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Bristol Invitational Team Event—July 2011

Bristol Team Event Junior Youth (boys)

A five way Area team event (junior/youth boys) was hosted by Bristol County Judo last July, the team selected to represent Hampshire included players from the 2011 inter-counties whilst also including some new faces.



Everyone fought very well with great camaraderie, there was an isolated

incident which was brought to my attention by a Bristol area referee, namely a players and or coaches reaction to a given result (I am sure this conduct will not be replicated).

This aside I would like to congratulate everyone on contributing to a great result **Very Well Done** everyone, I am looking to continue the development of Hampshire teams with future area collaboration in the near future.

Many thanks to all that supported the competition including coaches and parents, and many thanks to Bristol Area for a well run event.

Junior Boys (8/15)			Youth Boys (14/18)		
Kg	Name	Club	Kg	Name	Club
U30	Lewis Cullam	Newbury	U50	Charles Tighe	Flemming Park
U34	Daniel Holt	Osaka	U55	Austin Jones	Osaka
U38	Morgan Redman	Osaka	U60	Aiden Jones	Osaka
U42	Estienne Herbert	Osaka	U66	Lewis Dolman	Gosport
U46	Tudor Irimie	Gosport	U73	Jordan Slaney	Summit
U50	Harry Boby	Osaka	U81	Jack Power	Winchester
U55	Austin Jones	Osaka	+81	-	-
U60	James Hendin	Osaka			
+60	Jack Power	Winchester			

Results

Junior			Youth		
Result	Points	Area	Result	Points	Area
Gold	230	Bristol	Gold	140	Bristol
Silver	227	Hampshire	Silver	97	Hampshire
Bronze	185	Nottinghamshire	Bronze	80	Devon
	127	Worcestershire		-	Nottinghamshire
	76	Devon			



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“Potted History of Kata competitions

A Potted History of Kata Competitions by Dennis and Tina Penfold

Dennis and I have been asked by Gordon Kemish, Hampshire County Chair, to write an article on kata. We have chosen to use this opportunity to give a history of the development of kata competitions from our perspective, our journey from an interest in kata to the present day.



'Dennis's initial involvement in kata was when he was uke to Harry Marr's tori in Nage-no-kata at the annual opening of the Budokwai circa 1960. His teachers were the famous T P Leggett and Geof Gleeson. He remembers that they used to practise in the lower dojo of the Budokwai after the nightly randori sessions and on the night before the opening they went through the kata 7 times 210 throws – *good for ukemi!!*



The very first involvement I (Tina) had with competitive kata was in 1966 when I was a member of the Women's Southern Area shiai and kata team. This was the first time that the BJA allowed the women in this country to take part in a National shiai competition and it was held 'in camera' at Liverpool University. The Southern Area team came away with gold in shiai and gold in kata- my Uke being Marie Fourt from Winchester Judo Club.

In 1979 Mick Leigh (8th Dan and BJA Vice President) organised the first British Kata Championships at Woolwich College and our involvement with this competition came in 1982 when we competed. Dennis and his Uke, Steve Hussy, winning Nage-no-kata, and Chris Wakefield and I winning the Ju-no-kata competition

Following this Mick invited Dennis and I to become members of the Kata Working Party, with Liz Viney 4th Dan MBE and John Cornish 7th Dan Judo and 7th Dan Aikido. The KWP continued in existence until the BJA awarded it Commission status.

In 2002 the World Masters was held in Londonderry and Mick invited Dennis and I to take part as judges, our first meeting with Eiko Shepherd, Kodokan 7th Dan, a truly formidable, but kindly woman who was the head of the World Masters kata section.

Eiko then asked Dennis and I to judge at successive championships, our highlight and most nerve racking was when they were held in Japan. Being at the Kodokan and sitting around the mat with Japanese Senseis, only having seen them previously in kata training videos and knowing we were going to judge with them the next day, is an experience that neither of us will forget.

The method of judging used by the World Masters organisation was marking out of 10. Each judge had a score sheet and a scribe and we pointed out the score after each technique, the scores ranging from 1.5 up to 10, (6 being average) and at the end each judge had to hold up his/her score.

