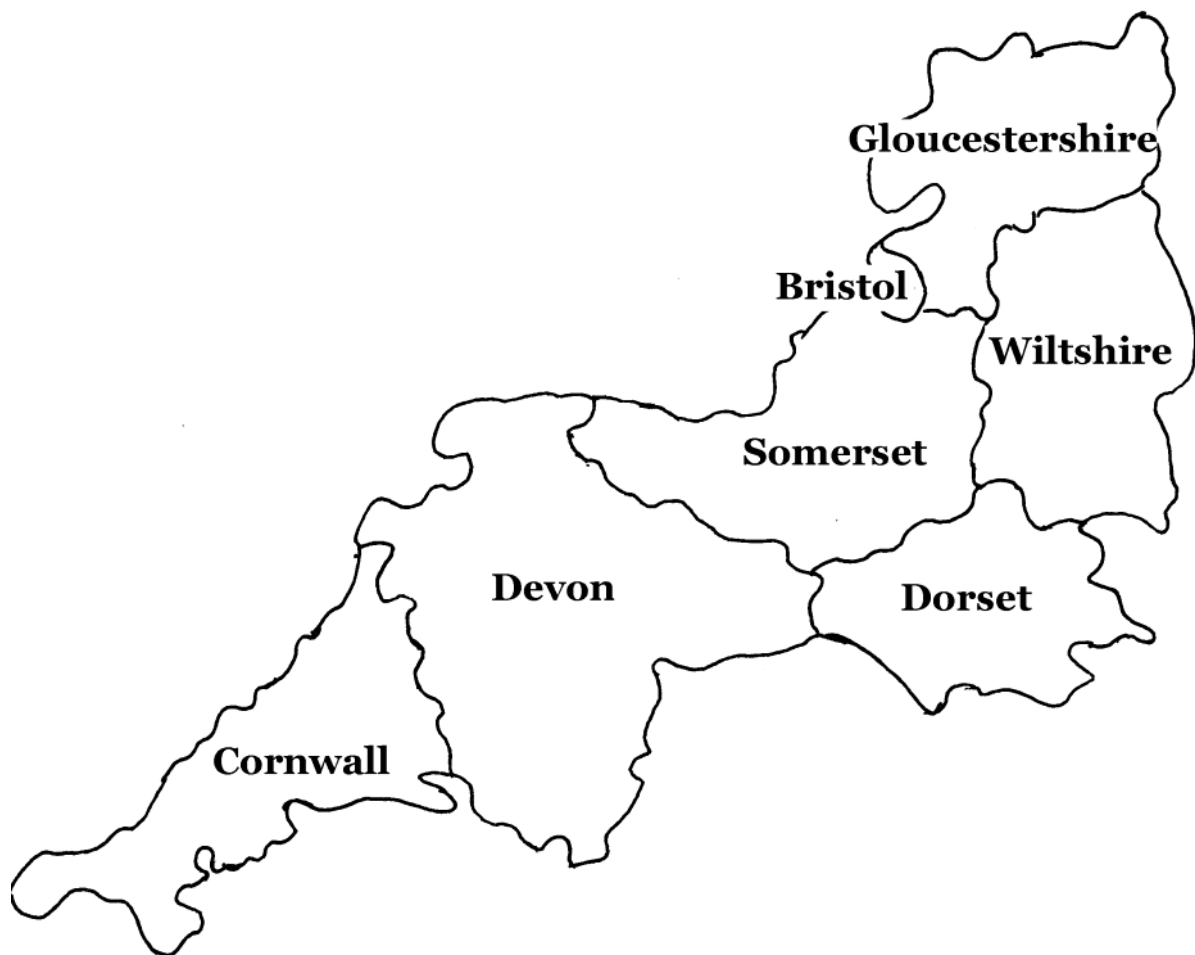


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## Western Area Chairman's report

Hello to you all. I hope that you have all managed to survive this long cold winter without too many problems. It will soon be the time of the AGM and Forum, again it will be held at Taunton Holiday Inn M5 Junc. 25. This year for the Forum I have arranged some presentations for us so that the morning will be a little more interesting I hope. There will be an accompanying notice with this newsletter for the AGM.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the AGM as it will have some important information that will affect us in the future. I know that AGM's are not our most ideal subject, but they are a necessity of life and have to be held.

