

BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION

Southern Area



2009

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 1st July 2009

Stadium Suite, Broadfield Stadium,
Broadfield, Crawley,
Sussex, RH11 9RX

7.30 pm

Agenda

Clubs Present.....	AGM Chairman
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Minutes of 2008 AGM

British Judo Association Southern Area, Annual General Meeting, Minutes of Meeting held on 21st July 2008, Broadfield Stadium Function Room, Crawley

Present: Barry James (BJ), Martin Rivers (MR), Alan Rickard (ARi), Alan Roberts (ARo) Richard Anderson (RA), Mandy Humphrey (MH), Graeme Skelly (GS), Peter Powell (PP)

Clubs Present: Rainham Judo Club, Sovereign Judo Club, Chichester Ronin, T.N.J.C., New Forest Park, Bushido J.C., Bexhill A.A., Tonbridge J.C., Mid Sussex Martial Arts School, Sittingbourne Judo Society, Meopham Judo Club, Kin Ryu, Mid Sussex, Chichester Ronin (Fareham), Croydon, Dartford Judo Club, Dorking, Dorking (Friends Provident), Gosport Judo Club.

19 clubs present

Apologies: Mick Leigh, John Harrison (Chanctonbury JC and Broadbridge Heath), Jill Ryan (Tiffin Judo Club), Chris Doherty, Keith Adams, Bexleyheath Judo Club, Summit Judo Club

1.0 Minutes of 2008 AGM:

- 1.1 Section 5.2 should be "The BJA did not repay these cost as they were down to the Area who hosts the event."
- 1.2 AGM minutes proposed as an accurate record by Sheila Hearsey (Croydon), seconded by Jill Anderson (Dorking)

Vote: For – unanimous.

2.0 Matters Arising:

- 2.1 BJ thanked the AGM making him Vice-President of the Southern Area for life.

3.0 President's report:

- 3.1 The president's report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 3.2 The Baker Brown Trophy was awarded to Ben Quilter.
- 3.3 The Jack Cook Volunteer Award was presented to Graham Beagley.

4.0 Chairman's Address and Report

- 4.1 The chairman's report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 4.2 BJ thanked the counties and the Southern Area committee for their work throughout the year.

- 4.3 Tony Newton (TN) questioned the availability of funding to support the development of new coaches now that implementation of the UKCC has begun. KF stated that whilst it may not be possible to obtain 100% funding it should be possible to get grants to cover between 66% to 75% of the costs. All four counties in the SA have slightly different schemes. KF asked anyone who wants to attend a course to let her know and she will advise of how to obtain funding. The BJA are creating a database of those interested in UKCC courses to assist with planning.
- 4.4 The lack of UKCC courses in the Southern Area was raised. One issue is obtaining a suitable venue which is available Friday, Saturday and Sunday with the required facilities. There followed debate on the suitability of various locations in the SA. Dave Duffy is the BJA co-ordinator. ARO questioned who he had been communicating with. BJ stated that the Board had request DD to revisit the location of courses.
- 4.5 It was expected that the transfer of existing coaches from the BJA scheme to the UKCC would not be too onerous. The Board of the BJA has agreed that existing coaches will not lose their BJA qualification even if they do not transfer on to the UKCC scheme.

5.0 Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 The Treasurer's report and Southern Area accounts were circulated to the SA clubs prior to the meeting. RA read out the auditor's report.
- 5.2 It was proposed that the accounts and report be accepted by Sid Hearsey (Croydon) and seconded by Mandy Humphrey (Dartford). There were 18 clubs in favour of accepting the accounts, 0 against and 1 abstention.

