

BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

# Southern Area



2008

## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 9th July 2008

Stadium Suite, Broadfield Stadium,

Broadfield, Crawley,

Sussex, RH11 9RX

7.30 pm

## **Agenda**

Clubs Present.....	AGM Chairman
Apologies .....	AGM Chairman
Minutes of 2007 AGM.....	AGM Chairman
Matters Arising .....	AGM Chairman
President's Report .....	Mick Leigh
Chairman's Address and Report .....	Barry James
Treasurer's Accounts and Report .....	Richard Anderson
Coaching Report.....	Alan Roberts
Squads Report - Male .....	Alan Roberts
Squads Report - Female .....	Mandy Humphrey
Competitions Report .....	AGM Chairman
Refereeing Report .....	Martin Rivers
Director of Examiners Report .....	Keith Adams
Area Recorder of Gradings Report .....	Peter Powell
Development Report .....	Karen French
Kata Report.....	Mick Leigh
PR report .....	Martin Rivers
Election of Officers .....	AGM Chairman
Election of Council Representative and Deputy	AGM Chairman
Resolutions for Discussion .....	AGM Chairman
Appointment of Auditor .....	AGM Chairman

## **Minutes of 2007 AGM**

British Judo Association Southern Area, Annual General Meeting, Minutes Of Meeting held on 21st July 2007, Dorking Rugby Club, Brockham, Surrey

Present: Mick Leigh (ML), John Bushnell (JB), Martin Rivers (MR), Alan Rickard (ARi), Alan Roberts (ARo) Richard Anderson (RA), Mandy Humphrey (MH), Keith Adams (KA), Graeme Skelly (GS), Peter Powell (PP)

Clubs Present: Chichester Ronin, Chichester Ronin (Fareham), Crawley, Croydon, Dartford Judo Club, Dorking, Dorking (Friends Provident), Gosport Judo Club, Joff Judo Club, Kin Ryu, Mid Sussex Martial Arts School, Ringwood & Fordingbridge, Yamabushi.

13 clubs present

Apologies: John Harrison (Chanctonbury JC and Broadbridge Heath), Barry James (Meopham), Dave Dunsford (Bexley JudoKwai), Jill Ryan (Tiffin Judo Club)

### 1.0 Minutes of 2006 AGM:

1.1 Section 4.3, page 3 should be Brian Curran not Brain Curren. Section 15.1, page 6, should be Rob Murley

1.2 AGM minutes proposed as an accurate record by Sheila Hearsey (Croydon), seconded by Peter Seymour (Kyn Ryu)

Vote: For – unanimous.

### 2.0 Matters Arising:

2.1 Martin French enquired why the change of auditor had not happened. RA explained that the new person, a parent from the Dorking club, was no longer available as his daughter had left the club. RA had reverted to the old auditor for the 2006 accounts.

### 3.0 President's report:

3.1 The president's report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting. ML thanked the committee members for their work.

3.2 ML informed the AGM that he had attended the funeral of Tony Moore.

3.3 A first aid course in the morning before the Sussex AGM. A significant number had attended the course but did not stay on for the AGM.

3.4 ARi suggested that this year, with the exception of the financial reports, a single vote would be taken to accept all reports, rather than voting for each one. This was agreed by the AGM.

### 4.0 Chairman's Address and Report

4.1 The chairman's report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.

4.2 ML explained that Barry James could not attend the AGM due to being called, at short notice, to a BJA Chairman's meeting and that ARI was happy to answer any question on the Chairman's report – there were none.

#### 5.0 Treasurer's Report

5.1 Report and accounts circulated to the SA clubs prior to the meeting. RA read out the auditors report.

5.2 Martin French asked about the competitions expenditure and income. ARI explained that Area was responsible for running national events held in the Area. The cost of these is high due to having to pay for officials from outside of the area. The BJA did repay these costs as they were down to the Area who hosts the event. SA will not be running the national teams event to avoid this expense. JB also pointed out that the cost of the Inter-counties is not charged to the Counties but taken by the SA. They included the cost of a Channel Islands team attending this year's Inter-counties as part of the SA's commitment to promote and develop judo.

5.3 It was proposed that the accounts and report be accepted by Peter Powell (Gosport) and seconded by Alan Roberts (Dartford). They were unanimously accepted.

#### 6.0 Coaching Report

6.1 The coaching report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.

6.2 ML outlined the issues with coaching courses and qualifications in the SA. The current BJA coaching scheme has been discontinued as the UKCC scheme supersedes it. The UKCC scheme for judo, being proposed by the BJA, has not yet been verified but it is expected that this will occur shortly. Unfortunately the BJA have suspended all coaching courses until the UKCC scheme is introduced. This has left the SA with a large number of potential coaches wanting to qualify but unable to do so. It was acknowledged that this was causing considerable disruption to some clubs in the Area.

