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GTI NEWS

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GTI UK-OPEN TOURNAMENT Sunday 6th April – Swindon



A last minute reminder that entry forms for this weekends' event need to be returned to your Instructor a.s.a.p. as all entries have to be with the Tournament Administrator by Friday 4th April. Sparring and Patterns competition is available, but there is no Destruction (Board breaking) at this event. Point-stop sparring rules will apply to Yellow and Green belt divisions, with both Continuous and Point-stop sparring available to Blue, Red and Black belt divisions. There will also be an additional highest jumping front kick fun competition for adults and juniors which can be entered on the day. The venue has both a cafeteria and swimming pool.

NB.

- *GTI competitors may wear coloured/club uniforms at this event*
- *Semi-contact gloves must be of the type that enclose the fingers and thumbs.*
- **CLOSING DATE:** *All Competitor entry forms & fees to reach the Tournament Administrator no later than Friday 4th April.*

Event Contact: Mrs. Z. Fendt

Tel: 01452 610446

Email:

tournaments@gti-taekwondo.co.uk

Venue: The Oasis Leisure Centre, North Star Avenue, Swindon. SN2 1EP

Doors open: 9.00a.m.

9:30a.m. Weigh-in/height checks commence.

Entry Costs: -

GTI Competitors: £15

Non-GTI: £20

Spectators: £5 (under 5's free)

National Black Belt Training Event Saturday 19th April – Worcester

An opportunity to train along side the senior black belts & grading examiners.

All Instructors and their black belt students are invited to join the GTI Committee for this first official National Black Belt Training event.

This will be the first time since the early years of the GTI that all the Association's Instructors will have the opportunity to gather en masse for the specific purpose of training together. It is hoped that all Instructors will show their support by attending this training session. It is also an opportunity for black belt students, who may have never seen the senior grades actually performing TKD, to come along and join them for this training session.

Master Harrison, 7th dan will be conducting this session and after the training there will be a question and answer opportunity as well as time for photographs, so bring your cameras. If any Instructors are unable to participate due to injury then please still attend and bring your GTI dobok (white one) as official photographs will be taken for publicity purposes.

Venue: St. John's Sports Centre, Swan Pool Walk, St. John's, Worcester WR2 4EL.

Cost: £15

NB. Will black belts please inform their Instructor if they are attending as we need an advance indication of numbers, as in the event of a large

response from black belt students then Instructors will be given priority for available places.

Black Belt Grading & Pre-Gradings

The next Dan grading takes place on Sunday 18th May at Mr. Tony Sewell's Academy in Derby. The examination panel on the day will be Master Clive Harrison 7th dan, Mr. Tony Sewell 6th dan, Mr. George Cockburn 6th dan, Mr. Paresh Bhadeshia 5th dan, and Mr. Francis Plunkett 5th dan.

Anyone intending to grade must first attend the three pre-grading sessions held in his or her area. If anyone finds that they are unable to attend on any of the given dates then they should do the following:

1. Put in writing their reason and state which dates in other areas they would be able to attend in order to fulfil their three-session quota.
2. Get their Instructor to forward it on to their Regional Coordinator for approval.

NB: All existing dan grades that are not grading but intend to take a dan grading in the future should attend one session.

South-West:

Sunday 13th April & 4th May - 7p.m. - 9p.m.

Venue: Truro Leisure Centre

Monday 28th April – 7p.m. - 9p.m.

Venue: Poole School, Camborne

Contact: Mr. D. Broderick 4th dan.

Tel: 07877 992127

Email:

danny.broderick@zen.co.uk

South-East:

Sunday 13th April & 11th May 1.30p.m.- 3.30p.m.

Venue: The Eversley Centre

Crest Avenue, Pitsea. SS13 2EF

Contact: Mr. G. Slater 5th dan.

Tel: 01268 473424

E-mail: gordon@essextkd.co.uk

NB. Agreed that those in the South East requiring three sessions will also attend one South Midlands pre-grading.