6.0 Coaching Report

- 6.1 The coaching report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 6.2 Sheila Hearsey asked if the new UKCC course could be completed modular as it may be difficult for some to attend courses over a Friday, Saturday and Sunday due to work commitments. BJ will raise the issue with the board.
- 6.3 ARO expressed his disappointment with the level of involvement of Area Technical Directors in the process of development and implementation of Level 1 & 2 of the UKCC courses.
- 6.4 A brief overview of the Instructors course was given however it is not known if this will go ahead. Level 3 of the UKCC has been finalised but not yet implemented,
- 6.5 ARO felt that communication from the BJA on coaching was very poor. TN asked if the BJA appreciated the lack of communication and the frustration it caused. BJ explained that no-one at the BJA involved in the UKCC had a background in education and consequently did not understand how they could make the process easier.
- 6.6 Marion Woodard (MW) asked if the Area could do anything to resolve the issues raised, perhaps by making submitting a resolution to the National AGM. Under the current BJA constitution an Area is not able to submit resolutions as they have to be submitted by 2 clubs. This may change once the new BJA constitution is confirmed. BJ/GS to investigate if the Area will be able to submit a resolution to the National AGM under the new BJA constitution.
- 6.7 MW asked what else could be done to improve the situation. BJ will ensure that the issues and strong feeling raised at this AGM are fed back to the BJA board and will look at having

the ability to run courses devolved to the Area.

7.0 Squad report – male/female

- 7.1 The male squad report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 7.2 MH/ARo outlined their proposals to develop an Area “squad” feel, which was lost after individual national entry was allowed. Following on from discussions with coaches and country Squad managers, the Area proposes to support players who are of the level/potential level to succeed at the National squad. It is proposed to build a level of achievement that they junior players can aspire to and re-develop the “Area Development Level of Success”. The Area is looking to organise Area sessions throughout the year. Although funds will be limited the Area is also looking to provide financial assistance towards international experience for Area players with a proven level of ability. ARo asked the meeting for feedback on these ideas.
- 7.3 The meeting was in favour of the National Junior Championships returning to Area selection. It was agreed that the Area should be re-instil a level of pride in membership of an Area squad and encourage county and Area level incentives, for example badges. Paul Sexton felt the challenge would be identifying those from smaller clubs perhaps by creating a database. He also felt that this has to be managed against those who push juniors forward who were not ready for Area level competition.
- 7.4 Jason Atkinson (JA) suggested that perhaps the four counties could form a working group to help move the issue forward. It was also suggested that the training sessions should be held around the four counties. ARi felt that as there are limited funds the Area needs to make sure the right people get the funds. ARo agreed that there was a lot of work and asked for written feedback on how the Area can implement the ideas proposed and discussed.

8.0 Competitions report

- 8.1 The competition report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 8.2 The Area is currently without a chair of the competition sub-committee. The Area is working on resolving this.
- 8.3 The lack of promotion of officials has caused concern and the Area is in discussion with Mat Abbott about changes at the national level. The BJA are looking at introducing a new competition official qualification – Provisional Competition Controller.

9.0 Refereeing Report

- 9.1 The refereeing report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.
- 9.2 JA stated that the referees’ course held at his club was well received and thanked the SA officials who organised it. Wendy Malkinson also congratulated MR on the quality of the refereeing courses held in the Area.
- 9.3 MR thanked Sid Hearsey, Lisa Harrison and Peter Seymour for their work running courses and encouraging juniors and seniors to become referees.

10.0 Director of Examiners Report

10.1 The Examiners report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.

11.0 Area Recorder of Gradings Report

11.1 The Area Recorder's report had been circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.

12.0 Development report

12.1 The Development report was circulated to clubs prior to the meeting.

12.2 BJ explained that the current development plan was coming to an end and that the Area had started to work on a new plan. KF will undertake a development review by holding a series of meetings with representatives from each of the counties.

12.3 Youth Games were held in 3 of the 4 counties helping the development of judo.

13.0 Kata Report

13.1 The kata report had been distributed prior to the meeting.

13.2 BJ thanked ML for his activities on kata and felt that the Area benefited from these. It was good to see younger players attend the kata competitions.

14.0 PR Report

14.1 MR reported that the web site continues to be well used with over 11,000 hits per month. The Area will look at producing additional PR material perhaps including a wall calendar.

14.2 TN asked how the Area could promote itself to the junior members. MR suggested this could be done in competitions, perhaps by having a parade. MR to investigate.

14.2 Acceptance of the reports proposed by Jason Atkinson (TJC) and seconded by Graham Beagley (Sovereign). They were all accepted unanimously.

15.0 Election of Officers

15.1 President – the vote was unanimous to re-elect Mick Leigh.

15.2 Council Representative and Deputy – It was proposed by Alan Roberts (Sittingbourne Judo Society) and seconded by Sid Hearsey (Croydon JC) to elect Alan Rickard as Council Representative and Keith Adams as Deputy. This was accepted unanimously.

