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Welcome to the fourth Akitas Judo Club Newsletter! Another busy month, particularly for me. You will notice from the header of this newsletter that I have finally sorted our domain name, and have now taken great efforts to get the website up and running. We also had our first participants in the Merit Badge Award Scheme. The new club badge should be available any day now, and everyone at the club has been working their socks off on the mat!

Akitas Judo 'Family'

Firstly, I'd like to explain the connections of the Kamiko Judo Clubs. As most of you know, our club originally started in Wickford, some 20-odd years ago; before our move to our new home in Southend. Around 4-5 years ago, my brother, Ricky Hutchins, started his own club 'Kamiko Akitas'. However, until now, the name 'Akitas' has not been strongly used by them.

The Kamiko clubs now run 3 nights, in Burnham, Althorne, and Southminster. Attendance to these is now well over 100 juniors, and around 5-10 seniors. When I instigated our own clubs transfer to Southend, I dropped the 'Beauchamps' part of the name. Due to the resurgence of our club, and particularly the new website, the Kamiko clubs will now start to use the 'Akitas' name a little more. By dropping the 'Beauchamps' part of the name, however, I have confused the situation somewhat! Therefore, the term 'Akitas Judo' will now refer to all four clubs. We will remain 'Akitas Judo Club', as technically the original club (as the old one closed for our opening), with the Kamiko clubs using other mechanisms together with us. The website will

start to reflect this – initially however, the site will remain our clubs own site, whilst the Kamiko one is designed. Once this is complete, we will have shared pages and our own identity.

Why keep the connection? This is a great way of progressing each club. We will be united outside of the Akitas Judo Community, but can have direct competition between the four clubs. By having such strong connections, we are also able to run the Merit Badge Award Scheme, courses, gradings, Squads, and other events a lot easier and a lot stronger for the participants.

Merit Badge Award Scheme.



For Kano's and Juniors, it can be frustrating only being graded once every 3-4 months. Also, age can be restrictive in grade progression. Therefore, the badge scheme was created and developed mainly by sister club Kamiko for almost 4 years.

The idea was lifted from scouts and also some Karate schools who have found this to be a great learning



Saturday 16th July
Details to be finalised.

We will be holding an inter-club competition between the Akitas Judo Family member clubs. Keep this date free as we really want to make a success of this!

process. Juniors love collecting the badges, and it seems they continually want to get more. Whilst the award scheme is not in anyway attached to the syllabi in any association (and is not governed as such), this scheme is meant to be encouragement and to assist usual gradings and promotions.

With the advent of badges for Kata and all the way up to 100 techniques, we realised the scheme would also work wonders for seniors, even Dan grades. The scheme is now open, therefore, to Seniors.

And so it was, for our first participation in the event, one of the two participants was a senior. Only two participants mainly due to the amazingly short notice. I hope to have this resolved, but also please check our website at www.akitasjudo.com/events regularly for first notice!

So, a massive congratulations to Leanne Stockwell who achieved her Jigari Ukemi and O Goshi badges and Adam Stockwell for achieving his Gyaku Ukemi and Tying of Belt badges. Hopefully these will be on show at the club for you to see! Special note to Adam who was attending only his 3rd Judo class!



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Website

Big one for me, this. I have worked tirelessly, to the extreme frustration of my better half, since we secured our domain name. Those of you that have visited the site will appreciate it's almost daily additions, those of you that haven't, please visit www.akitasjudo.com!

and building or how to get more links and get our engine ranking up, please let me know at sensei@akitasjudo.com.

Please also check out the forum, a space for a bit of banter, and general interest.

New Club badge.

First photographs of the printed badge is now available on our website at www.akitasjudo.com/merchandise. Looking good, I hope! The badges will be ready any day, and all members who bought their Gi's through the club will receive a small badge of their choice for free. As for other merchandise, a strip for the arms is in creation, which should look the proverbial Bee's knees! We will also, eventually, have t-shirts, bags etc available. As ever though, patience for these items!

