



## ALTON JUDO CLUB BULLETIN

September 2011

Since the last newsletter:-

### BBQ

An opportunity missed - Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August was our annual AJC BBQ at West Wittering, we've been coming here for 30 years in all sorts of weather and always had 10 – 12 minimum people turn up for free burgers and buns, a chinwag, a dip in the sea, a seaside walk or just to sunbathe. A day by the seaside. This year just six of us – where did everyone go?

The sea was warm, weather changeable – a typical British summer's day, loads of sitting around / swimming / chatting / eating all of those burgers - great fun.

We hope 2012 will be better attended – you were all missed.

### Free Judo

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> we held a free judo session as part of Alton Sports Centre Open Day, thanks to the Tarrant and Wells clans for support on the mat plus Potter aka Mike and Samit who manned the dojo stand for us.

Unfortunately the Sports centre did not advertise our presence too well – no signage and a very late tannoy message. However, undaunted Petra, Muttley and Tara went amongst the hordes within and without the centre advertising our judo club and encouraging them to sponsor Stuart to have his back waxed to raise funds for a crash mat.(see below)

Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> September there will be a free senior judo session at the club – bring a friend and earn yourself another free session the week after.

### Club Awards

Also at the session on the 9<sup>th</sup> we are giving special awards to certain club members for their recent achievements – come along to see who they are.

### Web update

September sees the arrival of three new web pages to our website. These are pages specifically for Juniors, Seniors, and Schools, each with more info and downloadable resources for our club members – something for everyone!

### Schools Judo

This term, Marie can proudly announce the launch of AJC schools division. The club has successfully obtained Sportivate funding to enable us to run 6 week beginner courses at Alton College

(October), and Alton Convent School (January), so we look forward to welcoming these new members to join us at our club sessions as 6<sup>th</sup> Kyus & 1<sup>st</sup> Mons in the not too distant future.

## ClubMark

Over the last year, your coaches have been busy getting together supporting evidence to apply for the coveted Sport England 'ClubMark' Award – accredited to club who achieve high standards in several aspects of coaching and club organisation etc. There are only 3 other clubs in Hampshire who have this. We are pleased to announce that we are very near now to being able to achieve this, and look forward to sharing the good news with you around Christmas time.

## Crash Mat fund update

We have now received £250 in donations for our 'new crash mat fund' from generous club members.... if you would like to contribute to see us to our goal soon, your contribution would be most welcome. We hope to be able to buy two large sized mats to replace our tiring single large one. We have been successful in obtaining a £100 grant from the Alton District Sports Council, but it's still not quite enough so two terrific parents (parents of two of our juniors) have been busy doing some fundraising of their own. Stuart has volunteered (sort of) to have his back waxed at the club (also on the 9<sup>th</sup> between our sessions) and Tara is collecting as much sponsorship as possible – so far a fantastic effort – please do try to sponsor him if you haven't already.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Men's Kyu Grade Cup

Following the success of last year's event, we are holding this year's competition on the first Sunday in December – entry forms will be sent out soon. We are inviting all Kyu grade Men from Alton, Winchester, and Fleet-Frogmore clubs together for a friendly in-club comp so more might have the opportunity to get a feel for competition rules & etiquette etc before going off to BJA county level competitions. We invite all other club members to come along and spectate and support our boys. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the session. We hope that we'll be able to have more women & girls in the future and arrange a comp for them too.

## Junior Comp in the pipeline

So our juniors don't miss out on the action, Petra is planning to run an in-house friendly competition for Alton's Juniors too – watch this space for more details.

## Backpatches

Marie has designed and ordered a back patch for your gi, it will have your name and is quite "spiffing". Pick yours up from the club, get yourself a needle and thread and start sewing – we want as many back patches as possible on show for the 9<sup>th</sup> Sept.

## Other events

Also to watch out for:-  
Dates of our Annual Christmas Dinner  
Dates of new once-termly parent & child sessions

## Members recent Grading Successes:

The following juniors were all promoted in the last quarter  
Archie, James, Johnnie, Kira, Rhys, Sam.  
Seniors Dan, Potter, John and Samit also went up a grade.

Well done everyone!!