We have a new Secretary now in the Area, Alison Finn. You will find her details also in the Newsletter. Welcome aboard Alison. Therefore from this notice, information that you may need please contact Alison first. All members of the Area Executive are always still available for personal enquiries should you have something that you wish to discuss privately with a particular member.

Thanks to our fighters and their coaches as we continue in the Area to be represented around the various events up and down the country, with very pleasing results. A special mention must go to our Masters representatives as they continue to bring home very high results indeed, congratulations to you all.

We still need more officials in all categories and I am sure that you are able to fill some of the gaps. Please contact the Commission Chairpersons to get involved. Those of you who are less active in competitive roles can bring a wealth of knowledge to official positions and would be a great boost to our numbers.

Just a reminder to all club coaches; make sure that you have an up to date list of all your players and official members Licences and their renewal dates; don't get caught out by someone on the mat with an out of date licence, or a club official signing documents on behalf of the club. No licence and we are not insured!

I look forward to meeting you on the circuit or more especially at the AGM and Forum.

Take care all of you and good luck in all you take part in.

Dave Allen  
Chairman Western Area BJA

# REF REPORT

Kerry Noyes was next up in the -52kg, under 15 years category. Kerry had two very tough contests and her ne-waza let her down. She lost her first by yuko and in her second she was forced to submit by a shime-waza.

The performance of the weekend in my opinion came from Georgina Keeble. Competing in the -52kg category for under 15 year olds, she never looked phased, winning four in a row by ippon with great variation. Ashi-waza, hip throws, arm throws and shime-waza all used to great effect during the preliminary stages. The final was a very tough fight, which went into golden score after normal time. Her opponent already had one shido, so with use of good tactics and continued pressure Georgina forced the referees to award her opponent with another shido giving Georgina the win. And of course, the gold medal.

On the whole, the weekend was a success and to come away with a couple of medals from such a large event is testament to the talent we have here in the West. We hope to arrange more trips like this in the future, hopefully with more competitors. So with the support of the clubs and players at the West sessions, these trips and ones like them will, with luck, become a regular occurrence.

Report by Jason Parsons  
Girls and Women's coach

### *Some background info to the Dutch Open Espoir 2010*

Eindhoven, 16 en 17 januari 2010: Matsuru Dutch Open Espoir 2010

The 34th edition of the Matsuru Dutch Open Espoir judo tournament has, again, been successfully organized in Eindhoven. On 16 and 17 January 2010 a total of 1500 (!) judoka's from France, the USA, Poland, Germany, Belgium, the UK and the Netherlands joined this tournament. For the Dutch competitors under 15 and under 17 years, this event was appointed as a qualification tournament for joining European and World Championships.

# WESTERN AREA CALENDAR 2010

## March

06	Open Randori Session Senior + U20 Men & Women	Bath University	Juergen Klinger	01225 385187 07894 744496
07	WA Executive Meeting	Holiday Inn Taunton	Alison Finn	0797410579
12	Jun./Senior Randori Night	Torquay	Simon Ward	01803 315007
14	Devon Open Mini Mons	Quayside LC	Richard Cleeve (enquiries only)	07976 930559
14	Kata Course	Bournemouth	Syd Lowry J. Robinson	07843818603 07789276651
19/20/21	UKCC L 1 Coaching course (To discuss possible funding opportunities contact Steve Hammond—07854 241097)	Kingsley Sch Devon	Nicola Burlingham-Hall	
20	British Schools National Champs.	EIS Sheffield	BJA	

## April

10	Open Randori Session Senior + U20 Men & Women	Bath University	Juergen Klinger	01225 385187 07894 744496
16	Jun./Senior Randori Night	Torquay	Simon Ward	01803 315007
18	WA AGM	Holiday Inn Taunton	Alison Finn	0797410579
24	N. Ireland Open	TBA		

## May

07	Jun./Senior Randori Night	Torquay	Simon Ward	01803 315007
16	Peter Murphy Jun. Closed	Kingsbridge	Sandy Hart	01548 550692
29	Open Randori Session Senior + U20 Men & Women	Bath University	Juergen Klinger	01225 385187 07894 744496
30	England Squad Regional Training	Tamar JC		

