend will be conducted by Peter Barnett and will cost £18.

The Course is open to all Members of the BJA with no grade or Coaching qualification requirement. Application should be made as early, as places are limited.

B.R. — Co-ordinator

JOHN BEARD TALKING SHOP

Judo doesn't often make the newspapers except on occasions such as *Superstars* when Brian Jacks has appeared or a page three in the *Sun*. It's amazing how often the fabulous dolly-birds displaying their charms in various publications are listed as black belts. I wish I knew which Clubs they used for practise—or Judo, for that matter. If Judo really did produce such ravers perhaps it would receive a little more attention.

Let's face it, you can't really expect a nation such as ours to be interested in Gold medals in World Championships won by Neil Adams, when we have such a treasure trove of International trophies won by other Sports!! When, on the few occasions Judo does get some publicity the question 'Is Judo more popular nowadays?' is often heard, and reply given "Oh Yes." End of conversation.

Just take a few moments to consider the set-up we have in the BJA in England. There is a Head Office employing 9 people full-time and approximately 1,200 committees and sub-committees, National, Area and Club. Assume that at least 3 members serve on each Committee meeting monthly for 2 hours and you have more than 3,600 people meeting for 104,400 hours which is the equivalent of 51 people working full-time.

More than 70% of our Members are Juniors and as children do not to my knowledge hold office, something like 40% of Senior licence holders have a Committee seat of some description, which means that one in eleven Members is an Official.

Now consider the major developments of the last 10 years. The old executive has been replaced by a Management Committee and the Association has been converted to a Limited Company. A set Junior and Senior Syllabus has been introduced. A Tournament Handbook has been brought into use and the BSJA

has been accepted into the fold. A Teacher's Award scheme has come into existence and a Junior Proficiency Award has been outlined though not put into operation. THAT HAS TAKEN THE EQUIVALENT OF 52 WORKING YEARS TO ACCOMPLISH.

A friend of mine claims that the best Committees consist of three people, when two of them are in hospital. It is inconceivable that a Sport so top-heavy with Management should have made so little progress. It is quite obvious that some of these Committee Members are taking their seats just for the sake of being on a Committee.

There are many people in Judo who work very hard, with little reward, with no other motive but to benefit the Sport. Such people are truly dedicated and without them we would have no Sport. There are however, many others who are no more than compulsive Committee sitters doing nothing other than strangling the efforts of those working for progress. Unfortunately, they tend to stay the course, largely because they do nothing and consequently there is no drain on their mental or physical stamina, whilst the genuine worker is beating his brains out to get things done.

It is so easy to be obstructive simply by not doing anything at all, furthermore, only those who are active are criticised, and the critics are those who do nothing themselves. Why do people wish to hold such positions if they have no intention of working in them?

It seems to me that we are suffering from a severe case of 'too many Chiefs and not enough Indians', and it is not surprising that the volunteer 'Indians' do from time to time give up out of sheer frustration.

What should we do? Well if we got rid of those that do nothing and replace them with the dolly-birds we might be able to relieve some of the frustration!

**Judo is...
Wishing
you'd
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home.**





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MIDLAND AREA
PRESENTS**



THE NATIONAL TEAM JUDO CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR MEN

**at HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE, BARRS ROAD, WARLEY, WEST MIDLANDS
on SATURDAY 22nd MARCH 1980—at 10-00am**



***Admission by programme . . . Adults £1.00, Children 75p
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Entries include most of the British Olympic Squad, plus all the leading contest players

"BITS AND PIECES" News and Comment in brief

At a meeting of the Training Sub-Committee in February the Chief Executive produced a copy of *Midlands Judo* to point out the article 'The Meeting Expressed Its Displeasure' concerning the Junior Grading Syllabus.

After some discussion the TSC agreed that the syllabus may be operated without the age qualification for armlocks and strangles. No doubt Management Committee approval will now be sought but before any Official changes are made it would be as well to await the outcome of the Conference of Directors of Examiners as I understand there will be a proposal (not from the Midlands) for the age limit to be retained as originally approved.

Judo Magazine, the publication of the Company Judo Ltd, has now been sold to Judo Sponsors Ltd, and will in future be edited by Colin McIver in Scotland. It will be redesigned into A4 size and printed and distributed from Edinburgh and there is a possibility that in a year's time it will have a full-colour cover and centre spread. Judo Magazine has in recent years seen its circulation slip dramatically and has been largely sustained by the trading part of Judo Ltd, for which it provided the advertising medium.

