

Master Harrison's Midlands Open Tournament

Sunday 17th May – Worcester

Venue: Leisure@Cheltenham,
Tommy Tailor's Lane, Cheltenham

This event takes place this Sunday and is run under normal GTI rules with Sparring and Patterns competition available. (NB. There will be no Destruction/Board Breaking).

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.

Cost for spectators is £5 payable on the door with free entry to children under 5 years of age. Doors open at 9.00am with height checks for junior entrants commencing at 9.30am. with the competition starting at 10.00am.

2008 Black Belt Competitors of the Year Awards

The awards for the most successful GTI black belt competitors of 2008 took place at the GTI English Championships; held at the Perdiswell Leisure Centre in Worcester on Sunday 29th March. The awards are made to those GTI black belts who finish at the top of their division for sparring or patterns after the completion of the GTI's 2008 tournament circuit.

The eight awards which cover both the adult and junior black belt divisions were presented by Mr. Tony Sewell, 6th dan to the winners. (See picture for details).

G.T.I. Fight Club Success Scottish Trip

Write up by Master Harrison.

As most of you will know the GTI Fight Club was taken over by me three months ago and it was decided that the time was right to take a squad of fighters away for a weekend to compete in a competition outside the G.T.I.



2008 Black Belt Competitors of the Year

(From left to right) **Back row:** **R. Richards** (Bramcote) –Boys sparring. **E. Wilde** (Crewe) -Girls sparring. **B. England** (Tewkesbury) -Men's sparring. **M. Bradfield** (Tewkesbury) -Men's patterns. **J. Cockburn** (Telford) -Boy's patterns. **Front row:** **L. Fendt** (Swindon) -Ladies' sparring. **G. Baldwin** (Basildon) -Girls' patterns. **S. Gleaves** (Tewkesbury) -Ladies' patterns

I decided to use the Scottish Championships as a platform to test this decision so on Saturday 18th April at 9-00am a squad flew up to Glasgow.

The squad consisted of some "old experienced competitors" led by European Team Champions Ben and Jack England and World Bronze medallist Luke Hall. This gave some of the new comers to Fight Club the incentive to put in an excellent performance.

Although the purpose of the trip was the tournament, equally important was to get the squad to "gel" as a team so on the Saturday we spent the afternoon in Glasgow having a look around then it was down to the local Chinese for a meal before an early night.

I had reservations as to the discipline of the team going on past experiences with other squads

where a few drinks and a late night before the comp had occurred, but every one behaved impeccably and I'm sure this went a long way to the squad all giving fantastic performances on the day, I couldn't have asked for more commitment and effort.

When we arrived back in the hotel after the competition I gave a team talk on the squads performances. The squad listened intently as a run down on their various performances was discussed.

That night we all went out as a squad for a celebration meal with the host Mr C Boyle head of the Scottish Tae Kwon Do Association, and then...

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...on for a good drink and chill out. (Look out for pictures on Face Book).

The squad and their trophy tally for patterns, point and continuous sparring was as follows:-

Ben England - triple Gold - patterns, points & continuous

Jack England - triple Gold - patterns, points & continuous

Elaine Roberts - Gold - patterns

Neil Doherty - Gold - sparring.

Rachael Surman - triple Silver - patterns, points & continuous

Miles Westwood - Silver - continuous, Bronze - patterns

Sarah Williams - Silver - points, **Bronze** - continuous

Roman Majewski - Silver - points

Helen Halliday - double Bronze - points & continuous

Luke Hall - double Bronze - points & continuous

Liam Innis - Bronze - points.

Although the Fight Club has only had four sessions prior to the event

there was enough money in the kitty to pay all the Scottish entry fees, as no money is taken out except to cover the hall hire for the Fight Club training sessions. Currently plans are in the pipeline to have permission to train in a hall free of charge, if this happens 100% of all fees will go back into Fight Club.

Of the four sessions so far I have a database of 65 students who have attended one or more sessions. ANYONE regardless of age or grade who would like to come along and be part of Fight Club can call me on 01905 820862 or mobile 07976986439 or drop me an email to clive01@talktalk.net we will be pleased to see you.

GTI National Charity Event

7th June - Worcester

100 one-minute rounds of sparring or 100 minutes of patterns, or a mix of both totalling 100 minutes.

Fancy dress may be worn and there will be prizes for the best outfits.

If you wish to take part in this charity fund raising event then there are two ways you can enter.

Sponsorship Entry: If you wish to raise additional monies from sponsors then first check with your Instructor to see if your TKD School is intending to nominate a

local charity; if so then your Instructor will supply you with a sponsorship form and charity details. There is an entry/donation fee of £5. If your School is not nominating a local charity but you'd still like to get sponsors then just put the name of the national charity the GTI has chosen on the sponsorship form. (see details below)

Non-Sponsorship Entry: If you want to take part without sponsors then you pay a £10 entry fee which will be donated to the nominated national charity. This year it is Playtex Moonwalk, which raises funds for breast cancer charities across the UK.

Venue: Nunnery Wood Sports Complex, Spetchley Road., Worcester. WR5 2NL

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The GTI Fight Club Squad in Scotland with Master Harrison

GTI 2009 CALENDAR

17th May

**Midlands Open Comp
Cheltenham**

7th June

**National Charity &
GTI Fund Raising
Event
Worcester**

20th September

**GTI Open Competition
Worcester**

11th October

**Black Belt Grading
Derby**

15th November

**GTI British
Championships
Cheltenham**