

BJA Northern Newsletter Winter Edition 2011/12

Welcome back from your Christmas break the Chair, Area Officers and Committee members wish you a prosperous New Year!

The Area has proved quite successful once again with significant progress in the National Championships resulting in many England squad members in this year. Joe Laws of the Newburn Club and Duncan Stewart of The Parks Club both achieved success with their members. See all named players at the BJA website

<http://www.britishjudo.org.uk/highperformance/Englandrankinglists.php>

Adam Hall (u100kgs Ashington JC) won a silver medal in the European Cup at Mallaga, Spain. This followed his Scottish Open Gold, English Open Bronze, and Welsh Open Bronze. Adam continues to develop and progress in all his Judo.

Louise Little (Gateshead JC) has been supported by a British Judo Trust grant, whilst seeking to further progress her Senior Judo career.

The Area received a number of successes with Tom Moyse (Kodokwai) winning the Masters Player of the Year. Also Tom Foster (South Shields JC) won the Coach of the Year Award. The ceremony was held at St Georges Hall, Liverpool on the same weekend as the GB World Cup Event. (see photo in Matside Magazine)

Building on these Michael Simpson (Southlands JC) has been recognised as Participation Coach for his sterling work with children in Middlesborough, at the Sports Coach UK Awards ceremony held at Jumeirah Carlton Tower, Knightsbridge, London. Michael was presented with his award by the Princess Royal. Beth Wood from South Shields reached the final three of the Youth Coach of the Year. (see Matside Magazine)



The Princess Royal presents Mr Michael Simpson (Southlands JC) with his Sports Coach UK Award.

Mini Mons events are working well with Eston JC, South Shields JC, and Southlands JC all having successful events in this period. The enthusiastic responses from players and Coaches makes encouraging news and indicates strength in depth for the future. (reports to follow).

The training of table officials has been keenly supported by Beth Wood (South Shields JC), Beth has worked tirelessly to move the Northern Area forward in this aspect of Judo development. The combination of events and training opportunities is key to the development of Northern Area Judo.

Matt Dival England Excel Manager has produced the following information for the Northern Area Excel Programme. Please note all dates and the new venue of Gateshead Academy (EIS Building, Gateshead

England ExCell North

VENUE: Gateshead College Academy for Sport

ADDRESS: Gateshead International Stadium, Neilson Road, Gateshead, NE10 0EF

LAUNCH AND FIRST SESSION: WEDNESDAY 11TH JANUARY 2012

First session to be led by England Lead Coach – Nigel Donohue

England ExCell North Session Information

(Every Wednesday evening from 11th January)

SESSION TIME (including technical & randori): **7.00pm – 9.30pm**

Minimum level – Pre-Cadet (born 1999 and before) and 10th mon.

All Personal Coaches are welcome to attend and support the England ExCell sessions.

Working together, we can all help with the development of our young players.

IMPORTANT NOTES

Judogi: You are expected to wear a clean judogi - No split kits!!

Zori: Must be worn to the edge of the tatami.

Any queries please contact:

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England ExCell North session dates (Up to 29th February 2012)

Wednesday 11th January 2012

Wednesday 18th January 2012

Wednesday 25th January 2012

Wednesday 1st February 2012

Wednesday 8th February 2012

Wednesday 15th February 2012

Wednesday 22nd February 2012

Wednesday 29th February 2012