6.3 ARI stated that Barry James was attending the Chairman's meeting to raise the issue of SA coaching development and the non-availability of courses. The Area is pushing the BJA hard to resolve the problem, one suggestion is to allow BJA coaching courses to be run.

6.4 The potential cost of the UKCC courses was raised. KF stated that there was funding available but this could not be used until the UKCC courses were given approval by Sport England.

#### 7.0 Squad report – male

7.1 The male squad report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.

7.2 The SA boy's squad won Gold at the National Teams event.

#### 8.0 Squad report – female

- 8.1 The female squad report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 8.2 The Southern Area Ladies' squad won bronze at the National Teams event.
- 8.3 At the world 2007 Masters held in Brazil Petra Piers, Kay Andrews, and Mandy Humphries all won gold.
- 9.0 Competitions report
- 9.1 The competition report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 9.2 The event in March 2007 was cancelled due to an extremely low numbers of entrants – only 15. ARi felt that even if this event did clash with the English Open, the lack of support for one of the Area's senior events reflected badly on the clubs.
- 9.3 KA suggested that the Southern Area should try and hold one of 'old style' international competitions as it used to in the past. It was agreed by the meeting that this was a good idea and the feasibility should be investigated further.
- 9.4 Sheila Hearsey felt that the introduction of the new technical restrictions had improved the quality of judo at junior competitions. KA agreed. It was noted that the number of injuries at competitions had dropped significantly since the introduction of these new techniques.
- 10.0 Refereeing Report
- 10.1 The refereeing report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 10.2 MR is currently on the IJF training programme.
- 11.0 Director of Examiners Report
- 11.1 The Examiners report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 11.2 KA gave an update of the work between the Area and Andrew Moshanov and explained the trial of the technical grading scheme. It is hoped to introduce this scheme next year. ARi felt that the technical grading scheme seminars held across the area for coaches had been well received, as were the proposed changes in the new scheme. ARO suggested that the Area should write to Andrew thanking him for his efforts.
- 11.3 Andrew Moshanov may be moving to the Southern Area later in the year.
- 12.0 Area Recorder of Gradings Report
- 12.1 The Area Recorder's report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 12.2 Peter Powell reported that the amount of paper he had to deal with was increasing. He hoped to get the information and process computerised to ease the workload.
- 12.0 Development report

- 12.1 The development report had been distributed prior to the meeting.
- 12.2 KF continues to work with the clubs on the club mark scheme and to obtain funding. In addition she is raising the profile of judo across the area by working with various local councils and funding bodies.
- 12.3 ARi reported that over the coming year the Southern Area will begin to look at updating the Area Development Plan. It is intended to get the counties involved in this process. Many of the objectives of the current plan have been met, most notably the building of permanent mat area dojo's as centre of excellence in Kent (Dartford JC) and Surrey (Croydon JC). One possible outcome of the new plan would be to repeat this success in Sussex and Hampshire.
- 13.0 Kata Report
- 13.1 The kata report had been distributed prior to the meeting.
- 13.2 The British Trials were held at Sovereign JC in Reigate. Funding remains an issue as none is given to kata by the BJA.
- 13.4 Mr Iura has given a very successful kata course at Croydon JC and will return in November to run a course on Katame-no and Goshin-Jutsu.
- 13.5 The Southern Area kata Championships held at the Sovereign JC were very successful. However given the numbers attending the event will be run at Croydon next year as it is a larger dojo.
- 14.0 PR Report
- 14.1 MR reported that the web site name has been changed when it was moved to a new dedicated host.
- 14.2 Acceptance of the reports proposed by Sheila Hearsey (Croydon) and seconded by Pete Seymour (Kin Ryu). They were all accepted unanimously.
- 15.0 Election of Officers
- 15.1 Vice-Chairman – the vote was unanimous to re-elect Alan Rickard.
- 15.2 Council Representative and Deputy – It was proposed by Simon Mitchell (Crawley) and seconded by Alan Roberts (Dartford) to elect Alan Rickard as Council Representative and Keith Adams as Deputy. This was accepted unanimously.
- 16.0 Resolutions
- 16.1 ML put the proposal to the meeting and ARi explained the effort and work Barry James has put in for the Southern Area over the years since his first involvement in the early '70s .
- 16.2 The BJA Southern Area Committee propose that, in recognition of his long service to the Southern area, Barry James is made Vice-President of the Southern Area for life.

