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Newsletter No 8

Dear Member

This is just a short newsletter, as promised, to bring everyone up to date with the NGB development following the EKF Board meeting and an update on other issues.

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1. National/Regional Coaching Update

We rolled out the new competition coaching model in January and these are the attendance figures;

Kumite

Jan 8th – Midland Region - 33

Jan 21st – Northern Region - 74

Jan 22nd – National Open - 41

Kata

Jan 22nd – Youth Kata - 24

Kata Calendar

The Kata calendar for 2017 is now posted on the website for the training delivery and squad selections and divides into Youth Kata 10 - 13; Cadet, Junior & U 21 Kata and; Senior Kata +18 - with some 18 sessions across the country already on the calendar.

On the 5th February we have the first of the Southern Regional - South West - Kumite training events at Bath University under Head SW Regional Coach Rory Daniels, assisted by Anthoni Everitt, and I'm more than pleased to report that we have 68 people enrolled on it.

This is a fantastic start to the new programme and a huge 'well done' to all the Coaches for their positive attitude and enthusiasm for this new structure. These numbers bode well for the eventual 'clash of the regions' at the **Inter Regional Cup** Competition in September, and selections for these Regional Squads will be the focus of both the Kumite and Kata coaches over the coming months.

At the National training in Enfield, Dale Gamble held the first of the year's Referees and Judges training, again a very successful event and another sign of a great year ahead. Before the EKF Board meeting on the Sunday of the KYU Grade event we held a Coaches and Referees meeting along with some five Board members to welcome everyone to the new programme and emphasise once again that there is simply one team, comprising everyone, from board members, to regional coaches (kata and Kumite) to, referees with everyone working to a common goal.

With the split in the southern region for domestic competition and training we now have the counties that fall into either South West or South East.

EKF Southern Regional Split for Domestic Championships Counties in each Region

South West

Cornwall
Devon
Somerset
Dorset
Wiltshire
Gloucestershire
Oxfordshire

South-East

Hampshire
Sussex
Kent
Surrey
London
Essex
Berkshire
Buckinghamshire

Check out the National/Regional training calendar that's posted on the website and send your most talented athletes to these regional events.

2. National Governing Body (NGB) Update

As reported in the last Newsletter, at the last EKF Board meeting we had to decide on the EKF's continuing involvement in the development of the English Karate National Governing Body (NGB). I can tell you all that we voted unanimously to be involved in the development of this body, but once again expressed our concerns over some of the other member's membership returns.

At the next meeting, hosted by the Sport and Recreation Alliance along with Sport England we will have two representatives attending. This meeting will commence the first of a number of project based meetings over this year to shape the body that will eventually apply for English Karate's NGB approval. As with all the EKF projects we have in train we'll regularly keep you up to date with where they are.

3. KYU Grade Championships

For those of you who were there you'll know how busy the event was with some 1,000 entries from 608 athletes. A very well done to everyone who enjoyed success and a big thanks to all the officials for their time and efforts over a long and very busy day. The plan, now we have three domestic championships, is to more evenly spread the various categories across these events. Having a venue where we have the whole arena to ourselves, as is the case at Leicester, will be a far better arrangement, but Ponds Forge has served us well over the past few years.

4. Martial Arts Illustrated (MAI)

In an earlier Newsletter we mentioned that we were going to have a regular EKF column and a new EKF advert and the first of these is in the next addition of MAI, which hits the shelves on the 9th of this month. In this edition we feature an overview of the EKF and its history, the WKF and its Olympic status, a piece on 'Karate and the Martial Arts' and a more detailed look at the development of the NGB in England. In future we will feature news and reports on events that have taken place or will be doing, reports about athlete's successes at international competitions and a range of other topics.

Let your people know that the magazine is out and we look forward to a long term collaboration between ourselves and MAI.

5. 10K Karate Clash

Over the years many of you may well have attended the event, or had fighters in the 10K Clash. After a few years absence, Joe long and Paul Alderson have this event back on the calendar for 2017 with some 32 fighters, all WKF licensed, including, as always, some of our best EKF athletes. For more information on the event, go to www.troxy.co.uk.

More soon and in the meantime train well.

Kind Regards

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