16.0 Resolutions

16.1 None

17.0 Appointment of Auditor

17.1 It was agreed to continue to use Julie Gomer as auditor.

18.0 Any Other Business

18.1 Paul Sexton (PS) was disappointed by the lack of communication from the Southern Area and felt that the Area committee could do better. PS suggested that the Area could make better use of e-mail. ARI highlighted that it was difficult for the Area to communicate when it was not being told anything by the BJA.

18.2 There followed a debate on the effectiveness of the BJA board and staff and the ability of the Areas and clubs to influence the policies and procedures of the BJA. It was felt that the postal vote system at the BJA AGM had weakened the influence of Areas and clubs.

18.4 Meeting closed at 9:45 pm

President's Report

In July I attended a competition and barbeque at Kin Ryu Judo Club. It was a very successful event.

I was organiser and Technical Director of the 29th British Open Kata Championships at High Wycombe Judo Club. A good competition with increases in both juniors and seniors sections. The event was also used as trials for the seniors' British Kata Team. Other Southern Area members helped the event run smoothly: Richard Anderson, Stef Leigh, Graeme Skelly, and Peter Leach.

I attended the World Cup in the NIA, Birmingham in November 2008 was a first as I was present at the BJA Council meeting, the BJA AGM and the Technical Congress. I was at the Senior Examiners' Seminar at High Wycombe in January 2009.

I had the sad duty of attending Ralph Smith's funeral. Ralph did his early year's judo at the Budokwai, moving to Sussex many years ago. He was very supportive of Chichester Ronin JC.

About a week later I attended Clive Taylor's funeral. He was a colleague and friend of mine for many years as a member of the National Kata Working Party.

I attended Kin Ryu JC AGM in March. I was supposed to go to Portsmouth Judo Club's 60th Anniversary celebrations, but unfortunately I was ill and unable to drive. I hear it was a great do.

There was a lot of good judo at the Area Inter-county championship in Doynings Leisure Centre, Redhill. There was also an excellent atmosphere.

This year I passed the organisation of the two day Kata course over to the S.A. committee. Mr Iura, Kodokan 7th Dan resident in Iceland coached Nage-no-kata and Goshin-jutsu. The course was superb.

It has been a busy year for all the committee and I would like to thank them for all their hard work.

We have the only IJF 'A' kata judges – Dennis & Tina Penfold, our congratulations to them. They have judged for many years and continue to diligently study. They will be judging at the first official IJF world championships in Malta later on in the year.

As a 'close' I have passed the chairmanship of the Kata Working Party over to Eddie Awford and I'm sure he will be a great asset on the National and International circuit.

Mick Leigh
President, BJA Southern Area
May 2009

Chairman's Report

The SA has kept most of its usual selection of activities going well for the year. Reports from each of our sections give full details and I do not need to repeat the details. Thank you to all our hard working officials and officers for their leading parts. What should not be forgotten are all the club coaches, secretaries, and parents who form the backbone of our 130 clubs without their regular input usually weekly and unpaid, not to mention extra weekends.

Some competitions have been restricted this year because of delay in qualifying our new wave of competition controllers, but we have been promised help to get the right opportunities soon for their examinations. Our new refereeing development plan with Marion Woodard leading should help us to recruit and up skill our officials. Mandy Humphrey and Alan Roberts have kept the squads in good order and we can see their consistent success.

One of the really trying/testing duties the Area Recorder is patiently kept up to date by Peter Powell, so much detail to be scanned! The range of coach revalidation activities has included the Instructors Aware and Kata coaching to add to some work on the national coaching awards. Our new development plan is drafted and being built up in detail. One of the biggest decisions is where to invest in Area mats as not all the factors are yet clear such as will NSCCP be usable or do we expand in K2? The Kata section, led by Mick Leigh has had an active year. One of the highlights being the success of our judges, the Penfolds, in getting this IJF Kata judge recognition. We are just beginning to work with our Technical officer Chris Doherty and are waiting for the new development officer to be appointed so that we can enhance our services to clubs.

We have been given a new draft constitution in common with all Areas and will be working to make any adjustments this requires. Luckily, when we did our recent changes we brought our existing documents close to the principles of the new ones.