16.3 Proposed by the SA Committee. Vote for – Unanimous.

17.0 Appointment of Auditor

17.1 RA reported that the auditor, Julie Gomer, is moving house which may make asking her to check the accounts more convenient. RA is still looking into the possibility of using someone who lives nearer, reducing the costs. It was agreed for RA to progress this.

18.0 Any Other Business

18.1 ML and KA paid tribute to Jim Loney who had recently died. A minutes silence was held in his memory.

18.2 ML presented the Baker Brown trophy to Mandy Humphreys for her success at international competitions.

18.4 The Jack Cook Volunteer Award had been presented to John Bushnell at a competition earlier in the year.

18.5 ARi noted that SA clubs could put forward nominations for these two awards. The Baker Brown is for a Southern Area player who has had outstanding competition success and the Jack Cook award is for a volunteer or official.

17.3 ML thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting closed at 3:10 pm

## ***President's Report***

It was another busy year for the committee and me.

On 5th July, Dot and I celebrate our Golden Wedding Anniversary and a holiday had been booked for some time. My sincere apologies for not being able to attend the AGM, especially as I am up for election. I am happy to continue if the meeting so wishes.

This year my Kata activities are covered in a separate report.

I have attended all of the committee meetings and as many Southern Area events as possible. At the last National AGM I was honoured by my appointment as a Vice-President of the BJA. My thanks to the Southern Area committee for proposing me for this office.

I attended the World Cup in Birmingham and had meetings with Roy Inman and Andrew Moshanov.

In November I attended the National AGM and made a presentation on Kata. I also attended the Sussex Sports Awards in Hickstead. In December and March I attended Sussex Gradings as a Senior Examiner. In the New Year I coached a course at Joff Judo Club which covered the BJA Ne-waza gokyo and it was a very popular course. Participants included judoka from NHC and also Ray Stevens from the Budokwai. Also in January I carried out a dan grade theory exam at Seishin Judo Club.

In April I attended the Budokwai's 90th Anniversary dinner and met some old stalwarts!

The Southern Area lost a friend when Pat Hitchings sadly passed away recently after many years of ill health. Almost everyone in the Southern Area knew her as she was Competitions Controller at many championships, especially those in Worthing. I attended Pat's funeral on behalf of the Southern Area and as a friend.

I would like to commend all members of the committee who have worked very hard over the year in the interest of the area. I hope that by the time you are reading this at the AGM our Vice-Chairman Alan Rickard has fully recovered from major surgery.

Mick Leigh  
May 2008

## ***Chairman's Report***

When you have a team who work so effectively and happily together you are always liable to feel good about their work. So thank you very much for such excellent service to the Area. Each section of our work has had its highs and lows so I shall attempt to skim what they have reported in detail.

Central to our operations is the work of our Treasurer. Our funds are always directed to investment in Area activities and of course mats, which are the central, expensive, issue. We hope to keep the Area provision up to date and in accordance with the development plan agreed with the counties. The BJA have maintained a good level of licence rebate but for the moment we are not sure of revenue from gradings after the changes.

This links to the Director of Examiners report. Congratulations to the Pilot Team for their work on the non-competitive grading process which has been adopted nationally.

The Registrar continues to beaver away on his detailed work. We need this input and it helps allow players to get their result securely recorded.

The Southern Area President continues to make his presence felt in many spheres and we are very pleased to see it. The kata report shows even in more focus how much work our President does and how it is recognised by elite kata groups internationally. By his own persistence and high standards he has put kata on a new high in Britain.

Coaching has been updated at last and although much has to be resolved the importance of the coach to the BJA has never been more recognised. The Advanced Apprenticeship has also added a quite different dimension to the coming years. Costs are an issue, as is time consumed but we are working to resolve this.

Competitions have required extra work from 'retired' controllers as we are working to get more of our officials qualified. John Bushnell has made such a big contribution for years so we really miss him but the experienced team kept all our usual competitions running with some pleasing entries.

The Development Committee has had several meetings with the county representatives sharing their feelings with Karen French in order to update our now completed plan. We hope to publish a new version soon.

As a Board member I have had many chances to input to the general running of the BJA and influence decisions to the advantage of our members. The budget strains continue and the Olympic selections are even more a poignant issues in that next years grants are really dependant on some success. The Board has spent long hours on the UKCC and the new syllabus which is an on-going scene. Placing the new BJA training for the squads at Dartford is great for the Area. Dartford's generosity on giving the land and now the BJA's investment will be in property they will own at last. I was involved in the development of the masters

situation as the EJU begins to take a hand and also the Commonwealth Championships as manager.