South Midlands:

Saturday 29th March, 26th April & 10th May. 6p.m. - 8p.m.

Venue: Nunnery Wood Sports Centre, Worcester. WR5 2NL

Contact: Mstr. C. Harrison 7th dan

Tel: 01905 820862

E-mail: clive01@talktalk.net

Central Midlands:

Sunday 13th & 27th April, 11th May. 3p.m. - 5p.m.

Venue: Idsall Sports Centre, Coppice Green Lane, Shifnal, Shrops. TF11 8PD

Contact: Mr. G. Cockburn 6th dan.

Tel: 0116 2848045

E-mail: secretary@gti-taekwondo.com

North Midlands:

Saturday 29th March, 26th April, 3rd May.

1.30p.m. - 3.30p.m.

Venue: Tony Sewell's TKD Academy, Charlotte St., Derby

Contact: Mr. T. Sewell 6th dan

Tel: 01332 297286 E-mail: vice-chairman@gti-taekwondo.com

Fight Club Training

The Fight Club is running training sessions in preparation for July's ITF European Championships & European Cup in Sardinia. This training is open to all grades who wish to improve their competition skills. Cost is £3 per session.

For more information please contact Mr. Ian Fendt on 01452 610446.

Venue: The Wheatpieces Community Centre, Columbine Road, Tewkesbury GL20 7SP

Training Dates: (all Sundays)

April 27th

May 11th, 25th

June 8th, 22nd

ITF European Championships & European Cup

3rd - 6th July in Sardinia

European Championships

Black belts not selected for the UKITF squad may enter the European Championships as individuals but must have an ITF status card and degree certificate, anyone requiring these please see your Instructor.

European Cup

As well as the European Championships there will also be a European Cup tournament held during this period. This has divisions for both coloured belts and black belts and ITF status cards/certificates are not required to compete in this event.

If you require more information on these events please contact Mr. Forbes England on 07747 694497

UKITF Squad Training Sunday 13th April - London

This competition training for the ITF team representing the UK (currently 5 GTI members have been selected as part of the team) at the European Championships is open to all grades who want to increase their competition skills as you will have the opportunity to train with experienced internationals. Training fees are £10.00 and all monies raised will be used to support the selected squad. The training session will be conducted by Master Wolf, 8th dan of Wolf TKD who have a number of World Champions in there ranks at both sparring and patterns.

Venue: Langley Academy, East Berkshire College, Langley Campus, Station Road, London

Time: 12 noon to 3p.m.

For more information please contact Mr. Forbes England on 07747 694497.

Master Willie Lim Seminar

(by Mrs Zoey Fendt 3rd dan)

Mr & Mrs Fendt accompanied by Mr F. England, Mr J. England, Mr C. Thompson and Miss H. Burdett went to the recent Master Willie Lim seminar on 19th April in Cheltenham. Master Lim shows

his interpretation of Taekwon-do pattern movements and explains his philosophy of the martial arts. Two hours is never long enough to grasp the insightful interpretations of this Taekwon-do Master, who is also proficient in Tai Chi and Karate. Master Lim was born into a family of Kung Fu practitioners, but began his formal training in Kyokushinkai Karate.



From left to right: Mrs Zoey Fendt 3rd dan, Miss Harriane Burdett 1st dan, Mr Chris Thompson 3rd dan, Mr Jack England 2nd dan, Master Willie Lim 8th dan, Mr Forbes England 3rd dan and Mr Ian Fendt 3rd dan.

He soon began to train in Tai Chi and moved on to Taekwondo in 1963. Master Lim met Professor Wally Jay and was inspired to then seek out Master Oyata the top Tuite practitioner in the USA. With such a vast amount of knowledge to draw on, Master Lim is the kind of teacher who mentions in passing things that you feel you should spend months investigating.

Master Lim never uses force, but makes his movements flow into an effective defence and attacking combination. The drills that he promotes are well worth the effort of learning and practicing. He seems to get results without putting any effort in, his technique is so good.

