

DFSK NEWSLETTER - January 2005

Happy New Year to you all.

The year 2004 was a highly challenging, successful and rewarding one with many highlights. Commitment to DFSK from students, parents and committee members of this karate club and Westcott was exceptional and I thank you all. Let's work hard at club and school level to make 2005 as successful and enjoyable. Forgive us if we miss any highlights below as there were so many to recall from last year.

Highlights

News and reports for events last year appeared on the Club Noticeboard at North Holmwood. We will be posting this years competition reports and news in the same way.

Last year we travelled all over the country again, competing in many national & international competitions including Dublin, Belgium & Slovenia, America (Sean) being fantastic trips.

- Sean McCarthy was selected to join the SWAT team – a national team of excellence along with the WAKO GB team
- Sam Sparks, Matthew Foot & Jake Howard were selected to fight for the CIMAC squad team in November
- Matt Foot & Sam Sparks – Belgium WAKO champions in September, Jake Howard achieved 2nd place
- BSMAP Grand Champions for 2004 – Bomber Killick, Sam Sparks, Jake Howard
- Black Belts, - Dan Chaney, Rebecca Harrington, Jessica Barker and Mabs Mosabbi.

Our happy, close club atmosphere was maintained. Word continued to spread about our club and we are pleased to continue to welcome new members into the fold.

The year finished on a high with the Xmas Karate party for the junior members which was very well attended and most enjoyable. We also held a Xmas get together at Pizza Piazza in the afternoon which was equally well attended.

This year

The season will kick off at the BSMAP Premier League run by GBMAA on 23rd January. This competition is ideal for bringing on novices and it is also on our doorstep at Guildford (Check calendar for future competition dates).

This year's calendar of events is huge again, but please don't be put off. We need your enthusiasm, commitment and assistance with this list of dates. Common sense should prevail and we will not do all these events - many will be subject to changes in dates any way so make sure you check the noticeboard regularly for up to date information. However this club traditionally runs its calendar around the National Super League circuit and BSMAP events so please ensure you target these dates if possible - especially Squad members.

Awards 2004

This years awards were very hard to judge, and many weeks deliberations by all club instructors took place to decide on the final winners.

Best Newcomer

Robin Davey - A fantastic start for a future star.

Most Improved

Maisie Quartermain - She has very quietly trained hard this year. Well done.

Student of the Year

Paul (Bomber) Killick – all round hard work, 100% all year. Enormous potential and fast.

Senior of the Year

Maya Mahboobani - always trains 100%. Well done

GBMAA of the Year

Dan Chaney - the technician with attention to detail & idea's every session

Outstanding Achievements awards

Matthew Foot

Fantastic year, really responded to few challenges and has underlined his true ability

Sam Sparks

Another successful highly consistent year

These awards represent a few of the many high standards set throughout the year by all students within the club.

Main club events

- We shall be travelling to Dublin for the Irish Open in March. Itinerary and all details regarding this event are available on the noticeboard.
- Flanders Open Belguim 23rd Fri – 26th Mon September.(Marc De Bloc's 30th year in martial arts).
- We are waiting to hear in January about whether we have been successful in securing a grant from MVDC towards new mats.
- Possible fund raising event in the Autumn – details to follow
- There will be a specific grading session for students on one Sunday each month. You will be expected to attend at least two of these sessions prior to taking any grading

Looking forward to another exciting and fulfilling year. Each year just gets better and better!! Don't forget any suggestions, ideas or moans see Claire, Lorraine or Hilary (who is your student rep).

Thanks again to Rick, John, Claire, Lorraine, Sean and all club Black Belts, parents and many other helpers for the support they have given this club throughout 2005.

Steve