Keeping all the Area meetings and events in my calendar is a very busy life with board activities as well but very rewarding.

A thank you to all our many volunteers, as always your input is essential. I hope you get the pleasure and satisfaction you deserve.

Barry James  
Southern Area Chairman  
June 2008

# Accounts

	apr06 to mar 07		apr 07 to mar 08
<u>INCOME</u>	£		£
Bank Interest			
BJA Rebates			
Coaching			
Competitions			
Examiners			
Grading Levies			
Miscellaneous			
Refereeing			
Sponsorship			
Mat Replacement Fund			
<b>Total Income</b>	_____		_____
	=====		=====
 <u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Accountancy Fees			
Additional Needs Judo			
Bank Charges			
Coaching			
Committee Expenses			
Competitions			
Development & Equipment			
Examiners			
Financial Commission			
Grading Levies			
Honoraria			
Newsletter / PR			
Refereeing			
Secretary / Chairman			
Sponsorship			
Squads			
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	_____		_____
<b>Total Income</b>	_____		_____
<b>Net</b>	_____	<b>(surplus 06/07)</b>	_____
	=====		=====
		<b>(surplus 07/08)</b>	

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT Monday, March 31, 2008

	£		£
Current Assets Represented by:			
Debtors			
Bank Balances		_____	_____

Current Liabilities Represented by:

Creditors

Net Current Assets

_____	_____
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Represented by:

Balance b/f

Less Excess Expenditure / Income

Funds Balance cfrd

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Richard K Anderson  
Southern Area Treasurer

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## ***Treasurer's Report***

Notes to the Accounts for Year ending 31 March 2008

The attached account sheet shows the Southern Area maintains a healthy bank balance with a substantial surplus at the end of the financial year.

The surplus will form a reserve against a predicted loss of income in the future. The Southern Area's major income is the rebate from the membership subscriptions to the BJA. Although the BJA continues to fulfil its commitment in giving this rebate, it is not guaranteed. During 2007/08 the Area also received an income from the grading levies sent to the BJA, part of which was passed back to the four counties. With the changes in the grading and promotion system, the future of this income is uncertain. Although the BJA continue to pass back part of the grading levies from some of the gradings it is unclear if they will continue to do so going forward. It is anticipated that, due to the introduction of the new scheme, the amount of income will drop as the number of gradings held will fall whilst coaches adapt to the new system.

The Area's reserves will be severely depleted by the replacement of the Area's mats at K2 in Crawley. This purchase will be necessary in order to comply with new standards required to host National Events.

The accounts were submitted to Julie Gomer of Aquarian Accounting for examination and her report is presented.

Richard K Anderson  
Treasurer, BJA Southern Area  
May 2007

## ***Coaching Report***

There has been activity throughout the Area in coaching.

Several revalidation events have been run in different aspects of judo, giving coaches the opportunity to re-validate.

I have examined all the candidates that were ready, following the Level 3 Course that I ran last year.

I attended the National Coaching Seminar in Loughborough, on behalf of the Area.

An Advanced Apprenticeship Scheme in Judo has been set up to run at Dartford Judo Club from September this year. This course will run in conjunction with North West Kent College, and players will be aged 16/17. They will complete a BTEC National Certificate in Sport (Performance and Excellence), and an NVQ Level 3 in Judo.

Many major universities have agreed to accept success on this AASE Programme as entry qualification for their degree courses.

Anyone interested in this course should contact me on 07956 917576.

The BJA has begun to run Levels 1 and 2 Coaching Courses, in conjunction with the new Regional Technical Officers.

Alan Roberts  
May 2008

## ***Male & Female Squad Reports***

Area players have been successfully involved in all levels of judo activity throughout the year.

Area cadet and junior players have participated in International Events in Ukraine, Belgium, Germany, Poland, Portugal, Sweden and Czech Republic, as part of the selection procedure for the Cadet European Championships. Taylor Bell, Jack Kelly and Amelia Cook have all been selected for this event.

Senior players have also been busy, competing in Sweden, Canada, USA, Switzerland, Finland, Belgium, Holland, France, Germany, Italy and Russia.

Karina Bryant has qualified for the Olympics, and Ben Quilter qualified for the Paralympics this year.

Senior Women's Team won bronze, and Junior Boys' Team won gold in the National Team Championships.

Master competitors have also been active, winning medals in the World, European and Commonwealth Masters Events.