## June

5	Bedminster Mini-Mon Champs.	Bristol	Paul Taylor	0117 9026330
6	Bedminster Open Champs.	Bristol	Paul Taylor	0117 9026330
12	Open Randori Session Senior + U20 Men & Women	Bath University	Juergen Klinger	01225 385187 07894 744496
13	WA Inter-County Senior/Youth Teams 3* points scoring	Bristol;	Alison Finn	0797410579
13	WA Senior Closed	Bristol	Alison Finn	0797410579
26/27	Neil Adams Sport Development	Newquay Sp. C	Jason Beer	07790 847374
26/27	Kent International	Crystal Palace	TBN	

## July

11	Western Area Junior/Senior Open	The Link Swindon		
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## August

07-14	WA International Summer Camp	Bath University	Sandra Klinger	07854215654
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## September

05	Heart of England Open	NIA Birmingham	phillbjamids@aol.com	
26	Devizes 35th Open	Details to follow		

## October

17	Plymouth Jun/Senior Open	Kitto Centre Plymouth	Alan Kimber	01752 406576
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### Please note:-

**ALL** events must be cleared through the Western Area - Sandy Hart - prior to being advertised  
Please notify calendar dates to - Alison Finn secretary@wajudo.org.uk Tel: 0797410579





## **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN AREA BRITISH JUDO ASSOCIATION**

Will take place on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2010  
At the Holiday Inn Taunton Junction 25 M5

### **Important Notice**

There will be a Forum prior to the AGM, this will start at 1030 and conclude at 1215. There will be a break for lunch at this time, during the Forum there will be Tea/Coffee, biscuits available in the meeting. The AGM will commence at 1300 the AGM will conclude at 1500hrs.

### **ONE CLUB ONE VOTE.**

### **AGENDA**

1. Welcome by the Chairman
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting
4. Matters arising out of the minutes & not covered by the Agenda
5. Adoption of the Accounts
6. Appointment of Auditors
7. Chairman's Report
8. County Chairman's reports
9. Awarding of the Hayler Trophy
10. Consideration of Resolutions of which written notice has been received.

Notice of resolutions to be considered at the Annual General Meeting, proposed and seconded by a BJA Affiliated Western Area Club, must be received in writing by the Secretary; Mrs. A. Finn, 51 Bakers Ground, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8GD, by first post **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2010**.

Representatives of the proposing and seconding clubs must be present at the Annual General Meeting for any proposal of which notice has been received as above to be considered. ***Club representatives, if other than the Chairperson or Secretary, must have a letter from the Club committee in writing.***

**Booking in for the AGM will commence at 1245hrs.**

## Dutch Open - 16th & 17th Jan 2010

A team of nine competitors from the West of England travelled out to Eindhoven for the Dutch open. Coaching them on the trip were Mark Barrett (Youth and Senior men's coach) and Jason Parsons (Girls and Women's coach).

The action started early on the Saturday morning with Peter Miles competing in the -46kg category for under 15 year olds. His first was against a much taller, very awkward opponent and even though he made every effort to throw his opponent he lost the contest on two, rather harsh, shidos. Peter then won two on the trot as a result of his relentless attacking style. Winning the first by four yukos and the next on a well deserved Hantei decision. In his last contest Peter put in a well fought effort but unfortunately came out two shidos down and therefore finished without a medal.

Next to compete was Liam Asthon-Farr in the -73kg, under 20 years category. Liam had an explosive start, winning his first with a rather spectacular Morote seoi nage after only about 20 seconds. He then won his next contest, showing good transition, throwing his opponent for Wazari with a variation on Kata garuma (without grabbing the leg) then finishing with Osaekomi. Liam then struggled in his next two fights due to a combination of strict refereeing and very strong opponents, losing them both.

Charlie Bizley then began his effort in the -81kg category for under 20's. This was a move up in weight category for Charlie so he had his work cut out. Unfortunately the size (and strength) difference did get the better of him in his first contest, which he lost by an Osaekomi. After a discussion with Mark Barrett about tactics against these bigger opponents Charlie then won two in a row showing fantastic ne-waza, winning them both with juji gatame. In his last contest Charlie was then victim to juji gatame himself and was therefore out of the competition.

Last to compete on the first day was Vanessa Davies. She faced some considerably larger opponents in the +78kg category for under 20's. Putting in a good effort but unable to convert either of her two fights into a win.