At the meeting of the Training Sub-Committee in February it was announced that the *New Coach Award Scheme Book* has been printed and 1,000 copies obtained for distribution.

The unusual thing about it is that it is the same book that was issued in 19... when ever it was, so the *New Coach Award Scheme* that has taken so long to prepare is the *Old Coach Award Scheme*. So much for re-vitalization.

Strange happenings in Judo administration are not at all unusual though surely there could have been no stranger happening than the resignation of the National Competitions Sub-Committee 'en bloc' after a running confrontation with the Chairman, Charles Palmer over Championships seeding of Competitors.

After refusing to accept their undoubted expert opinions Mr Palmer seems to have persuaded the Management Committee to change the rules so that only medallists from previous years are seeded apart, with some vague promise of first round geographical separation.

When operated for the first time at the British Open for Women this rather upset the foreign competitors who found they were fighting themselves in the first pool. Fortunately a timely telephone call from the Chairman gave authority (can he do that?) for geographical separation to take place in the first round... but only for the foreign competitors. As a result the British players then proceeded to eliminate each other.

Even more strange is that when the National Trials for Young Men, Women and Senior Women were held on 2nd and 3rd February, the new Competitions Sub-Committee used the original seeding methods employed before Mr Palmer's edict. Perhaps he just grew tired of their faces.

Apparently, the Management Committee are upset that the Area should use the BJA badge motif on their publications and I understand we are about to receive a 'telling off' from the Chief Executive. We have already agreed at an informal meeting with the Finance Sub-Committee that in future, our productions which bear the badge will have 'Midlands' in the space underneath the figure but everyone else beware! If your stationery has a badge on it, cut it out straight away, and remember you are only shareholders of the BJA and its Members, you have no rights to display that fact.

Incidentally, we did take legal advice on using the BJA badge some years ago and were informed that as the copyright belonged to the BJA and that we were an elected Committee of the Members of the BJA then we had every right to use the badge. Unless that is, the BJA wants to sue the BJA.

It is worth considering that the Area have published something in the region of 30,000 books and magazines in the last 12 months and other Areas like the North-West with their Newsletter *Judo North West* have also displayed the flag to the benefit of the BJA. I would have thought they would be glad of the publicity.



We are also in trouble with the Training Sub-Committee (both Members), who at their meeting in November objected to the Syllabus Books which we have published. It seems that there are errors of technique which they want us to excuse by putting errata slips in each book. Whilst not denying that improvements could be made, there is in fact a note in the front of the Kyu Grade Syllabus book which states that it is only meant as a guide to pupils taking the Theory Examination and not intended to suggest the definitive method of executing the technique.

It is also a pity that the Training Sub-Committee did not have the initiative or commitment to invest £3,000 of their own money, in producing the books themselves. Then we wouldn't have made any mistakes.

After Championships at Haden Hill, we often find an assortment of abandoned personal possessions and after the Jack Law Event we have a child's purse with some money in it waiting to be claimed and also a brassiere.

To ensure the correct person collects the latter we will insist on a test fitting.

Congratulations to recent promotion successes, with Mark Bowater, Sonia Wright and D. Smith (Worcester), Brian Gunter (Milton Keynes) and S. J. Warren (Long Eaton) being promoted to 1st Dan. A. J. Ward (Derby) was also promoted to 2nd Dan.

New Weight Categories for Junior Boys have been announced as being in force from 1st January 1980.

They are...	Over 28 kilos up to and including 31 kilos	Over 31 kilos up to and including 34 kilos
	Over 34 kilos up to and including 37 kilos	Over 37 kilos up to and including 41 kilos
	Over 41 kilos up to and including 45 kilos	Over 45 kilos up to and including 50 kilos
	Over 50 kilos up to and including 55 kilos	Over 55 kilos up to and including 60 kilos
	Over 60 kilos up to and including 65 kilos	Over 65 kilos up to and including 71 kilos
	Over 71 kilos	

The purpose behind this move is fourfold...