Master Lim will be returning to the UK in late September and we hope to put on a similar seminar for the GTI students to attend then. Anyone who wishes to receive details of this future seminar should e-mail: zoey@turtletaekwondo.com in order to be added to the mailing list.

English Championships

Thank you to all the competitors who supported the English Championships, (3rd Feb.), which saw a much greater number of entrants in attendance. Judging from the feedback they really enjoyed the whole day. They especially enjoyed the high jumping kick competition and the fantastic demonstration by Mr Slater (see it on the GTI Website at www.gti-taekwondo.com). Also a thank you to the recently formed Events Management Team for the administration and promotion of the event, and also a big thank you to all the Officials who worked hard all day to ensure that the competition ran smoothly.

UKITF Benefits

(an open letter from Mr. Forbes England 3rd dan)

Dear Student & Instructor

You may not be aware of the fact that the GTI is a member of the ITF, this is the governing body for Taekwondo through out the world, and is headed up by Grand Master Choi Jung Hwa, the son of the founder of Taekwondo; General Choi Hong Hi.

Each country then forms an INO (International organisation), there can be more than one INO as we have here in the UK with Imperial and UKITF.

The GTI is a member of UKITF (INO Number 90) along with Master Wolf's Taekwondo Academies; other associations can join should they wish to do so as long as they are approved by UKITF and the ITF.

What does this mean for the GTI and you as an Instructor or student?

Well from a parent's perspective, that has two sons committed to Taekwondo and competition sparring it means invitations to national and international tournaments. Last year they competed in the World Championships in Birmingham, are competing in the European Championships in Sardinia in July

and have the opportunity to travel to South America for the World Cup. 2010 will see the World Championships in Canada (a good family holiday perhaps!)

The UKITF means recognition for us as an association around the world and gives a credibility it would take years for the GTI to earn on its own. It exposes us to senior practitioners of Taekwondo who may add something new to our training or teaching methods. We have access to another Master with an international reputation for developing World Champions in both patterns and sparring.

But this is the real prize, the UKITF allows us to celebrate our martial art with like minded organisations, both here in the UK and around the world. It also guarantees our independence and freedom to develop Taekwondo in the way GTI believes to be in the interest of all our students and instructors.

What can you do, or how can you benefit from membership of the UKITF?

In time we expect to see plenty of opportunity for closer working relationships between the UKITF members. However where you can benefit shortly will be UKITF Squad training sessions. We have already had one held near Slough, around 60 students attended but we had room for at least another 60. The three hour session was run by Master Wolf VIII Dan and was one of the best work outs our students had been put through for some time; our students had a great time and were able to spar against three current World Champions. These will be regular sessions that if you wish to improve sparring or fitness levels are a must. If you want to compete at international level here is where you will get the training you need. Over time we anticipate building funds where we will be able to contribute towards the cost of competing at international level.

You may well say this is just for Black Belts, but it's not, you can attend these sessions regardless of grade. Take a look at the web site for more info.

www.ukitfino90.com or follow the link from the GTI website.

Best Regards
Forbes England
3rd Dan
GTI Tewkesbury

GTI News via Email

If you would like to receive future newsletters directly by email, then please ask your Instructor to forward your email address to the GTI Secretary. Newsletters can also be viewed in the Students area of the GTI web site at www.gti-taekwondo.com

GTI 2008 CALENDAR

- 6th April**
GTI UK Open
Swindon
- 19th April**
National Black Belt Training
Worcester
- 18th May**
Black Belt Grading
Derby
- 1st June**
National Charity & GTI Fund
Raising Event (Details to be confirmed)
Worcester
- 21st September**
Master Harrison's Midlands
Open
Worcester
- 12th October**
Black Belt Grading
Derby
- 26th October**
Tournament Event
(Details to be confirmed)
- 9th November**
GTI British Championships
Worcester