All these bureaucratic exercises have required hours of extra effort from the secretary Graeme Skelly and the Treasurer Richard Anderson. The vice-Chair Alan Rickard has helped with so many extra duties that our large Area generates that he also deserves special mention. Martin Rivers continues to represent Sussex and give us the benefits of his IT skills and referring knowledge. Next year calls, thank you all.

Barry James
Chairman, BJA Southern Area
June 2009

Accounts

	apr 07 to mar 08	apr 08 to mar 09
	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Bank Interest		
BJA Rebates		
Coaching		
Competitions		
Examiners		
Grading Levies		
Miscellaneous		
Refereeing		
Sponsorship		
Mat Replacement Fund		
Total Income	_____	_____
	=====	=====
<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		
Total Expenditure	_____	_____
Total Income	_____	_____
Excess Income/Expenditure	_____	_____
	=====	=====
	(surplus 07/08)	(surplus 08/09)

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/3/09

Current Assets
Represented by:
Debtors
Bank Balances

Current Liabilities
Represented by:
Creditors
Net Current Assets

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Funds Balance
Represented by:
Balance b/f from previous year
Less
Excess Expenditure / Income
Funds Balance cfrd

Richard K Anderson
Southern Area Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Notes to the Accounts for Year ending 31 March 2009

The attached account sheet shows that, once more, the Southern Area maintains a healthy bank balance with a very substantial surplus at the end of the financial year. £ of the Area's fund has been ring-fenced for 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 surplus forms a reserve against possible loss of income from the following sources:

- Membership rebate from the BJA - The BJA continues to fulfil its commitment in giving this rebate, although it is not guaranteed.
- Grading rebate from the BJA - The technical grading system is being run throughout the Area and the BJA continues to pass back part of the grading levies from some of the gradings. It is unclear what will be received in the future.
- Interest on capital - In the current financial climate this income will be severely limited.
- Competitions - There has been a reduction in the number of Area competitions and this trend may continue with the further loss of income (but with less expenditure).

During this current financial year, the Area repaid the counties' outstanding grading rebates for the period 1 October 2007 to 31 March 2008. Unfortunately, the details of the separate gradings for 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2009 were not received until after this year's accounts had been completed. These rebates have been allocated, sent to the County treasurers and will be shown on the 2009/2010 accounts. The accounts were submitted to Julie Gomer of Aquarian Accounting for examination and her report will be presented.

Richard K Anderson
Treasurer, BJA Southern Area
May 2009

Male & Female Squad Reports

All level of the squads have been busy, with numerous players representing both England and Great Britain in International events. Of particular note are Taylor Bell who been selected for the European Youth Olympics and Cadet Europeans, and Samuel Potts who has been selected for the Cadet European. Sophie Johnstone was selected for the Senior Europeans but was unable to compete due to injury.

The Inter Counties were successfully run by Surrey County, with a men's team from the Channel Islands taking part. The Senior Area teams competed in the National Team Event in Kendal, with the women's team winning Silver and the men's team, Bronze.

Area players have competed in France, Belgium, Germany, Spain, USA, Sweden and Mauritius, where Alan Roberts was the team coach, and was assisted by Mandy Humphrey, who also competed in the Master event.

Mandy Humphrey
May 2009

Competition Report

The Area continues to hold its major events at K2 and during the past year the competitions organised by the Southern Area were:

June 08: South of England Open Junior and Youth Championships which was again 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.

May 09: Southern Area Inter Counties, was hosted this year by Surrey and was once again a successful event held in an enjoyable atmosphere. This year the Channel Islands entered a men's team.

Results:

Men:

1st HAMPSHIRE	2nd SUSSEX	3rd SURREY	3rd KENT
3rd CHANNEL ISLAND			

Women:

1st HAMPSHIRE	2nd SUSSEX
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Boys:

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

1st SUSSEX	2nd SURREY	3rd KENT	3rd HAMPSHIRE
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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 2009 the committee will be looking to appoint a Director of Officials who will be responsible for developing and mentoring officials as well as co-ordinating events.

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 2009

Refereeing Report

Sub-Committee: Membership of the Committee changed during the year with core membership of Martin Rivers, Alan Lingham, Peter Seymour and Lisa Harrison.