I organised a Coaching and Training Session with Russian player Vitaly Makarov, in conjunction with Andrew Moshanov, and also organised an International Training Camp, following the British Open, which included foreign and British players.

Area sessions are held on the first Monday of the month (except on Bank Holiday Mondays) at Dartford Judo Club for orange belt and above, and over 10 years of age.

Alan Roberts  
May 2008

## ***Competition Report***

In late 2007, due to a work relocation to Suffolk, John Bushnell decided to step down from the Southern Area Committee and resign from organising the Area's competitions. The Southern Area would like to thank John for his many years of service to the Area and for his excellent work running a successful programme of events year after year.

The committee is yet to replace John on a permanent basis and would like to thank Sheila Hearsey, Graham Beagley and Nicky & Paul Sexton for all of their efforts in organising and running the competitions since John stepped down.

The Area continues to hold its major events at K2 utilising the services of members of Kin Ryu Judo Club to lay the mats. In order to improve the competition environment the committee has decided to replace the mats at K2 with new 1x1 which will bring the layout into full compliance with the new competition rules, extending the safety area and allowing us to use the current mat layout.

During the past year the competitions organised by the Southern Area were:

June 07: South of England Open Junior and Youth Championships which was the first major competition run by the Area under the new U10 and U12 rules. To fully comply with the requirements the event had 80 groups. Although a challenging day for the organisers it was a successful one.

Nov 07: South of England Orange and Under Championships which attracted a large number of entrants. At the same event the area held the Southern Area Senior and Masters Closed event. This event was highly successful and it was generally agreed that having a senior event run at the same time as a junior one was a great success.

March 08: South of England Dan and Kyu Grade and Masters Championships, despite the low number of entrants a few weeks prior to the event it was decided to proceed with this event despite it being run at a loss. This was the right decision as Paul Sexton ran a very successful competition so that all had an enjoyable day, in a good spirited event and were able to have a reasonable number of fights given the low numbers. Also a big thank you to Lisa Harrison for her sterling efforts to bolster the number of entrants in the week before the event.

May 08: Southern Area Inter Counties, was hosted this year by Sussex and was once again a successful event held in an enjoyable atmosphere. There were a full quota of entrants in the Girls, Boys and Men's categories and this year there were three ladies teams entered.

Results:

Men:

1st SUSSEX	2nd SURREY	3rd KENT	3rd HAMPSHIRE
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Women:

1st SUSSEX	2nd HAMPSHIRE	3rd KENT
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Boys:

1st KENT	2nd HAMPSHIRE	3rd SURREY	3rd SUSSEX
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Girls:

1st HAMPSHIRE	2nd KENT	3rd SURREY	3rd SUSSEX
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The few Competition Controllers and Senior Recorders continues to be of great concern, not helped by there being a lack of development activities on a national level. During the year we have seen an increase in the amount of new timekeepers and table officials, but we are significantly short. Every effort must be made to encourage new officials and for the existing ones to progress through the ranks. During 2008 the committee will be looking at ways of developing and promoting competition officials at all levels within the Area.

During the coming year a new structure for competitions will be introduced by the BJA. This change, in combination with the introduction of a non-competitive grading scheme should make the coming year an interesting one for competitions in the Southern Area. Over the coming 12 months the Competition Commission will be analysing the effects of these changes and will be looking at how the Area events are planned and structured.

Once again the Southern Area would like to thank all those officials who have given up their time to organise and run a successful series of competitions.

Graeme Skelly  
June 2008

## ***Refereeing Report***

### Sub-Committee

Alan Rickard - Chairman  
Alan Lingham - Sub-Committee Member  
Martin Rivers - Senior Refereeing Registrar  
Peter Seymour - Junior Refereeing Registrar

### Events

Congratulations to Laura Murray (nee Sexton) (National B Referee) who got married!

The Area ran various events: Inter-County Team Championships, Junior & Youth Championships, Junior Orange Belt and Under, Senior Closed, Masters, Dan and Kyu Grade Open.

Each ran successfully, with thanks to officials from outside the area, and without major incident.

The Area's referees continue to referee the length and breadth of the country, refereeing at over 40 events during 2007/8.

The Area's Referees were involved with the Men's World Cup in Birmingham, both refereeing (David Stanley) and various other duties, including Referee Allocation and Judogi Control.

David Stanley continues his International duties.

### Courses

The Area was well represented at the National Refereeing Seminar in Walsall, and there have been 2 very well attended combined junior and senior courses run within the Area.

The Area has also assisted with courses outside of the Area.

### Examinations

Tracy Bird passed her National 'C' examination.

