

Southern Area Coaching Commission Report

This last year has seen a major change to the Dan Grade Syllabus so it was decided to run some courses covering the change. To facilitate this I gave a course in Hampshire (23 attendees) and another in Sussex (12 Attendees). In May we also had Joe Nunn give a similar course at United JC which was attended by 18. These were extremely disappointing numbers considering the large change made to the Syllabus and its requirements.

In November we held the National Kata Course at Aldershot with Sensei Iura covering Nage-no-kata, Katame-no-kata and Itsutsu-no-kata. This was attended by 91 with 4th Kyu's to 7th Dans.

Llyr Jones, Val Kelly, Sarah Hopkins and I have also been running other kata courses around the area.

The BJA have also been presenting the "Finding your Feet" courses throughout the area as well.

The BJA ran a course to grade BJJ players to BJA grades at Ray Stevens Academy which I attended. The course was well received by the BJJ players. At some point in the future this may be introduced so that coaches can grade BJJ players in clubs, but for the moment the BJA wish to control the outcomes.

Summit JC also ran a course on Tenjin-Shinyo-ryu Jui Jitsu recently.

The National Kata Course will be held at Croydon JC this November covering Ju-no-kata and Kime-no-kata.