Sunday started off with Aiden Bostock in the -66kg, under 17 years category. Aiden didn't waste any time, winning his first in less than 10 seconds with a very nice tai-otoshi off the sleeve. His next opponent had very good gripping techniques and Aiden struggled to get the grip he wanted. As a result of this Aiden was thrown for ippon with a drop seoi nage. Aiden's next contest was a hard fight but with continuous attacking he came away with a win by 5 yukos. The opponent he faced next was extremely energetic and strong with it. Aiden could not control him and therefore lost by ippon.

Jemima Duxberry was next on, competing in the -57kg category for under 17 year olds. The theme for Jemima's contest throughout the day seemed to be control, her gripping and dominance of her fights was outstanding. She won her first two by ippon. Then due to a massive ne-waza blunder was held and lost her third. She then came back to win three in a row for bronze, beating one girl to whom she had previously lost. A good result, however it could have been gold or silver.

Competing in the -44 kg category, also under 17 years was Lorna Gibbins. Unfortunately Lorna did not really have a chance to get into the fight as she was strangled unconscious and was therefore unable to carry on.

## The Volunteers Lot, 2010

When talking to other Coaches, both within, and outside of the Western Area, many are somewhat frustrated, and in some cases overwhelmed, by the ever increasing amount of legislation surrounding such issues as CRB, Health & Safety, Volunteer policies etc, and wonder if it all worth while these days. Some months ago, I came across a letter in the Daily Telegraph, written by someone who is obviously suffering from such frustrations, and in what I thought was a rather amusing way, attempted to put the manuals, which now exist on these issues, into a somewhat more simplified version. I have not re-produced the letter word for word, but the following was the general gist.

Do you have a Volunteer policy? - Yes we accept Volunteers.

Do you have Volunteer recruitment procedures? - Yes we ask for Volunteers.

Do you have an equal opportunities policy? - Yes we accept all kinds of Volunteers.

Do you have a CRB policy? - Yes we prefer not to accept criminals.

Do you have a grievance policy? - Yes, if you don't like us, don't volunteer.

What about a disciplinary policy? - Yes if we don't like you, we will let you go.

Confidentiality and data protection? - We will only tell people who need to know.

Health and Safety? - Be careful out there.

Child protection? - Watch out for Children.

Adult protection policy? - Yes adults can get hurt too.

Adult protection procedure? - Avoid doing things that can hurt you.

Lone workers policy? - be particularly careful when alone.

There was more, but that is probably enough to prompt someone to come and have a closer look at me! It has to be read tongue in cheek of course, but perhaps a good example of, sometimes less is more?

Peter Salter

Dowty Judo Club

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR**  
**BRISTOL CITY COUNTY JUDO**  
**Year ending December 2009/10**

As the new Chair of the County I would like to start by thanking both John Bath and Mike Guatieri who have recently resigned from the committee, for all their time and hard work that they have put into helping take Bristol forward over the last few years.

It has been a good year for Bristol winning a bronze at the British A band championships, 1 gold, 1 silver, 3 bronzes and 2 5th places at the British championships for 12 to 17 years. Subsequently all of these players are now part of the England set up.

The clubs within the County have come together on numerous occasions to run the Western Area seminar and trials last September, the junior teams in November along with our first ever County Mini-Mon competition in January. All events were well attended and supported. Within Bristol we have a good team of volunteers, competition officials and referees along with players and coaches who all pull together to make these events a success.

We are hoping to run more events during the next year.

Bristol again done well at the Western Area Team Fest with both our Boys u12 and u16 teams winning Gold and our Girls u12 team winning Bronze. The only slight disappointment was that we were unable to field an u16 girl's team which has to be our aim this year.

A big thing which I have witnessed these last couple of years is the camaraderie between all the players within Bristol. Whenever we are at competitions as clubs all the players within the County cheer and support each other. It makes me very proud to witness.

I hope that the newly elected committee can continue to build on this success and take the County even further forward during the next year.

I would like to thank everyone that has been involved in judo within Bristol over the last year for their help and support from all the players, parents, coaches, volunteers, officials and committee.

Being 'player centred' is a big part of what we are trying to achieve here in Bristol and hope we can continue to work together as a County to improve this and make Bristol even stronger.

