

DOUBLE GOLD WORLD CHAMP



Shaun Eglinton's was rewarded with two gold medals at the World JSKA Shotokan Championship. Shaun's double gold achievement in Kata and Team Kumite at the Velodrome in Manchester this August was the icing on the cake for SEKU. The two day event attracted some of the finest Shotokan talent from all corners of the globe and the SEKU Squad was there scoring goals or should I say golds for the home side. Team Squad Manager Terry Oliver (5th Dan) said it was an exciting two days and the SEKU team spirit was galvanised by the event. See inside full story.

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2008 WORLD JSKA SHOTOKAN CHAMPIONSHIPS

The 2008 World JSKA Shotokan Championship took place on 24-25th August at the Velodrome in Manchester. A 19 strong SEKU squad attended the event and competed with 800 competitors from all over the world. Terry Oliver, Steve Hollister and Stacey Crowe assisted as officials and Sensei Dewey was there to provide support and encouragement. The SEKU Squad travelled to Manchester on the Friday, checked into their accommodation and registered as competitors at the Velodrome.

Individual and team kata began on the Saturday morning. Shaun Egglinton cut a swathe through the 45-54yrs category with his usual sharp and concise techniques which got him through to the finals. In the final he performed a terrific Unsu and was awarded the gold medal. Tracey Corby and Hannah Day unfortunately drew each other in the early rounds of the ladies individual kata and Hannah took the decision and went through to the finals where she performed brilliantly and came 4th. Paul Uren was unlucky to be drawn against the current World champion. He performed an excellent Tekki Shodan which under normal circumstances would have seen him progress but alas it was not to be on this occasion. The junior kata took place in the afternoon and in spite of stiff competition Mike Grimwood from Saltash KC was undaunted and progressed to take the silver in the final.

Sunday began with the team kumite with all the age categories running concurrently on 3 separate areas which divided the coaches and squad support. Nevertheless, the SEKU veterans and men's team took out the opposition one at a time. The men's event attracted a high standard of international talent and Keith, Dave and Jason attained a very creditable 8th position. George, Sam and Mike performed admirably in the boy's competition but had to settle for Bronze after losing to the eventual winning Belgian team. The veterans proceeded to the evening finals and it seemed that the whole arena was focused on this event and this galvanised the SEKU team spirit and Graham, Lee and Shaun performed excellently to take the Gold.

The main events of the day were the individual kumite competitions and the action was fast and furious. Sam Weaver and Mike Grimwood fought gallantly but only George Oliver made it to the finals where he came up against the strong Belgian captain. The bout was tense with some great action but the Belgian was the victor and George took the

Silver medal (16-17yr). Ben Mayer and Mark Chapmen were up against tough opposition, battled well but went out in the final stages. Scott Clements and Chris McMullen represented SEKU in the 14/15yr category. Unfortunately this was not Chris's day but Scott acquitted himself well to become the World Champion in this category.



All members of the SEKU squad performed well and demonstrated great spirit. Ultimately the hard work and dedication by club instructors and students alike was put to the test and the team passed with flying colours.

SEKU RESULTS

Gold Medals: Shaun Eglinton - 45-54 Individual Kata
Shaun Eglinton, Graham Rowley, Lee Hollister - (45-54) Team Kumite
Scott Clements - 14-15 Individual Kumite

Silver Medals: Mike Grimwood - 16-18 Individual Kata
George Oliver - 16-18 Individual Kumite

Bronze Medal: George Oliver, Mike Grimwood, Sam Weaver - 16-18 Team Kumite

Finalist: Hannah Day - 22-34 Individual Kata

ANOTHER HERO BITES THE DUST

It would seem that it has been the year for tying the knot and congratulations are in order for Dave Galloway. He married Natalie Tregus at Warblington Church on 16th August. The reception was staged at Southsea Castle and many of Dave's SEKU friends attended. I am informed that the day went extremely well and Keith Williams proved to be an excellent Best Man. Dave who is the SEKU Squad Captain was featured in the first edition of Squad News and remains a very popular SEKU character. Best wishes to David and Natalie.