- 1—To bring Junior weights in line with Senior weights at the top of the scale.
 - 2—To make weight increments a constant percentage of initial weight.
 - 3—To equalise the number of Competitors in the different weight categories.
 - 4—To bring Juniors into line with the International Weights for Adults.
- Changes in Girls' weight categories could also be on the way.

All Midland Area Events for Boy's from 1st April 1980 will be in these weight categories with the exception of the Inter-County Championships which will be fought at the 1979 weights in line with the eliminations.

An MBE for Miss Elizabeth Viney in the New Year's Honours List for her services to Women's Judo making two MBE's and an OBE awarded to servants of the Sport. Congratulations to a popular lady.

Congratulations also to all the Midlands Young Men, Young Women and Senior Women who gained National Squad places in the February Trials. A number of Area players also took up some reserve places and demonstrated that the Squad system at our Centre of Excellence is producing the depth of good players which we anticipated.

National Squad places were won by the following... Denise Jackson, Sandy Fry (1st), Louise Duke, Andrea Trigg (1st), Julie Dyke (1st), Chrissie Brennan, John Swatman, Kerrith Brown (1st), Design White (1st), Dennis Stewart (1st).

The Yorkshire and Humberside Area of the BJA have announced an International Judo Event to mark the opening of the Humber Bridge over the week-end of 6th and 7th September. I am assured that the Competition is not actually being held on the Bridge.



British Judo Association . . . Midland Area MIDLAND AREA MEN'S AND BOY'S TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 1980

Date: SATURDAY 12th APRIL 1980

Venue: HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE, BARRS ROAD, WARLEY, WEST MIDLANDS

- Events** 1—Senior Men Open Weight. Any Grade.*
2—Senior Men Open Weight. 1st Kyu and Under.*
3—Senior Men Open Weight. 5th Kyu and Under.*
4—Junior Boys Lightweight. Any Grade. Four Competitors up to 30k, 30/35k, 35/40k, 40/45k.
5—Junior Boys Middleweight. Any Grade. 45/50k, 50/55k, 55/60k.
6—Junior Boys Heavyweight. Any Grade. 60/65k, 65/70k, Over 70k.

*Each team in Events 1 to 3 will consist of Four Competitors.

RULES AND INFORMATION

The Event is Four-Star BJA Tournament. The Event is a Promotional Points Scoring Competition. Entry Fee: £5.00 per Senior Team and £4.00 per Junior Team. No entry fees are returnable. Booking Competitors for Events 4, 5 and 6 at 9-00am in: Competitors for Events 1, 2 and 3 at 2-00pm Weighing Events 4, 5 and 6 at 9-00am in: Events 1, 2 and 3 at 2-00pm BJA Membership Certificates must be produced or a £1.00 fine will be imposed. Should there be any doubt about a Junior Competitors age, some proof of age must be available or that Competitor risks disqualification. No excuses for out-of-date licences will qualify for the return of the fine imposed.

A stamped self-addressed envelope *must* accompany all entries. Cheques/Postal Orders should be made payable to the BJA Midland Area and crossed Championship Account.

ENTRY FORM

CLUB
COACH/MANAGERS NAME
NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON TO WHOM COMPETITORS CARDS SHOULD BE SENT.....
.....
.....

Closing date for entries . . . 5th April 1980

Event 1—Mens Open Weight, Any Grade

Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....

Event 2—Mens Open Weight, 1st Kyu/Under

Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....

Event 3—Mens Open Weight, 5th Kyu/Under

Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....
Name Grade.....

Event 4—Boys Lightweight, Any Grade

Up to 30k Name.....
30k to 35k Name.....
35k to 40k Name.....
40k to 45k Name.....

Event 5—Boys Middleweight, Any Grade

45k to 50k Name.....
50k to 55k Name.....
55k to 60k Name.....

Event 6—Boys Heavyweight, Any Grade

60k to 65k Name.....
65k to 71k Name.....
Over 71k Name.....

Entries to: Frank Smith, 6 Wood Green Road, Wednesbury, West Midlands—by 5th April 1980

Please remember to . . .
Enclose £5.00 per Team Seniors and £4.00 per Team Juniors.
Plus a stamped self-addressed envelope and entry form.