Refereeing Activity: The Area's referees continue to officiate at competitions nationwide, attending over 40 events during 2008/9. Referees were involved with the Women's World Cup in Birmingham with D Stanley, International Referee, being invited to referee and others working on duties such as judogi control. Two referees - L Harrison and M Rivers officiated at the World Masters in Belgium in November.

D Stanley continues to be active at international events. Alan Lingham continues to be a long serving member of the National Refereeing Commission, his role being Refereeing Coordinator. Referees holding senior awards have been active at the Area's main competitions.

Thanks go to referees from other areas for their support for some at these events. Referees holding the junior award were assistants at the British Open, and timekeepers / scorers at the Kent International and Southern Area events.

Courses: The Area was well represented at the European Judo Union Refereeing Seminar in London in June and the National Refereeing Seminar in Walsall in July. There was excellent attendance at 2 combined junior and senior courses for those wishing to become referees or learn about Contest Rule knowledge. The course tutors have also been invited to assist on courses in other areas.

Refereeing Development: A number of junior officials passed their Level 1 and 2 during the year. Laura Murray continued on the assessment programme for the National A award, and Martin Rivers continued on the IJF Training Programme.

Referees: The Southern Area has the following numbers holding valid senior refereeing awards:

International (IJF A): 3	Continental (IJF B): 1
Snr. Nat: 1	
Nat. A: 7	Nat. B: 8
Area: 27	Nat. C: 3

and the following numbers holding valid junior refereeing awards:

Level 1: 29
Level 2: 7
Level 3: 2

Challenges for 2009 – 2010 will be:

- to keep the interest of players holding junior refereeing awards when there are few events at which they can use their skills (a result of the changes in the grading system)
- to retain current referees holding senior awards
- to encourage clubs to promote the take-up by players of roles such as competition officials, examiner and referee

Marion Woodard
Chair, Refereeing Sub-committee
BJA Southern Area
May 2009

Director of Examiners/Grading Registrar Report

One year on and things are starting to progress with the new gradings scheme although very slowly. There are still clubs who appear not, to be grading their players whether through lack of understanding of the Technical system or just not wanting to implement it.

Any coaches wanting to have a visit by those who can help, and I do mean help, can contact myself on peter.judo@ntlworld.com and I will endeavour to either attend myself or help find someone who can.

There are courses around, (two in May, one in June on websites) that have been requested but if you have coaches who collectively wish to have a course put on and have the facility to hold the course please let me know.

The figures included in this report seem to differ from those figures that arrive on my doorstep from the BJA. The figures I produce help organise the rebates from the Southern Area to the Counties. At present it is a requirement to have the grading sheets copied to me as well as the BJA with the fees, this way I can then produce more correct figures for the rebates. After all the rebates received should be sent to the relevant counties as they are the one who have put in the time and effort to get them and not leave them in the Southern Area books.

Until such time as a better routine is worked out, and I give the nod, can all coaches ensure that they send me a copy of the grading sheets. If they do it would be very much appreciated, where you can, if you are geekish, scan and send by e-mail to me and this will cut down on your postage costs. We are looking at producing one that is electronic but that will take time.

Regarding the Grading sheet the new ones being issued are to include a facility for using your credit cards, finally replacing the old fashioned idea of cheques which are being phased out shortly. Again if this could be done electronically then the 1970 style paperwork can be gotten rid of.

Club information

Can all Clubs please review the contact information on the BJA web site and where it is out of date can you send the information into the webmasters for updating. If anyone needs to contact you it can be a bit confusing if they can't because of the incorrect details, let's get the information updated and help stop the phone calls that I get about clubs in the Area.

For those of you who do send me sheets, which of course is appreciated, my loft is definitely creaking a bit! Sometimes I cannot read the writing or some information is missing from it.

What I require please is the coaches name, the venue and if possible for quickness the county.

Once the next Promotion Commission has met then there should be a little more information which I will hopefully pass down if I believe it to be relevant (no scaremongering).

And finally a personal message of thanks from myself to you all for all the work that you all do supporting your Counties and Area. If there is any input or comments about the grading scheme, or any other matter, that you wish to put forward please pass this to me and I can then bring it up at the next relevant meetings (SA and Promotion).

