



## **BJA NORTHERN AREA NEWSLETTER** **FEBRUARY 2010**

The BJA's Judo Trust has announced the May madness event for 2010 and is encouraging clubs within the Area to get involved. The fund raising is very easy to participate in and can raise money for both the Judo Trust and the Club itself. Once a Club wishes to become involved then simply contact Liz Burdis on 07854241107 or call Emma Davis-Carolan on 01509-631693 for an information pack. Alternatively e-mail [info@britishjudotruster.org.uk](mailto:info@britishjudotruster.org.uk) to register an interest.

Idea's for raising funds can include

Sponsored throwing events

Fun runs

Fight nights

Super star events.

As an incentive to raise funds and reward clubs the BJA have offered to donate a VIP Box at the 2010 Judo Women's World Cup for the Club that raises the most money. The Club that collects the next largest amount of money will have the BJA Chairman Densign White available to take a Judo session at their Club.

As well as being one of the Area's top coaches and running one of our top clubs Duncan Stewart has been working alongside North Tyneside Disability Sport to bring Judo to visually impaired children. On Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb Duncan ran a session for 30 children with varying degrees of disability. The session was a resounding success with Duncan getting some excellent feedback. As a result a meeting is planned in March to discuss future possibilities. Well done to Duncan and all his helpers at the Parks.

The Northern Area Committee is continuing to work hard to raise the standard of both Clubs and Judo within the Area. As well as funding all levels of Coaching, the Committee will welcome another two Clubs into the Area within the near future. The committee is also looking to begin raising funds for the replacement of Area Judo mats. The present mats are approaching the end of their working life and have a minimal shelf life remaining.

Ronnie Scott the Area Chairman continues to work hard alongside Gateshead Council in attempting to find a suitable location for the Area to hold a recognised National Event. Ronnie has managed to secure the services of the soon to be opened and refurbished Gateshead Leisure Centre free of charge. Ronnie hopes to hold a Northern Area Championships within the Centre and hopes the competition will be an annual event and will match any other Championship event around the Country.

On the subject of reaching the end of a working life, it is with great regret that the Area has been informed that Northern Area stalwart and long standing servant Mike Bradshaw has announced that he will not be standing for re election at the next AGM. Mike is the current Treasurer and has served the Area for many decades. He will be sorely missed.

Dave Francis has informed me that Alan Heron has achieved the National B refereeing qualification in Jan 2010 after working hard over the past twelve months. Congratulations go to Alan from everyone within the Area.

Dave has also informed the Committee of changes taking place within junior refereeing. There will be three new categories Bronze, Silver, and Gold .

The Bronze award will be for those Jnr officials aged 10 to 12 years who will work within their own club and work in U10/U12 contests.

The Silver award will be aimed at Jnr officials aged 10 to 14 years who can work at any level one competition in the U12-U16 age range

The Gold award will be for Jnr officials aged 14 to 16 years who can officiate at any level one or two competition, a Jnr Area or Schools competition.

Dave is keen to point a Judo rule that has had some members confused following a shimewaza at a recent event.

**If a player is strangled unconscious during a fight he is free to fight on in the competition providing he and his Coach agree. If however he passes out for no apparent reason or is knocked unconscious then he is not allowed to continue within the competition.**

Dave will be running a revalidation event for refereeing at Haydon Bridge Judo Club on 30<sup>th</sup> March from 6pm to 10pm. All interested parties can simply turn up on the night to have all new rule changes explained.

Dave Hunter the Area Director of Examiners has said that at future Grading Events any candidate demonstrating a technique that involves a leg grab MUST demonstrate the technique as per current competition guidelines. This means it should be demonstrated as a counter to the opponents attack. Dave has also said that the present grading fee of £15.00 will be rising to £20.00. Finally Dave has informed me that there will be a Senior Examiner conference in High Wycombe on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2010. Any member of the BJA can attend the conference, which will be directed to rolling out the new procedure for promotion to S/E.

Eddie Ferrie the Northern ATD will be holding an Area revalidation event at the Kodokwai ( South Shields ) on April 25<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 2 pm. Anyone wishing to attend can simply turn up on the day for a revalidation.

Eddie has been working towards bringing a top Coach into the Area and is presently negotiating with two World Class Coaches to attend and share their knowledge.

Joe Laws and Newburn Judo Club continue to chase down medals from all over the Country. Joe's players collected a fantastic 23 medals at the recent North West event and 22 medals from the Midlands. Certainly on medal hauls, Joe is up there with the top Clubs in the Country.

The annual Millom Judo competition will go ahead this year as planned on June 20<sup>th</sup>. The competition will be run by Peter Holme of Kendal Judo Club.

Ashington Judo Club will have its annual competition this year on May 22<sup>nd</sup> with the day being split into juniors in the morning and Seniors in the afternoon. The morning event will be a Level One competition with fun being the key issue. Players will be matched appropriately in size weight and grade up to green belt. The afternoon session will be a senior event for players up to 1<sup>ST</sup> Kyu. Clubs from around the Area will be asked to supply a Team of 5/6 players to fight for the Northumberland Team Trophy.

Rueben Davison will again be holding his competition for 2010 **The Durham U18** at Spennymoor on Sunday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. See below for all details.

Durham Judo Championships  
8yrs to under 18yrs  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2010

**Venue:** Spennymoor Leisure Centre, Co. Durham.

**Format:** This is a BJA 2 star event, all normal contest rules apply. Golden Score will be used.

**Eligibility:** All players must hold a current BJA or associate licence. All licences must be produced on the day complete with photograph. No Licence no taking part, (no exceptions.) No entry fees will be refunded under any circumstances.

Boys and girls 8 to under 12yrs of age on the day, & 12yrs to under 18yrs.  
**This early age group will be fought under 12 rules**

**Girls under 12yrs**

**Weights:** U28K U32 U36K U40K U44K U48K over 52K

**Boys under 12yrs**

**Weights** U27K U30K 34K 38K U42K 46K 50K Over 50kgs

**Arm locks and strangles allowed in girl's weights U48k and up, and boys U55k and up in the over 12yrs of age group**

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**Girls Over12yrs**

**Weights:** U36K U40K U44K U48K U52K U57K U63K U70K +70

**Boys Over 12yrs**

**Weights** U34K U38K U42K 46K 50K U55K U60K U66K U73K U81K  
U90K +90K

**Method:** Compound Knockout + Repechage

**Weigh in Times:** Between 0830-0930.

**Rules:** The competition will be fought under I.J.F and B.J. A. rules.

**Any serious infringement of the rules or against the spirit of Judo resulting in a direct Hansokumaki will be out for the rest of the competition. Golden Score will apply.**

**Cost per entry: £17.00**

**Spectators: Adults £3.00 Children Free**

**All winners will receive trophies, and will be presented throughout the day**

**The competition controller reserves the right to merge or cancel any weight group should there be insufficient numbers.**

**All competitors must weigh in wearing competition acceptable judogi trousers. 0.5kgs will be allowed for male and 0.6kg for female wearing white tee-shirts.**

**All competitors must have their own Blue and White belts, as none will be provided.**

**Closing Date: Wednesday the 28th Of April 2010 or when 250 entries have been received.**

**All entries sent to: Mr R Davison. 5 Norton Avenue. Bowburn. Durham. DH6 5AH.**

**Telephone 0191-3779668.**

**Mobile 07711634151.**

**Cheques made payable to [Durham Judo Club](#).**

**Please send a stamped addressed envelope with your entry to receive your weighing in cards.**

**No stamped addressed envelope, cards will be to pick up at entrance on the day.**









