

# Squad News 26/03/17

**SQUAD TRAINING SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL OF THE IAIDO BU  
(YOU DO NOT HAVE TO WANT TO BE IN THE SQUAD TO ATTEND).**

## United Kingdom Iaido Squad 2017

**6<sup>th</sup> Dan** (1) Anna Stone (1pt), (2) Andy Watson, (3) Harry Jones (1pt), (4) John Honisz- Greens (3pts), (5) Martin Clark (3pts), (6) Hugh Darby (2pts).

**5<sup>th</sup> Dan** (1) Graham Turner, (2) Dave Fanning (1pts), (3) John Burn (2pts), (4) Andrew Thrower, (5) Lee Mountain, (6) David Ansell (1pts).

**4<sup>th</sup> Dan** (1) Andrew Davis, (2) Kevin Mc Neal (2pts), (3) David Parker (2pts), (4) Ben Emberley, (5) Rob Townson (2pts), (6) Dan Ivermee

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dan** (1) Tecwyn Lee, (2) Ed Umeyama, (3) Ed Marshall, (4) Darren Waghorne (1 pts), (5) Will Heal, (6) Hannah Davis, (7) Chris Gell.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dan** (1) Dale Hipkiss, (2) Amy Sheperd (2pts), (3) David Smith (2pts), (4) Asta Stasiuleviciene, (5) Tamsin Harrison, (6) Shakar Rammen, (7) Kevin Douglas (3pts), (8) Shradha Sen (3pts) \*(9) Robert Boyd (2pts).

**1<sup>st</sup> Dan** (1) Ben Crabbe (2pts), (2) David Draper, (3) Pip Philips (3pts).

**Mudan** (1) Toby Mottershead (2pts).

We are looking to ideally have a max of 8 people per grade slot.

You can be challenged for your squad position in Taikai Practice at squad STS. If you beat a squad member 3 times you earn their place, but they can re-challenge you to regain their place.

Until all 8 places per grade are filled you can still join the squad by application or invitation. You must read and agree the code of conduct then apply via email to the Squad Manager on [karliaidoteammanager@yahoo.com](mailto:karliaidoteammanager@yahoo.com)

Points will only be awarded to Squad Members who have registered with the SM.

Points will not be awarded retrospectively.

The minimum points for team selection required will be decided by the selectors (SM, SC and Bucho).

The team will be picked from the squad by the selectors, each will have an equal vote and you will need a minimum of 2 out of 3 to be selected, your points will be taken into account.

Selectors reserve the right to vote onto the team wild card entries, this will give us the flexibility to put forward our best team for The EIC.

The main criteria for selection will be **ABILITY**, we will also take into account support for the squad, effort, character and team compatibility.

Challenging for and gaining a Squad place is an opportunity for you to improve your Iaido, the selection team will be watching and making notes about your performance and improvement and will expect to see you address the issues raised to you and improvements being made.

Again Selection will be based on ABILITY- ABILITY- ABILITY, Points, Team compatibility, Character, ABILITY- ABILITY and ABILITY.

It will be up to you to develop a working relationship with your coach and selectors. He/she will be happy to give you feedback , he/she will also give you areas for you to work on which will improve **YOUR** Iaido. Make sure you take written notes at STS and USE THEM IN YOUR TRAINING.

Ask questions.....the only stupid question is the one you did not ask.

The Taikai floor is a very lonely place, learn to love it and use it to make your Iaido better

Feel the fear and embrace it to improve.

If you have an idea which you think can be used to improve the squad then speak to the S.M.

**THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT !**

You may be asked to mentor individuals or small groups this is good for your Iai and good for team moral.

All the squad management want from you is **100%** effort and commitment

So to the new Squad Members welcome and congratulations, as you can now start accumulating points by going to the STS events and listed seminars. YOU are now the target, you will have to defend your Squad place, so best of luck and enjoy the ride.

Event	Point Value
<b>BKA Seminar Attendance</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Squad Training</b> (no points for half day attendance)	<b>2</b>
<b>Iaido Nationals Attendance</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Nationals Medal Win (Gold)</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Nationals Medal Win (Silver)</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Nationals Medal Win (Bronze)</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Post-AGM Event Attendance</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Post AGM Event 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>5</b>

**SEMINARS**                      points

<del>18/19 Mar 17   Iaido Spring Seminar Cambridge</del>	<del>1</del>
8/9-Apr-17   Scottish Iaido Seminar Edinburgh	1
13/14-May-17   West Midlands Iaido Seminar West Midlands	1
30-Jul-17 01-Aug-17   Iaido Summer Seminar Birmingham University	1

Best Regards

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