Squads

The Akitas Judo family will now be running squads for Kanos, Juniors, and Seniors. There will be extra training available for squad members, cheaper travel to events outside the family, a squad badge tri-tier scheme for more experienced members etc. Entry into the squad is not necessarily for only top fighters, as the idea that squad members will be cultivated into those top fighters at courses away from the more relaxed usual classes. More details of the squad will become available.

New club opening.

We will now be opening a second night/day. Any preferences please let me know. We will almost certainly be using a different hall for this, in an effort to get the name more widely known. October is my provisional opening date.



I intend to build this site more and more, and to include learning aids such as reminder demo's of each technique. Please bare with me, though, as this will be a lengthy process!

We can now offer email addresses, ie 'adam@akitasjudo.com'. These are for sale at £5 per year to help with website costs. We are also intending to add individual pages for Judoki showing grades, medals won, courses attended, squad info, merit badges awarded etc. These will also be £5 per year, £7.50 for both one email address and one page. We will get an example up shortly.

Anyone with any articles they'd like to add, or help the can offer with the design

Judo Suits for Sale

The club can provide all your Judogi's at low cost.

Our basic range is ideal for beginners. These bleached whites are:

110's = £19	150's = £23
120's = £19	160's = £26
130's = £20	170's = £27
140's = £22	180's = £28

We can also provide the cheaper unbleached gi's all the way to Olympic quality

- please ask for prices.

Remember though! We need at least three orders to avoid Postage & Packing charges!

Cheques made payable to 'Akitas Judo Club'

Spread the Word!

Anyone that can advertise, get press attention, or just bring a friend - please do!

We have loads of adverts and flyers at the club on a Thursday, just ask and we will pass some to you!



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Nestle

The club has been approached by the BJA on behalf of the food's giant Nestle. After gauging responses, the club will go ahead with a promotion deal with the company. Whilst we will not see any financial agreement, we do hope that the promotion that Nestle have planned will bring in many new faces; and of course, the more the merrier!

If anyone has any ideas of furthering promotions, please let me know!

Whether it be an article for the clubs website, an article for this newsletter, helping to run events, or even a desire to get on the coaching or refereeing ladders. Please, please, make me aware of this and I will do all I can to incorporate you and your ideas.

As for the articles, the more we have in this newsletter and on the website, the stronger each area will be. So get writing! Or do you have any ideas of items you wish were included? Let us know!

A special message to Matthew Bruty,

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www.NurseryRhymeTimes.co.uk

Steve Sexton and Paul Greenwood; all of whom are recovering from injury. To Matthew particularly as his injury occurred at the club. The club sends its warmest regards!

Alas...

This is the end of another newsletter, any comments please do not be hesitate to contact me by email sensei@akitasjudo.com, mobile (text's are fine!) 0775 382 0439, or at home on 01702 296292.

Yours In Judo,

Adam Hutchins 2nd Dan Sensei, Akitas Judo Club



Stoke Judo Clubs Present: Open Judo Competition

When?

Sunday 26th June
Weigh-in at 9am prompt

Where?

Berryhill Scout Hall, Wendy Close, Berryhill, Stoke-On-Trent, Staffordshire

Who can enter?

Any competitor!

Junior, Boys & Girls weight categories:

U23, U27, U31, U35, U40, U45, U50, U55, O55, Open Adult Men and Women matched on day.

What's the cost?

Entry fee £7.50p

Spectators Free

Entries can be paid on the day, but they do require a phone call with approx number of competitors

Other Info

All categories will be gold, silver, bronze Trophies Certificate for all competitors

Refreshments will be available on the day, Hot food, sandwiches, Tea, coffee, pop and Sweets.

As usual, any interest speak to sensei on the usual, email sensei@akitasjudo.com

Email

Along with the advertised email address sale (£5 per year per mailbox

(akitasjudo.com, or akitasjudo.co.uk),

£7.50 if you also

sign up for the webpage-Judo-CV); it is often easier to drop an email to you to let you know of upcoming events and internet updates. Please email me at sensei@akitasjudo.com if you have not already given me your email address!

New Members

As usual, a warm welcome to all that have started at the club this month. We hope that you all have enjoyed your time with us so far, and look forward to having you here for a long time to come!

Want to be more involved?

We welcome all participation in the clubs behind-the-scenes activities.