Sean Warren returned to refereeing, revalidating as a National 'C' referee.

DJ Soards made the transition from Junior Level 2 to Area Referee.

Neil Savory, Jon Sieloff, Paul Black, Tristan Greaves, Paul Cook, Jason Meek, Jeffrey Newnhan, John Logan and Raymond Russell passed their Area examinations.

There are also a number of senior referees that have passed their theory examination, and are awaiting a practical exam.

Lee Growse, Jamie Savory and James Draper passed their Junior Level 3 exam.

A number of junior officials passed their Level 1 and 2 during 2006.

Martin Rivers continues on the IJF Training Programme.

## Appointments

Alan Lingham and Martin Rivers continue on the National Refereeing Commission, as Junior and Senior Refereeing Coordinators, respectively.

## Referees

The Southern Area has the following number of referees:

IJF A:	3
IJF B:	1
Snr. Nat:	1
Nat. A:	8
Nat. B:	8
Nat. C:	13
Area:	25

Martin Rivers  
BJA Southern Area  
Senior Refereeing Registrar  
May 2008

## ***Director of Examiners' Report***

First of all please accept my apologies for none attendance at this AGM, but all being well I should be on holiday in Alaska.

What a year it has been! Its been a year of continual change and, dependant on your point of view, change for the better or a backward step. I know there are many people in the Area who support both points of view. However the changes, i.e. the technical gradings an alternative system for Dan grades but in the longer term an obligatory one for mon & kyu grades, has meant that it has been a year of keeping ones head down and getting on with the business of gradings and promotions and dealing with the changes as they have come along.

As most of you know the Area was selected by the Andrew Moshanov, BJA Technical Director, to trial the then proposed Technical Grading Scheme for promotion to 7th, 8th and 9th mon. This was I feel most successful with Andrew demonstrating at several venues in the Area how simple the syllabus was to teach and examine. Queries raised in this connexion and questions in general relating to promotions were answered comprehensively by Andrew and David Horton-Jones, the newly appointed National Director of Examiners at one of the 2 bi-annual Area Examiners Seminars, which this year because of the importance of coaches understanding the system were held at Dartford Judo Club on 2nd March and Winchester College on 16thg March. However all understanding of a phased approach was turned upside down when we learnt that there would be a complete introduction of 7th – 18th mon and for all kyu grades of the technical grading systems on 1st April with a given period of 6 months overlap to wind up already booked Competitive gradings. But even since then there have been changes particularly on the financial front. Currently the grading fees for a Technical Grading is £5.00 payable to the BJA with no refund to the area or counties. However discretionary costs for expenses, such as venue hire, examiners/coaches expenses can also be added to the minimum obligatory cost. A complicated system to say the least and each county in the area is attempting to deal with the situation in its own way.

Finally to cap it all we are promised a review in October – so watch this space.

Whilst there have been no Area Promotion Commission meetings during the past 12 months, the appointment of David Horton-Jones has made life much easier in that questions are answered if not immediately within a day or so and I understand that a National Booklet on Promotions/Gradings is being completed, but as for us, the changes must have impinged on the timetable for production in no small way.

Comprehensive Gradings have continued in all counties in the area throughout the year without incident and the Area Registrar will no doubt report on members attending etc.

Altogether a stand-still report this year as I said “keep your head down” but I suspect that next years report will be much more lively.

To all the county co-ordinators and the Area Examiners and Senior Examiners my grateful thanks. You must all have been working exceptionally well since I have had no problems referred to me from HA during the past 12 months.

Thank you all.

Keith Adams  
Director of Examiners  
May 2008

## **Grading Registrar's Report**

Well, once again the powers to be wish to change the format!

After what has been a very successful year and rewarding as regards to the increases in players taking part in the gradings we now have come to the end of an era.

After careful thought HQ has now introduced the technical grade which as we speak is being rolled out across the UK, now whether you think this for the best or not it is happening and therefore all Counties have now got to re-think how they implement this scheme to be able to make it as fair as we have always done during our gradings

This also goes for the way which I was hoping to change how the sheets are made which has now been placed on a back burner until such time as they/ us decide how this needs to be done, I hope that the southern Area when it comes to the October review will once again be at the forefront of ideas that would help the new system and make it a much smoother format that at present, when this new system is still in its infancy.

So there is not a lot to be said at this stage, most of the committee have no idea how this new system fits in we are all as much learners as everyone else but it will be hoped that the southern Area as always will shine through and produce a standard which is fair and well organised that has been noticed over the years.