Paul Taylor  
Chairman



**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR**  
**DEVON COUNTY**  
**Year ending December 2009**

The year's activity started off on 8<sup>th</sup> February with our new committee, working well together, organising a new event; The Junior Devon Closed. This was an inter club mixed team (boy girl boy girl) and individual championship for lower grades open to all Devon clubs which turned out to be a very successful day given it was a new venture. The venue of the Acorn centre in Torbay was chosen as the first venue, perhaps not the best as there was very little seating for spectators nor was there a proper cafeteria, although having said that, Sandra Westlake from the Quayside club organised a very good alternative - so next year maybe we will pay the extra venue cost & go to Kingsbridge or somewhere similar.

The Area senior and youth teams were the next item hosted by the County in February and a handful of the honors stayed in Devon. Devon was the only County to enter a team in the Women's Youth event, and so took Gold by default. The men's youth team took the gold but although we entered two senior men's teams we were only able to achieve 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> so both collected bronze. In the individuals Hanna Squire, Shauna Hefferman, Kylie Gibbs all got a bronze. Jacob Rundle, Samuel Westlake, Adam Palmer, Shane Kimber and Andrew Melbourne all won gold in their respective weights with Jordan Mitchell, Macy Rickard, Bruce Hughes, Jim Shannon coming away with bronze

The first of the years inter club senior and junior matches between Plymouth and WBB took place in February but unfortunately the second later in the year ,for whatever reason, did not happen. We will look into it's revival next year.

March 8<sup>th</sup> saw a very good entry in the Devon Open Mini Mons an event we have successfully run for a number of years

The Murphy Area Junior Closed took its turn in May, an excellent day with 180 entries finished at 5pm with only 2 mats - Devon won the Samurai sword for the most points gained by the best haul of medals. We had 63 & the next County had 48. Held again at the Kingsbridge Leisure Centre, not because it's a super easy to get to sports centre, because I know for some it's seems a bit off the beaten track, but we are lacking anywhere bigger in the County and it must be said that the Quayside club committee and their helpers do a splendid job for the County when we use this venue. Thank you all on behalf of the Devon committee.

Due to the change in the BJA's policy of area selections for entry to the junior Nationals the seminar weekend took on a different format this year making the need for the selections to be done on the Saturday and a seminar on the Sunday. This year it was held in Bristol and was the first year since 1996 that Devon did not host the seminar at Exmouth

The Plymouth club ran a successful three star points scoring open championship again at the Kitto YMCA sports centre.

In 2009 Devon, through the South Brent club, had the first club in the BJA Western Area to achieve the Sport England Silver Clubmark accreditation and they have also developed BJA School to Dojo links with three schools. Congratulations must go to the committee of this club for its progress in such a short time.

So in conclusion I feel that once again Devon County has had a very successful and productive year and it just remains for me to say, long may it continue.

Alan Kimber  
Chairman Devon County.



# Wiltshire News

## **GB's six to compete in the 2010 Prague World Cup**

Six British men will compete in Prague for the Czech World Cup on the 27th—28th February.

**Stepping up to the mat in the -81kg weight category will be Tom Reed, who recently won a silver medal at the Vienna World Cup just weeks ago.**

With fellow British -81kg fighter Euan Burton performing well internationally, **Reed will be concentrating on his own performances as he sets his sights on competing in the World Championships in Tokyo this September.**

"It's the first time two people will be picked from each weight category for Great Britain, so I've got a good chance of being selected," said Team Bath player Reed.

"I've got a good few months to get myself ready for it."

Colin Oates, who reached the rostrum at the 2010 Belgium Open in January with a bronze medal win, will compete in the -66kg competition.

Ashley McKenzie, also a bronze medalist in Belgium, has been selected to compete in the -60kg weight category.

Completing the lineup is Daniel Williams and Jan Gosiewski in the -73kg weight category and Nathon Burns in the -60kg weight category.

<b>Weight Category</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>D.O.B</b>	<b>Home Town</b>
-60kg	Ashley McKenzie	17/07/1989	London
-60kg	Nathon Burns	09/03/1989	Camberley
-66kg	Colin Oates	07/06/1983	Norwich
-73kg	Daniel Williams	20/04/1989	Shrewsbury
-73kg	Jan Gosiewski	05/03/1988	London
<b>-81kg</b>	<b>Tom Reed</b>	<b>29/01/1986</b>	<b>Devizes</b>

**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR**  
**DORSET COUNTY JUDO**

**Year ending December 2009/10**

Another lean year for Dorset with our County struggling to find officials/recorders and membership/meetings surviving by the efforts of a dedicated few.