Thank you for your continued support

Peter Powell
Director of Examiners/Area Registrar
Southern Area
May 2009

Grading Stats 2008/9

HANTS							
GIRLS&BOYS	n-6M	7M - 9M	10M - 12M	13M - 15M	16M - 18M		
	555	52	32	22	3		664
KYU	old grade	NOVICE - 4k	3K - 2K	1K	1D	2D ABOVE	
	49	23	6	40	1	0	70
TOTAL							734
KENT							
GIRLS&BOYS	n-6M	7M - 9M	10M - 12M	13M - 15M	16M - 18M		
	333	35	14	13	2		397
KYU	old grade	NOVICE - 4k	3K - 2K	1K	1D	2D ABOVE	
	48	11	9	21	0	0	41
TOTAL							438
SURREY							
GIRLS&BOYS	n-6M	7M - 9M	10M - 12M	13M - 15M	16M - 18M		
	418	70	59	25	8		580
KYU	old grade	NOVICE - 4k	3K - 2K	1K	1D	2D ABOVE	
	24	8	4	0	0	0	12
TOTAL							592
SUSSEX							
GIRLS&BOYS	n-6M	7M - 9M	10M - 12M	13M - 15M	16M - 18M		
	529	52	32	22	3		638
KYU	old grade	NOVICE - 4k	3K - 2K	1K	1D	2D ABOVE	
	24	5	2	15	0	0	22
TOTAL							660
	HANTS	KENT	SURREY	SUSSEX			
Total graded players	734	438	592	660		TOTAL	2424
6 month rebates	220	111	124	27			482
12 month REBATES	555	333	418	529			1835
difference between rebates	335	222	294	502			1353

Kata Report

On the 8th, 9th and 10th May 2008 I attended the European Kata Championships in Malta as a member of the Kata Commission and EJU Judge Examiner. Shortly after this competition, the Commission was abolished. I decided, after due reflection, that my best course of action was to resign all EJU duties. I have not regretted this decision.

The two day course I organised for 17th and 18th May 2008 was coached by Mr Iura, Kodokan 7th Dan. I met him at Heathrow and ferried him to his hotel in Purley. On Saturday he coached Kime-no-kata and on Sunday Ju-no-kata. Eleven judoka travelled from Israel for the course. The feedback was very good and I am very happy with Croydon J.C. as the venue. Alan and Sheila were more than helpful. My thanks go to them. I have now passed the organisation of Mr Iura's kata courses to Barry James. (Mr Iura's next course will be over before this report is circulated – at Croydon J.C. on May 16th & 17th. The kata being Nage-no-kata & Goshin Jutsu).

The 29th British Open Championships for seniors and British Closed Championships for Juniors took place at High Wycombe J.C. on Sunday 14th September 2008. It included the British Senior Trails. All four home counties and entries from three EJU Federations were received. An Israeli judged as part of her training programme and, although her marking was not used for scoring purposes, it was very close to the judge's marks. She paid all her own expenses – travel, meals and accommodation. Eddie Awford and my daughter Stef were very able colleagues. The day was successful, but too long for the judges. This year we will be using two areas.

I coached a two-day course in NHC – Nage-no-kata and Katame-no-kata. It was an enjoyable weekend and the mat was full.

I also visited Dublin and coached a weekend course in Nage-no-kata and Go-no-sen-no-kata. I have been asked to make it a regular visit, twice a year.

At the last KWP Meeting, in Worcester, I passed the Chairmanship over to Eddie Awford. I am sure he will make an excellent Chairman. I remain on the KWP. On the 5th April I organised and participated in the first National Kata Examiners Seminar. All the feedback was positive. The British Team practised, and was coached by Denis & Tina Penfold, whilst Bob Thomas and I took the Kata Examiners through various marking exercises.

The Southern Area Open Kata Championships for Seniors and Juniors took place at Croydon J.C. on the 18th April. Senior & Junior numbers were up. We had entries from Southern, Northern Home Counties, Midlands and the Eastern Areas.

I am delighted to report that Dennis & Tina Penfold (Portsmouth J.C.) passed their IJF 'A' Judges Examinations in Paris at the IJF World Kata Cup. They will be

judging the European's in May (Rumania) and the first official IJF World Championships in Malta, later in the year.