I thank all examiners, even though we would appear at this stage to be redundant, and all other officials for their continued support, please remember to continue sending me the grading sheets so I may keep a record of all players, Juniors and seniors, to see if this introduction of the new scheme will have an effect on numbers grading and taking up the sport and one final point.....

Hampshire has the final grading under the old scheme on June 15th, please feel free to attend

Should you need to contact me use e-mail address:  
[peter.hampshirejudo@ntlworld.com](mailto:peter.hampshirejudo@ntlworld.com).

THANK YOU

Peter Powell  
Southern Area Registrar  
May 2007



WOMEN	NOVICE	9K	8K	7K	6K	5K	4K	3K	2K	1K	1D	2D	3D	4D	CONV		
		0	3	2	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	14
																<b>TOTAL</b>	739

**SUSSEX**

GIRLS&BOYS 1-6 MON 149 149

BOYS	6M	7M	8M	9M	10M	11M	12M	13M	14M	15M	16M	17M	
	52	15	24	19	23	14	11	12	6	7	4	0	187

GIRLS	6M	7M	8M	9M	10M	11M	12M	13M	14M	15M	16M	17M	
	19	6	10	8	7	6	4	9	0	3	1	1	74

MEN	NOVICE	9K	8K	7K	6K	5K	4K	3K	2K	1K	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	CONVER	
		14	18	11	11	20	21	16	22	15	66	10	6	0	0	0	7 237

WOMEN	NOVICE	9K	8K	7K	6K	5K	4K	3K	2K	1K	1D	2D	3D	4D	5D	CONVER		
		5	1	3	1	2	2	4	2	3	16	3	0	0	0	0	2 44	
																	<b>TOTAL</b>	691

HANTS	KENT	SUR	SUS	SA	TOTAL
1157	556	739	691		3143

## ***Development Report***

This report covers the period of May 07 – May 08 and covers the Counties of Hampshire, Kent, Surrey and Sussex.

The bulk of my time has been supporting Clubs signing up to Clubmark and working with sports organisation and local counties on funding issues. Clubmark, as well as being a good health check for the Club, supports development in Coaching and revalidation, encouraging and rewarding volunteers and setting good club procedures and help with marketing. Along the process it may also involve help with funding and facility issues.

Schools and Local Authorities are more receptive towards clubs that have been through the accreditation process – as they clearly show a child friendly and safe environment for them to create links with.

Coach education remains a major issue for us in the South, with the introduction of the UK Coaching Certificate and the Technical Grading scheme. These major changes which have greatly increased the challenges for the ATD, Area Director of Examiners, coaches and examiners. The BJA has appointed Regional Technical Officers to provide mat based support and guidance on the new technical grading scheme and to deliver the UKCC coaching courses. Chris Doherty has been appointed RTO for the Southern Area and Northern Home Counties. Although he has some 260 clubs to cover he will be working closely with the activities and requirements of the area and he will be supporting the work of the Area Technical Director

I also attend Sport England, NGB and County Sports Partnerships Forums working with Local Authority Sports Development Units throughout the area on local and club initiatives. It is these partnerships that help to raise the profile of Judo and the excellent work that our Clubs, Coaches and Volunteers carry out.

County Youth games are flourishing in Surrey, Hampshire and Sussex. These competitions give our young people and schools Judo participants the chance to compete together – many for the first time in an event supported by not only judo but Sport in whole, in a festival atmosphere, with the aim of them moving fully into our own competition structures. Hopefully these events are now integrated into the Counties competition structures as they follow the Long-term Player development models for Sport.

I am assisting the Southern Area Development Plan committee with their work drafting a new plan for the Area. This committee consists of representatives from each of the four counties.

The support I get from fellow judo persons and officials make development work a pleasure in the south with a lot of forward thinking and open attitudes being the key factor to success and development

Karen French  
May 2008

## ***Kata Report***

Kata is still keeping me very busy!

In September I chaired the KWP meeting at High Wycombe and organised the British Senior Open Kata Championships, the National Senior Trials and the British Junior Closed Kata Championships. In the British Open we had entries from Sweden.

In October I travelled to Tokyo to judge the First Kodokan International Kata Championships, following my recommendation by EJU Sport Director Franco Capaletti. The only other European Judges were Peter Martin (Sweden) and Mr Sugiyama (Italy). There were four mats and I judged Katame-no-kata. The Japanese won all the golds and silvers and the Spanish won all the bronzes. Unfortunately the invited British pair was unable to compete. I had a meal with Mr Watanabe and met Mr Matsushita and many other Kodokan sensei.