'CLUB VISIT'

AITON JUDO KWAI . . . Derby



CLUB CHAMPIONS

The Aiton Judo Club was founded on 25th September, 1975 on the Aiton Premises which were a pipeworks and Chemical Engineering Company in Stores Road, Derby, with the initial intention of serving Aiton employees and relatives, and had founder member Martin Allsopp as their green belt Coach.

Like many Clubs in the Area the demand for membership grew and in 1978 the Committee finally persuaded the Aiton directors that a larger dojo and mat area was required and the Club now boasts 648sq.ft. of mat area, weight training facilities and excellent changing rooms.

In the last twelve months the Club has grown in strength even more and now has a trio of qualified Club Coaches giving instruction. There is a strong Junior section which finished as runners-up in the Derbyshire Junior league and have Senior members capable of winning medals at both local and Area level. Total membership is over 50 who all attend regularly and the current Club Champions are Julie Wright, Pauline Wright, Mark Smith, John Woodley, Gary Tagg and Roy Newman. Practise nights are on Tuesday and Thursday and visitors are very welcome and the Club is also involved at Area level acting as host to Area Promotion Examinations.

IT'S A DOG'S LIFE

Monks Park Judo Club as well as boasting the five sets of twins (seen on the cover) also have some canine interest in that of Steve Selway's guide dog. Steve is seen in the picture practising groundwork with National Squad Member Nick Wilkins whilst his guide dog waits for him at the side of the mat. Steve is one of several blind players in the Area with three National College for the Blind Clubs affiliated. We shortly hope to feature an interview with a blind player from Worcester Club who has written several braille transcripts of Judo books.

The five sets of twins with Coach John O'Mara who is also a twin. In the photograph left to right—Back row: Les Carroll (16), John O'Mara, John Carroll (16). Middle row: Steven and Darren Bussey (10) and Glen and Clinton Ford (11). Front row: James and Neil Twelftree (5) and Simon and Ricky Williams (7).



THE JACK LAW MEMORIAL TROPHY

CLUB TEAM EVENT

HADEN HILL LEISURE CENTRE—SATURDAY, 19th JANUARY, 1980

'PINWOOD TOP CLUB' by a Whisker!

The expertise and patience of the Area Competitions organisation was really put to the test when a record entry of 100 Teams turned up for this popular Competition. With a number of Teams arriving late and almost no Club having all their players booking in at the right weights coupled with the inadequate weighing facilities at our disposal at Haden Hill meant that the Tournament was almost an hour late starting but by keeping all four mats going all day we made up some of the lost time by five o'clock. Booking-in facilities for Junior Events at Haden Hill have now been re-arranged which should provide for a much smoother procession system in the future but Clubs really should know who their Team Members are before they send them to weigh-in.

With about a third of the Clubs entered coming from other Areas it was obvious that Wolverhampton's domination of the Competition over the last three years was going to be challenged especially as many of their former Junior Members were now over-age. Pinewood, Veraloy and Concord had very strong representation and would obviously be in with a chance whilst Chapelhouse and Milton Keynes had the largest entries from the Area Clubs.

As the Jack Law trophy is awarded to the Club with greatest number of Team wins at the end of the day and then in the Event of a draw on the greatest number of individual contest wins, the Club that could put out the greatest number of Teams obviously had the best chance and this

provides a chance for the second string or less experienced players to figure just as importantly in a Club's success. Right until the last final which was the Lightweight Boy's Event was the result in doubt with Milton Keynes and Pinewood having 16 Team wins each but as the final was between Pinewood 'A' and Pinewood 'B' teams they were obviously going to win the trophy with Milton Keynes taking the runners up award.

Medal Positions

Boy's Lightweight

GOLD—Pinewood A
SILVER—Pinewood B
BRONZE—Kettering and Veraloy

Boy's Middleweight

GOLD—Veraloy A
SILVER—Concord A
BRONZE—Jubilee and KKK

Boy's Heavyweight

GOLD—Concord
SILVER—Jukuren

Girl's Lightweight

GOLD—Pinewood
SILVER—Milton Keynes A
BRONZE—Bridgnorth and Milton Keynes B

Girl's Heavyweight

GOLD—Milton Keynes
SILVER—Judokan (Hull)
BRONZE—Chapelhouse and Dudley L.C.

Many thanks to everyone that supported the Event, especially those that travelled long distances and our appreciation to the Officials and Referees who all worked very hard without much time for breaks.



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