Kata suffered a heavy blow when Clive Taylor, KWP member and National Judge lost a long fight with cancer. He will be greatly missed. However, overall I am very encouraged by the progress that Kata is making.

Mick Leigh
May 2009

PR Report/Future Events

Averaging almost 10,000 hits a month the Site shows the latest and greatest of activity in (and around) the Southern Area. It includes links to Area contacts and constitution, other Judo websites, previous AGM reports, latest BJA notices and forum activity, reference material and links to Grading Schemes, Rule changes, latest results and upcoming events

Future Events

01-July	AGM	Broadfield Stadium, Crawley
05-July	Hampshire Junior & Senior Open Championship	Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth
05-July	Senior Blue Belt and Below.	Donyngs Recreation Centre, Redhill
06-July	Surrey Closed Mini-Mon	Donyngs Recreation Centre, Redhill
18-July	2009 National Senior and Junior Team Championships	Sutton High SC, St Helens
18-July	National Promotion Examination	High Wycombe JC
20-July	England Squad Training (19:00 - 20:30 - Matt Divall)	Dartford JC
23-July	England Squad Training (20:00 - 21:30 - Matt Divall)	Dartford JC
26-July	Sussex Grading - 1st Kyu and Above	Worthing LC
8/9 Aug	UKCC Level 2 Judo Coaching Course	Osaka JC
22-August	British Closed Special Needs Championships	Walsall JC
02-Sept	Committee Meeting	
	UK School Games -	
03-Sept	13 September - - Worthing LC	University of Swansea
06-Sept	Heart of England	NIA, Birmingham
12-Sept	Junior Area Trials	K2 Crawley
13-Sept	Sussex Open Junior Age-Banded	Worthing LC
13-Sept	British Open Kata Championships	High Wycombe
19/20 Sept	UKCC Level 2 Judo Coaching Course	Osaka JC
04-Oct	Surrey Junior Closed	Donyngs Recreation Centre, Redhill
25-Oct	Hampshire Split Grade Senior & Junior Open Championship	Mountbatten Leisure Centre, Portsmouth
01-Nov	Junior Orange and Under Championships	K2 Crawley
01-Nov	Senior Closed Championships	K2 Crawley
04-Nov	Committee Meeting	
07-Nov	UKCC Level 2 Judo Coaching Course	Osaka JC
14-Nov	BJA 2009 Technical Congress	Henry Ford College, Loughborough
15-Nov	Sussex Open Junior Yellow Belt and Under	Worthing LC
22-Nov	Sussex Closed Junior and Senior Teams	Worthing LC

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BJA SOUTHERN AREA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, 1st JULY 2009 at 7.30 pm
Broadfield Football Stadium,
Broadfield, Crawley,
Sussex, RH11 9RX

Booking in from 6:45 pm. Please find annual reports enclosed.

Nominations Received.

For Chairman – Barry James
Proposed by Dartford Judo Club
Seconded by Croydon Judo Club

Resolution

No resolutions have been received.

Commission Appointments - those interested in being part of the BJA Southern Area organising team please see the attached sheet.

Those attending who are representing Clubs must bring with them their in-date membership licence and the voting authority form duly signed by the Club Chairman or Secretary.

SOUTHERN AREA COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

Those interested in being part of the Southern Area organising team should make their interest known (with a CV where appropriate) to the Southern Area Secretary, Graeme Skelly, 16 Milton Avenue, Westcott, Dorking, Surrey, RH4 3QA. E-mail graeme@mskelly.freeseve.co.uk

The Southern Area normally addresses commission and other appointments soon after the AGM.

The following Commissions require Chairmen and members -

- Coaching
- Competitions
- Development
- Discipline and honours
- Finance
- Promotions
- Publicity and Public Relations
- Refereeing

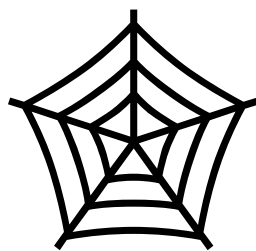
Other appointments include -

- Area Coach
- Area Self Defence Coach
- Area Squad Managers
- Director of Examiners

Counties will have recommended their choices of Southern Area Committee Members, County Coaches and other officers for ratification by the Southern Area as appropriate.

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