



KITSUNE GARI NEWS

Well it's been a while and we have been simply inundated with a request to bring back K.N.!

So here we are with apologies for being away so long due to a heavy work schedule both within Judo and outside of Judo. We have also seen our membership grow dramatically with lots of new recruits to the Senior, Primary and Junior groups so a big welcome to you all, and a welcome back to a few. Upon which note, we should probably start with a note of thanks.

WWW. Kitsune-Gari.Com

Pete has completely overhauled the club's website and it looks terrific. He has also done a great job of keeping it updated with news and events so if you need to know about grading dates, competitions or other news you're just a click away. This week there is a full report from Pete on the superb performance of our seniors at the Leicester Grading and Vets competition (that as in Veterans, not All Creatures Great and Small!) . All the coaches would like to thank Pete for his work on the web-site...but probably won't.

JUDO MAT-ERS AT KITSUNE GARI

As most of you may know now we were extremely happy to finish 2007 by receiving a grant for nearly £7000.00 from the Community Network fund. This resulted in quite a lot of work by Craig and Sue but has allowed us to invest in **64 BRAND NEW MATS, 2 TROLLIES AND 2 SAFETY MATTRESSES**. Well Gary, Steve and Craig were excited anyway.

We now have the new Mats which give us the opportunity for developing our activities. The ideas under discussion include running some area competitions, Kata courses and a charity fund-raiser that would also raise the profile of the Best Judo Club in Land. However, we would like to hear your thoughts and ideas, especially from junior and primary members.

IMPORTANT...NEW CLUB TIMES & LOCATION

One immediate benefit from our new mats is a little more flexibility over times which we hope will make life a little easier for our youngest members. **From April 1st Monday and Friday** classes will be running in the **Main Hall** at the Woughton Centre. Juniors will start at the new time of **07.00 p.m. until 08.30p.m.**

We know that for some primaries, training until 08.30 can be too tiring for them and hope that being able to start a bit earlier means that parents have an option to take them home at 08.00 if they wish.

We also hope that having more time on the mat will help us meet the needs of our growing group of highly graded Juniors. We will have greater opportunity for technical development, Kata practice and more randori (free practice).

MAT FEES AND LICENCES

The new arrangements do add to our running costs and this does mean that we will need to raise the mat fee a little. From April 1st Monday and Friday sessions will cost £3.50 for juniors and £4.50 for seniors.

We are also trying to make our administrative life easier by making licence renewal an annual event rather than one that is staggered throughout the year. It is therefore our intention that from April 2009 we will send off for everybody's licence at once.

This means that when your current licence comes up for renewal we will be asking you for a pro-rata payment up to April 2009.



HELP PLEASE!

Once our Monday and Friday sessions start in the main hall we have the task of laying down the mats, a chore familiar to most judoka that we have been spared in our little dojo. If any parents and students are able to arrive for classes by about 06.45p.m. and help us put the mats out, we would be very grateful.

BIZARRE INJURY OF THE MONTH...

It has to be Tony's hair cut!