This has reflected in our Competition status and with just five clubs active supporting our sport, coaches are finding it more and more difficult with recruitment; some opting to go independent or defaulting to another region . . having said that, we do encourage and help any coaches with revalidation . . recently gaining two new coaches from the Wessex Club attending an Instructor Course.

We were very pleased that Steve Hammond and Sandra Klinger travelled to Dorchester for our September meeting which helped boost some attendance and their input was informative and gratefully acknowledged.

October saw our Warmwell weekend which is held every year inviting clubs from Basingstoke, with those attending getting a certificate and the Saturday hosted a get together in the evening. Andy Jump our County Coach at Seni/Y.A.C. Judo Club in Weymouth, celebrated his grant from Community Foundation for Dorset for £2,000 which helped to buy new mats.

Fiancially Dorset is currently stable . .

My grateful thanks to Andy Jump (County Coach), Angela Flowers (Secretary), Phil Jeffrey (Treasurer), Jean Newman (President) and all who have supported Dorset Judo.

Mick Kunzi  
Dorset Chairman



**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR**  
**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY JUDO**

**Year ending December 2009/10**

I opened my report last year by registering our disappointment as to another cancellation of the Bob Taylor and John Yendell team events. Well we did have an event in 2009 albeit with a very poor entry, but the good news for my County was that we were able to repeat our success of 2007 with our men's A team winning the event, and our B team taking the runners up spot.

I also spoke in last year's report of our decision to take a break from organising the West Open, and create a new event, which we called the Gloucestershire Open. Our past experience in organising the West Open over the years came in very useful as we ran a very successful event, ably assisted by 2/3 of the younger element in the County who played a critical part in its success. Although the event catered for Juniors only in its first year, we do have plans for the future to create a category for Kyu grades, who have few opportunities these days to compete. The success of the event also boosted the Counties coffers, which pleased our Treasurer Chris Salter, and helped make up for the fact that she continues to support us admirably, although as I have mentioned previously, she doesn't even like Judo!

We also appointed a new Secretary in our County with Elaine O'Connell from the Newent Club stepping forward to fill the vacancy.

On the mat, the County enjoyed some significant successes with our Juniors right through to our Masters Players, recording successes at Area, National, and International level. Apart from our showing at the Area teams, we also had good performances from our Players at the West Open both at Junior and Senior level. Our Masters Squad also continues to perform with Players from the Bradley Stoke, Swindon and Dowty Clubs all figuring at events throughout the year, including the World Masters in Germany. My Masters review in the December newsletter detailed our efforts throughout the year.

Peter Salter  
Gloucestershire Chair

# Somerset News



**CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR**  
**Wiltshire County Report**  
**Year ending December 2009/10**

This year has been quite eventful for me. It is the year I retired from full time employment and this has allowed me more time to enjoy the sport we are in.

Tom Reed (Devizes) has been slowly climbing the ladder of success on the international scene, with Craig Curtis (Swindon) from the other end of the spectrum in the Masters Competitions showing the skills that got him his 5<sup>th</sup> Dan (he was even mentioned on the BJA website) I would not be surprised before it is long when he gains his 6<sup>th</sup> Dan. Lee Adams 4<sup>th</sup> Dan (Swindon) has been Craig's club mate and training partner over many years, who has also entered some Masters competitions with variable success. It was good to see Julian Davies 5<sup>th</sup> Dan and Raz Hopkins 5<sup>th</sup> Dan still dabbling in these events - true competitors all.

Peter Blakemore (Moonrakers Judo Club) continues to hold the very successful Salisbury competitions. It is hoped that Peter gets more involved outside of the County and into the Western Area something which can only be a benefit for all. Area officials are not at a premium.

This year the county was unable to hold a county closed championship because of lack of interest from either clubs or players - perhaps someone can tell me how we can persuade players to enter, which has been in the past a very sociable event?

Julian Davies former Olympian from Devizes has continued to work in the background holding training sessions at Devizes Budo Club, which the County players will hugely benefit from.

