



BJA NORTHERN AREA **NEWSLETTER MAY 09**

The Area had its AGM this month with another exceptional turnout. Thirty-eight clubs were in attendance with thirty-eight of them having the ability to vote. BJA Officers Scott McCarthy and Colin McIver had agreed to attend the evening in order to assist the Area with some of the problems we have had during the past year.

The meeting started with numerous complaints and allegations before Scott and Colin addressed the AGM asked that the obvious commitment and passion within the Area be used to drive us forward rather than fight. The evening was strained with tempers beginning to rise when at the recommendation of the executive officers Scott was asked to offer a solution to the problems. Scott was quite clear with his recommendations, he quite simply asked for a vote of confidence for the present Chair Ronnie Scott. Clubs were asked to simply write "YES" or "NO" on a piece of paper. The vote was cast and there was a majority in favour of Ronnie. As this was announced Rueben Davison and Kath Waddington announced their immediate resignation from their posts on the Area Committee. Both Rueben and Kath will be a loss of experience to the committee but I'm sure we all hope they will still assist the Area as we continue moving forward. With Jayne Nunn also resigning Dave Francis was unopposed when he agreed to both Senior and Junior Refereeing representative. The Area will now endeavour to fill the vacant positions within the Committee.

After the resignation of the Ladies and Girls Coach Duncan Stewart, who is working with Tynemet College on a Judo development. Chloe Cowan as agreed to stand in for the post until a suitable candidate can be found. Chloe has had a busy period over recent weeks. Chloe has been to Poland with the British Cadet Squad for a competition and training camp as well

as running a revalidation event at Walsall organised by the BJA. The course was “ SHAPING UP FOR SUCCESS” and is aimed at Coach Development. Chloe is running this course at Newburn Leisure centre on July 19th. Chloe ran a women’s only session also at Newburn on 31st May, which was a huge success with lots of positive feedback. Chloe also ran a ladies only session at SKK for the North West Area. With the English Area’s Squad Training session at Lampton Street continuing to improve our young players Chloe’s input for the Sport is invaluable. Chloe is looking to assist in developing clubs that have yet to have had the benefit of her expertise. She is looking to take block bookings for 6 week periods from any interested clubs.

Competitions in Millom and The Parks were a huge success with many gold, silver and bronze medals remaining in the Northern Area.

The Dolphin Judo Club is holding its annual event Championships on Sunday 20th September 2009. The event will take place at the

Dolphin Centre, Market Place, Darlington DL1 5RP

There will be under 12 and 12 to 17 categories and application forms will outline competition guidelines. Entry will be £15.00 per competitor and £3.00 for spectators. Coaches and U16 will have free entry. All enquiries to,

Phillip Glynn, 10 Osborne Road, Oxbridge, Stockton on Tees, TS18 4DJ. Tel 01642-643098.

The closing date for the competition will be either on 11th Sept or when 300 entries have been received.

At a Masters event held in High Wycombe during May Carol Drummond, Dave Hughes and Tommy Moyse all took Gold in their relevant weight categories. Yet more success for our ageing stars.....well done!