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GTI NEWS

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GTI English Championships Sunday 3rd February - Worcester

Perdiswell Leisure Centre is the venue for this tournament with all three categories for Sparring, Patterns and Destruction (Board breaking) available. 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 divisions. There will also be an additional highest jumping front kick fun competition for adults and juniors, as well as some demonstrations taking place. Please ensure entry forms are returned to your Instructor a.s.a.p.

NB.

- **GTI competitors must wear their official white GTI Dobok for 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 1st February.**

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Venue: Perdiswell Leisure Centre, Bilford Road, Worcester. WR3 8DX

Doors open: 9.00a.m.

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

Entry Costs: -

GTI/ITF Competitors: £15

Non-GTI/ITF: £20

Spectators: £5 (under 5's free)

GTI Fleeces on Sale

A sale of the GTI heavyweight fleeces will take place at the English Championships where they will be sold off at £15

(normally £38). There's limited stocks left so it will be on a first come first served basis.

Black Belts National Training

Saturday 19th April – venue to be announced.

Master Harrison will be conducting the first of what is hoped will become a regular annual, or bi-annual event. This event is to allow the opportunity for all dan grades to come together and train at a national level, so ensuring that standards are maintained. It will also allow participants the opportunity to train with the GTI Committee and the Association's other high ranking dan grades.

The venue is yet to be confirmed, but it will take place in the South Midlands area 4p.m. to 6p.m. with the cost being £10.

GTI Fight Club visit Ireland

Mr Fendt Fight Club coach and Mr England Fight Club events organiser took the GTI Fight Club to Cork to participate in the International Irish Championships on the 24th and 25th November. With representation from more than ten European countries, including Italy, Germany and

Holland, this was a prestigious event with over 600 competitors. Mr Fendt and Mr England, accompanied by Master Harrison took 9 students over to Ireland to compete. The Fight Club members also represented their clubs: Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Malvern, Swindon and Cheltenham.

Mr Fendt and Mr England used the remainder of the kind donations from the Instructors to help the students to pay for tournament entries, but costs were kept to a minimum by getting cheap fares for the flights and all the students, Instructors and Master stayed in the Bru Bar Hostel, ensuring each student only had to pay around £100 for flight and 3 nights accommodation.

The following competitors from Fight Club took part; Daniel Langley, Matt Sansom, Darcy Hall, Lea Fendt, Ben England, Jack England, Tim Chow, Fran Lane and Luke Hall. Fight Club had some fantastic results taking, 3 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze trophies. Each category was well represented and every student had to work incredibly hard for their individual success.



Fight Club in Ireland with Master Harrison, Mr Plunkett, Mr Fendt, Mr England and Mr Dalton.

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Matt Sansom Gold Senior Boys Black Belt Sparring, Matt was disappointed not to make it into the ITF World Championships, but he clearly did not lie down and quit, his training has intensified and got a well deserved Gold after some very tough fights.

Lea Fendt Gold Ladies Black Belt Sparring (Light weight), Lea had to think to succeed in her category as the smallest competitor, but her training and fitness paid off leading to her success.

Darcy Hall Gold Senior Girls Black Belt Sparring, with a fantastic work rate and following every coaching instruction Darcy made her fights look positively easy against tough competition.

Jack England Silver Senior Boys Black Belt Sparring, Jack fought with tremendous heart and is improving with every competition.

Fran Lane Bronze Ladies Black Belt Sparring (Heavy weight), after a struggle to get into the finals, Fran had a real battle on her hands to finally win a deserved bronze.

Luke Hall Bronze 4th Degree Black Belt Patterns, in a signwave competition, Luke did very well to come away with a bronze in patterns.

Ben England had an excellent spar but was knocked out first round against a much bigger opponent.

Daniel Langley fought with tremendous heart, and with improved fitness his skills as a natural fighter will ensure future success.

Tim Chow and Luke Hall represented Fight Club well but were both knocked out first round.

Fight Club were pleased to meet up with other GTI competitors, from Mr Tony Sewell's Academy, Derby and from Mr Francis Plunkett's Academy, Dublin.

The GTI was well represented by these clubs as yet more trophies were won by their competitors:

Ruebyn Richards from Derby won Gold in Boys Junior Black Belt Sparring, destroying the competition with several world class performances, a sheer joy to watch.

Mr Plunkett's club was well represented and the following students were successful:

Ann Doyle Silver in the U17 Black Belt Girls (Heavy weight)
Cian Keogh Bronze in the U17 Blue/Red Boys (Light weight)
Vivienne Byrne Bronze in the yellow belt Ladies Patterns.

Mr Plunkett, Master Harrison and Mr England spent their time supporting Mr Dalton the tournament's host by helping out with the umpire and refereeing duties. Mr Fendt devoted his time to coaching the students through their rounds.

Any student interested in competitive sparring is welcome to attend GTI Fight Club. Dates and times accessed on the diary at www.turtletaekwondo.com or view the GTI calendar at www.gti-taekwondo.com

News from Abroad

GTI black belt Pete Griffin who has recently moved to New Zealand has been struggling to find a suitable TKD school to continue his training. In a recent communication with his former instructor, Mr. Jason Burgess 4th dan, he commented;

"Did I tell you that an ITF 6th Dan was suprised to see our style of Taekwondo.

He hadn't seen it since he was in the Korean Army in the 1960's.

I feel that is a testament to the GTI keeping Taekwondo relatively unchanged since Master Rhee Ki Ha introduced it. Which is Brilliant!

I was starting to get a bit low. You don't realise what you had until it's gone.....The standard of Taekwondo in the GTI is amazingly high and therefore it is difficult to find anything that compares."

Mr. Griffin is now looking into the possibility of opening a GTI school in New Zealand.

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- 3rd February
GTI English
Championships
Worcester
- 6th April
GTI UK Oen
Swindon
- 19th April
National Black Belt
Training
Venue t.b.a.
- 18th May
Black Belt
Grading
Derby
- 1st June
National Charity &
GTI Fund Raising
Event (Details to be
confirmed)
Worcester
- 12th October
Black Belt
Grading
Derby
- 21st September
Master Harrison's
Midlands Open
Worcester
- 26th October
Tournament Event
(Details to be
confirmed)
- 9th November
GTI British
Championships
Worcester