The British Championships are, from its beginnings in 1979, held every year, latterly at High Wycombe. The judges, when we became involved were, Chief Judge, John Cornish, Liz and Mick. The five kata categories are Nage-no-kata, Katame-no-kata, Ju- no- kata, Kodokan Goshin Jutsu and Kime-no-kata. Juniors, depending on their age, have to demonstrate certain sets from the kata of their choice, either Nage-no-kata, Katame-no-kata or Ju-no-kata

The system of judging was until comparatively recently, the same used at the World Masters.



In 2005 the European Judo Union held its first Kata Competition and it took place, at very short notice in Great Britain and Dennis was selected as one of the judges. Following these championships National Judges were invited to a week long seminar in Malta, culminating in exams on the last two days, when each of the delegates had to demonstrate sets from each of the five katas in front of the EJU Commission – the sets chosen by the Commission Members when the delegate went on the mat – nowhere to hide!!! Dennis and I were pleased to receive our EJU licence for all five katas.

A Potted History of Kata Competitions *Continued*



The EJU Kata Commission introduced a new system of marking, with specific mistakes being identified, for example, incorrect distance, medium mistake, 3 points deducted, holding the trouser leg in kata-guruma, small mistake, 1 point deducted. Various positioning of judges was tried out, but it has now reverted with all five judges being seated in the Shomen position. The bottom and top scores from the five judges deducted.

In 2008 the International Judo Federation Kata World Cup took place in Paris, with judges being selected from qualified judges from the IJF Continental regions and this was followed by the first IJF World Championships in 2009. The system for licensing IJF judges was based on their performance at a seminar when there were demonstrations of each kata which had to be judged and then each judge was interviewed by the Commission members and had to justify their marks. This format takes place before each World Championships, the only change being is that we watch videos from previous events. Judges for the finals, both in European and World Championships are chosen by their performance during the preliminaries. I am pleased to say that we were chosen for the finals for both the katas we each judged in the preliminaries at the last World Championships June this year.

The EJU and IJF system of scoring have slightly changed over the years, the most notable change being an additional score given for fluidity and rhythm

There has been a trial introduction of Koshiki-no-kata and Itsutso-no-kata in the last Europeans and it is possible that this is going to become permanent.

The problem that we see that could arise is the standard of kata with very small margins between the top competitors, whether this will mean a change in the marking system or not remains to be seen.



The strongest nation in the World Championship is Japan, but they are being pushed by Iran and Italy, not forgetting Rumania, the Nage-no-kata pair beating the Japanese in the World Cup in 2008. In the Europeans Championships the strongest nations are Italy and Spain.

These past years with our involvement as judges have been both enjoyable and stressful, but something neither of us would have missed. It has meant hours of study on and off the mat, and we have been fortunate enough to have studied with the best kata teachers in the world.



“Our aim now is to disseminate our knowledge throughout the Southern Area in our role as Southern Area Coaches, to build a strong young Kata team and to encourage players to become Kata examiners, so they can start the process of eventually becoming Kata judges.



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Future Events

Junior and Senior squad training

Squad training is open to all competitive Judoka (Junior, Youth, Seniors, Masters)

The venue is a permanent Dojo centrally located within Hampshire borders, run by Mark Thompson.

Junior Training Minimum Age Requirements 12+ (or competitive under 12)

Senior Training: Youth Player's 15+,

Senior & Masters all welcome

Cost £2

Dates:

Nov 6 & Dec 20

Times: Junior 12/2 Senior 2/4

Location:

Winchester College

PE Centre

Kingsgate Street

Winchester

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South of England Junior and Youth Open

Junior Boys and Girls 8 to 13 years old

Young Men and Women 14 to 17 years old (Points Scoring)

A Three Star Event Saturday

26th November 2011

Mountbatten Leisure Centre Alexandra Park, Portsmouth, Hants, PO2 9QA

For details go to <http://hampshirejudo.org.uk/news/category/events/>

Winter Issue

Squad Training

We will be spending time with the Hampshire squad, finding out what a training session includes, who can attend, what you can expect to achieve and how much fun good honest hard work can be.

Further Issues

The intention is to produce quarterly Newsletters, this will only be possible with feedback and stories from clubs.

Anything of interest even hatches - matches - dispatches, etc.

Please address any news items to secretary@hampshirejudo.org.uk