Having decided that the Annual two day Kata course was superfluous and would not continue, I was fortunate to once again obtain the highly skilled and very knowledgeable services of Mr Iura, Kodokan 7th dan and he has coached on two courses in the past 12 months, one in the Autumn and one in the Spring. This has covered four Kata and has attracted participants from as far away as Israel who are unable to take part on the Saturday as it is their Sabbath – that is commitment! Thanks to Alan Rickard and Sheila Hearsey who have kindly let me use the excellent Croydon Judo Club facilities for these courses.

A KWP meeting was held in Worcester in February; the same weekend as the KWP coached the British Kata Team – everybody was tired by the end of the weekend!

The Southern Area Open Kata Championships in April were a success thanks to the Midland Area contingent. Don't our coaches know enough to teach it? Or is the problem somewhere else?

Dennis and Tina travelled to Tours in France to judge the Tours Open Kata Championships. Nine countries were represented!

In May I am travelling to Malta with Dennis and Tina Penfold, Eddie Awford (Team Manager) and the British Kata Team for the Fourth European Kata Championships. I am an EJU delegate, will attend a seminar and will take charge of one of the three mats. As I am writing this before the trip, I don't know the results at this time. I managed to persuade the BJA to supply tracksuits for the British Team this year.

The BJA are going to be sorry they missed the boat! Kata will now have its own IJF official event. In November the IJF are holding a "dry run" competition in Paris and the EJU have asked me to try for the IJF Judge qualification. The First Official IJF World Kata Championships will take place in Madrid.

I would like to put on record my thanks to the committee for their ongoing support. Also thanks to everybody on the KWP for their continued involvement on the national and European scenes as Judges. The other Southern Area judoka involved with the British Open – Dennis and Tina as Judges, Graeme Skelly, Richard Anderson, Paul Ritchie and Peter Leach. Last but not least, my daughter Stephanie, always helping at the British Open and continually typing forms, designing and printing certificates, etc., etc. I am sure that I have left out some people and I can only apologise for that.

Kata is “coming back” (it never really went away except in the UK!) so please get involved. All coaches need to know the basics of Judo – safety, hygiene, etiquette, randori, shiai and KATA.

Mick Leigh  
May 2007

## Future Events

05-July	Coach Revalidation - Grading Syllabus	Kelmscott Judo Club, London
06-July	Hampshire Junior & Senior Open Championship	Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth
06-July	Surrey County Grading – Booking Required	Donyngs Recreation Centre, Redhill
06-July	Surrey Closed Mini-Mons	Donyngs Recreation Centre, Redhill
09-July	AGM	Broadfield Stadium, Crawley
12-July	scUK Safeguarding and Child Protection Workshop	Moberley JC, London
12-July	Time To Listen Workshop	London
12-13 July	National Refereeing Seminar	Quality Hotel, Walsall
19-July	National Promotion Examination	High Wycombe JC
Sept	Committee Meeting	
14-Sept	Sussex Junior & Youth Open	Worthing LC
14-Sept	Sussex Senior Blue Belt & Under Open	Worthing LC
14-Sept	British Open Kata Championships	High Wycombe
20-21 Sept	GB World Cup	NIA, Birmingham
28-Sept	British Masters Championships	Midlands
11-12 Oct	National Age Bands	Ice Sheffield
12-Oct	Surrey County Grading	Donyngs Recreation Centre, Redhill
12-Oct	Surrey Junior Closed	Donyngs Recreation Centre, Redhill
12-Oct	Hampshire Junior, Senior and Dan Grading	Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth
26-Oct	Hampshire Split Grade Senior & Junior Open Championship	Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth
01-Nov	British Senior Trials	EiS Sheffield
02-Nov	British Senior Trials	EiS Sheffield
02-Nov	Junior Orange and Under Championships	K2 Crawley
02-Nov	Senior Closed Championships	K2 Crawley
09-Nov	Sussex Junior Yellow Belt & Under Open	Worthing LC
15-16 Nov	BJA AGM and Technical Congress	Henry Ford College, Loughborough
23-Nov	Sussex Closed Teams	Worthing LC
08-Mar	Dan and Kyu Grade Championships	K2 Crawley
May	Inter-County Team Championships	
14-Jun	Junior and Youth Championships	K2 Crawley
01-Nov	Junior Orange and Under Championships	K2 Crawley
01-Nov	Senior Closed Championships	K2 Crawley

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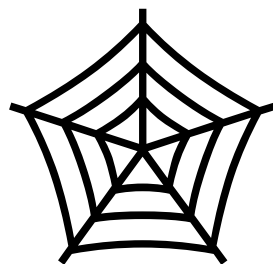
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