



# ALTON JUDO CLUB BULLETIN

## December 2011 & Annual Review

2011 bows out and what a year it has been!

### Christmas Dinner

December 10<sup>th</sup> Greyfriar Pub Chawton, a really good bash, excellent food, very festive atmosphere and of course the best company around – members of AJC. You won't believe it but we talked lots about judo, gonna do it again in 2012.

### Children join Juniors

April saw the launch of Alton Judo Club Juniors and they're really going strong with nearly all members having successfully graded in 2011. Coach Petra even got an article in the Herald in November for her fantastic contribution to the club.

2012 will see AJC's first junior in-club comp, as well as the launch of BJA junior volunteer awards for 10yrs+ (anticipated end of 2012) so watch this space for details on how you can apply to do coach/referee training.

### ClubMark & Active Kids

Our submission is in at last! And what tremendous achievement and New Year's start for the club?! The coaches & volunteers have been working tirelessly for the past 18 months toward achieving Sport England's ClubMark status for Alton Judo Club, and we expect confirmation soon! Setting us apart from other local clubs, the first thing we can benefit from it is the registry into Sainsbury's ActiveKids Scheme... watch this space in the Spring when we can all save our vouchers to get extra training equipment for the club! The New Year will also give anyone else interested in being an AJC volunteer the opportunity to step forward and share their talents – again, look out for further information coming soon.

### College & Convent School

We've been successful in making a BJA school2dojo link with Alton College and have now welcomed a number of College students into our club. January 2012 will hopefully see the first judo course at the Convent school and we're hoping to welcome more juniors from the school to our club also.

### Crash Mat

October saw the long anticipated arrival of our new crash mat! Many thanks from the entire club to all of our fundraisers and donors – especially Team Tarrant, Alton District Sports Council, and Sam Yarborough's dad for kicking off the funds to begin with!

### Certificates & Awards

As well as our own AJC Awards in September, and the hat-trick of local Sports Council awards picked up by the Coaching team early in 2011 – we are pleased to say that we don't stop there... All of the coaching team, (and Michael, our newly appointed club welfare officer), have done more than just their coaching revalidation courses this last year....

Between them, further courses and certificates awarded in Club Equity, Disability in Sport, Kata, & Judo related fitness (several modules of the BJA Fitness Award) have been completed, as well as others that will serve to strengthen the club. Congratulations to the team!

### Club Competition

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual AJC Men's Kyu Grade Cup Results- Gold Jamie (Winchester JC), Silver Mark Ramsier AJC, Bronze 1 Dan Umlandt AJC, Bronze 2 Jon Schoenewolf AJC.

We would have liked some more entries but the contests were well fought and in a really good atmosphere with a wide range of techniques attempted. Let's see what 2012 brings.

### Club Survey

The club online survey launched in September 2011 is gradually showing results. A very pleasing result in terms of member satisfaction with zero neutral or negative feedback. Thanks to everyone who has already completed the survey, and we hope that those who haven't will still take the time to, as it aids us enormously in knowing what our members want from the club. We will publish the results when the survey closes at 100 responses.

### Clubs' other additions from 2011 and looking forward!

2011 has been an enormously exciting year for us and seen the club grow considerably where other clubs are struggling.

We are delighted by the commitment from our members and regular good atmosphere at the sessions.

This year we have seen the introduction of AJC pack patches, further uniting our identity within the community.

We have seen our posters all over town.

We have seen second and third phases of our website – a great resource to us, and something that has been used to set the standard to other clubs in the area... something again we are very proud of.

We have seen the introduction of popular loyalty cards, something that we've not seen at any other club. Despite the rise in our facility hire, we are encouraged that we can still help our members... 'every little helps' as they say.

2012 is next of course and we still have plenty in the pipeline!