The County had been approached to hold the Western Area Open due to the unfortunate decision by Gloucester committee not to hold the event. This was quite a task for the County as it is some 15+ years since Wiltshire hosted such an event and in the same place - The Link Swindon. From a personal note, I must thank Bryan Evans (Ferndale Swindon) and his team who did an amazing job getting it together for what turned out to be an extremely successful weekend - the proof was in the player attendance and from those officials who praised the event.

The main thing that I believe the County lacks is a Senior Men and Senior Women team which could represent the County at the Western Area Championships, something we were able to do some 15+ years ago (Wiltshire won the men's team trophy back in the beginning of the 1990's). Perhaps our newly appointed BJA Technical Officer can look at this when appointing Area/County coaches as part of their targets.

Phil Mayberry  
Wiltshire County Chairman

## *Bristol City News*

We are only in February and already it has been a busy start to the year for Bristol.

Firstly I would like to wish all our clubs, players and parents a Happy New Year and hope that we can continue to take Bristol forward and improve on the success of 2009.

Secondly I would like to welcome Tora Judo Kai to the county and area.

We started off the year running our first ever Bristol Mini-Mon at Ashton Park Sports Centre. This was a huge success which saw many Bristol clubs coming together to help run and organise this event. A total of 130 players competed from all over the Western area, Wales, Midlands and further a field. All the table officials were from the County and so to were many of the Referees. This proves that as a County we try to encourage and support our competition officials and hope to get a course in the County to increase our numbers. The feedback we have so far received has all been positive and we plan to make this a regular occurrence. Thank you to everyone for their support. I would also like to thank all the volunteers from Bedminster, New Star (Sea Mills), New Star (Patchway), Bristol judo Hartcliffe, Yate Star and Tora for their help over the weekend.

Then it was off to the Midland Age Bands in Walsall for the weekend where we came back with a total of 2 gold, 1 silver and 2 bronze medals along with 2 fifth places. As with last year the camaraderie and spirit between most of the players and clubs within the County was exceptional with these players cheering and supporting each other.

Straight on the heels of the Midlands was our AGM, which was as most a slightly heated affair. I believe this is good for the County as having people with different opinions is what is needed to achieve success. For the first time in many years we had two candidates for the position of Chair! Again I believe this was good for the County. However out of the 10 clubs present, both candidates received the same number of votes and it was decided that uniquely we would have a joint Chair. Therefore myself and John Bath will be joint Chair of Bristol for this year. I believe we both have our strengths that can be brought to the County.

Before even having chance to digest the AGM we were off again on our travels, this time to St Helens for the North West Age Band. Some making the long trip on Friday evening, some leaving at 5am Saturday morning and the more lucky ones travelled up Saturday afternoon. A total of 2 gold, 1 silver and 6 bronze medals were won along with 2 fifth places. The performances from all Bristol players was outstanding and again the camaraderie between most of them was exceptional. It was also nice for the majority of the clubs to meet up for a meal and work together over the long weekend, for some longer than others, ha-ha!

Finally, I would like to congratulate Alison Finn on becoming Western Area Secretary, along with those players within the County who recently attended the Instructors course and passed.

To summarise well done to all Bristol players that have competed so far this year and I look forward to working closely with John and the rest of the committee to take the county forward during 2010.

Thanks

Paul Taylor

Chair, Bristol County Judo

## *Gloucester News*

Gloucestershire Club Bradley Stoke, recently organised an excellent Randori day on their premises. Players attended the session from the Counties Clubs along with representatives from other Counties, and also visitors from Wales were also present. The day started quite early with a Senior Men's randori session, but the early start did not deter some 30 Players from attending, the majority of which were Dan grades, but all grades were welcome.

The girl's session followed with some 20 in attendance, and then came a Boys session with at least 40 at this one. The day was done and dusted by 1-30pm with everyone having had a really good session on a large mat area in a nice environment with all the typical Leisure Centre facilities available. The whole day was overseen by plenty of Coaches and helpers, and it was good to see Western Area Ladies Coach Jason Parsons in attendance, both practising himself and Coaching.

The Club intend to organise this sort of thing on a fairly regular basis, and although the numbers were excellent, everyone is welcome, with the size of the mat area available well able to accommodate larger numbers. Contact Pete Douglas to get yourself on future mailing lists.

Pete Salter  
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