

EPSOM & EWELL KARATE CLUB

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NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2013

NON PROFIT ORGANISATION

Dear Students/Parents

ENGLAND V SCOTLAND

Following the Squad Training with Sensei Kevin Barlow 7th Dan in September this year, **Sensei Howard 2nd Dan and Sensei Ka Wai-Au 1st Dan** were selected to represent UKASKO England at a tournament against Scotland held near Aberdeen on Sunday 13th October. I accompanied the two fighters together with Sensei Ian Andrews 5th Dan on a flight to Aberdeen on Saturday 12th October. We arrived at lunch time and decided to do a tour of the City, the sun did shine that day and we had a very detailed taxi tour guide. Later that evening we had dinner with **UKASKO Chairman Roy Stanhope 9th Dan and Sensei Kevin Barlow 7th Dan**. We also had a chance to meet the rest of our England team mates.

We arrived at the tournament on Sunday morning and the contestants had just enough time to warm up before the battle commenced. There were three karateka from Sensei Kevin Barlow's club and two karateka from Epsom & Ewell. Two contestants from Sensei Kevin's club were drawn to fight first and both fought very well considering they were young and this was their first time in the England team. Sensei Howard was the first fighter from Epsom and Ewell. Lightning of bad luck struck him with another knee injury and he was forced to retire. Deeply disappointed and in a lot of pain he had to accept that he could not continue to fight that day. Both of us were now on crutches for the rest of the day!

Ka, double UKASKO National Champion 2012, volunteered to take Howard's place and fought magnificently by winning two of his three fights. Ka was very surprised and very pleased to have been chosen to represent England. We were all very proud to cheer him on and witness the hard work he has put in his training pay dividends. The whole England team were glorious in winning and defeat, definition of true Martial Artist. We salute the Scottish team for their very warm hospitality and brotherhood spirit throughout the whole weekend. Bravo victor !!

The Scottish Nationals continued after the international match and Sensei Ian Andrews was the main referee while I sat as a judge. Sensei Ian Andrews was awarded with a medal by Sensei Roy Stanhope for his hard effort and dedication as a referee. Well done that man.

UKASKO NATIONALS

The association is holding its annual tournament in Manchester on Sunday 3rd November. Students who wish to participate must let me know no later than Wednesday 23rd October. The fee is £20 and no charge for extra categories.

I am arranging transportation for the journey to Manchester please check with me for available space.

GRADING

The Club will be conducting a grading on Wednesday 30th October 2013 at Longmead Day Centre starting at 6pm. Students who are eligible to grade will receive a letter of invitation on Wednesday 23rd October. Students and parents are reminded **NOT** to ask Sensei if they are grading. This is considered bad manners in Martial Arts. All students are continually assessed by **ALL** Sensei and grading can only be conducted when Sensei is satisfied the student has reached the standard required for that belt. Grading marks are not open to debate.

GRADING FEES

Grading fees for coloured belts £20

Grading fees for Brown Belts £25

All fees are non-refundable and must be paid on the day before the grading.

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DAVID LLOYD VENUE

Epsom & Ewell classes are also held at David Lloyd Epsom.

TUESDAYS 6-7 PM JUNIORS

THURSDAY 7-8 PM SENIORS

All fees for David Lloyd are £10 per session no discount for attending Wednesday classes.

WORDS OF WISDOM

SOME PEOPLE SEE THINGS AS THEY ARE AND ASK WHY

I DREAM OF THINGS THAT NEVER WERE AND ASK WHY NOT

JFK 1962

Julius Manyoni Black Belt 6th Dan

Chief Instructor