THREE NEW CLUBS

As with all organisations members come and go but it is always good news when new clubs start up and existing clubs become affiliated to SEKU. We have presently 25 Clubs affiliated. Over the past year three clubs have been added to the official club listing and each with there own story to tell. I hope to provide more information on these clubs in the next issue:

Saltash - Instructor Steve Hollister

Plympton - Instructor Stuart Hick

Petersfield - Instructor Pete Turrell

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009 - HUNGARY

Next years World championships will be held in Hungary on the 9th & 10th October 2009. SEKU are planning on taking part and you may wish to consider making a weekend of it and support the squad. If you are thinking that this would be a great opportunity to be there, to cheer on our champs and soak up the atmosphere then start saving your pennies now. See March 09 issue of SEKU Update for more info.

SQUAD NEWS & SEKU UPDATE

Anyone wishing to contribute to either of the SEKU news letters (i.e. SEKU Update and Squad News) should please contact: Ken on kenlyons1@sky.com (mobile: 07885 115432).

See Squad News for details of Squad Training Dates for 2008 & 2009.

HATTON HITCHED

Sensei Frankie Hatton has finally pledged to love honour and cherish the lovely Mitchell. The big day was 11 July 2008 in the Alameda Gardens, Gibraltar. Sensei Mick Dewey and Stacy Crowe attended the ceremony and later toasted their good health numerous times at the reception which was held at the Garrison Library. Sensei Mick later reported "it was truly a great day".



Left to Right: Stacy Crowe, Frankie Hatton and Mick Dewey

Frank has been a member of SEKU since 1991 when he joined Portsmouth KC. His friendship with Sensei Mick Dewey and Stacy Crowe has continued in spite of the fact that he now resides in Gibraltar. Frank was a squad member and represented SEKU at the UK Nationals at Leeds in 1997, Brazil Tour 1997 and competed in Slovakia in 1997 and 1998. He has now retired from competition living in the shadow of the rock and returning to the UK for the SEKU Open every November to take on the role of commentator. So next time remember, he is not just the bald-headed northerner on the microphone, he is our Frank - one of the family.

SEKU DATES FOR 2009

***Saturday 15th November 2008-** "Shotokan Alliance" Portsmouth Open Annual Championships, The Mountbatten Centre, Alexandra Park, Portsmouth.

***Saturday 13th December 2008** - Paulsgrove Christmas Championship for kids (under 16's) - Paulsgrove Community Centre, Marsden Road, Paulsgrove, Portsmouth PO6 4JB

Sunday 8th February 2009 - Black & Brown Belt Course - Madina High School, Newport, IOW

***Saturday 7th March 2009** - "Shotokan Alliance" Legend Shobu Ippon Tournament - Bracknell, Berkshire

Saturday 21st March 2009 - SEKU Annual Championships - Mountbatten Centre, Alexandra Park, Portsmouth

Sunday 26th April 2009 - Instructor Class - Priory Community Sports & Leisure Centre, Portsmouth, Hants

***Saturday 9th May 2009** - "Shotokan Alliance" Shobu Ippon Tournament Guildford - Guildford, Surrey

Sunday 7th June 2009 - Black & Brown Belt Course - Plymouth Devon

Sunday 13th September 2009 - Instructor Class - Priory Community Sports & Leisure Centre, Portsmouth, Hants

Sunday 4th October 2009 - SEKU AGM/Black & Brown Belt Course, Portchester Community School, White Hart Lane, Portchester

***Friday 9th October 2009** - World Championships - Hungary

***Saturday 21st November 2009-** "Shotokan Alliance" Portsmouth Open Annual Championships, The Mountbatten Centre, Alexandra Park, Portsmouth.

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