

# Squad News 06/08/17

SQUAD TRAINING SESSIONS ARE OPEN TO ALL OF THE IAIDO BU

## United Kingdom Iaido Squad 2017

**6<sup>th</sup> Dan** (1) Anna Stone, (2pt) (2) Andy Watson (12pts), (3) Harry Jones (13pt), (4) John Honisz- Greens (13pts), (5) Martin Clark (11pts), (6) Hugh Darby (3pts), (7) Xandy Sahla (8pts).

**5<sup>th</sup> Dan** (1) Graham Turner (7pts), (2) Dave Fanning (17pts), (3) John Burn(23pts), (4) Andrew Thrower(11pts), (5) Lee Mountain (2 pts),(6)David Ansell (1pts).

**4<sup>th</sup> Dan**(1) Andrew Davis (8pts), (2) Kevin Mc Neill (12pts,) (3) David Parker (17pts), (4) Ben Emberley (20pts), (5)~~Rob Townson (11pts)~~, (6) Dan Ivermee (3pts), (7) Pat Breheny (10pts), (8) Donald Gordan (4pts), (9)~~Colin Porter(8pts)~~.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Dan** (1) Ed Umeyama (16pts), (2) Ed Marshall (15pts), (3) Will Heal(8pts), (4) Hannah Davies(7pts), (5) Chris Gell (7pts),(6) Sophie Ralston (0 pts),(7) Tecwyn Lee (6pts).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dan**(1)~~Amy Shepherd(9pts)~~, (2) David Smith(11pts), (3) Tamsin Harrison(0pts),(4) Shakir Rahmen (14pts), (5) Kevin Douglas(17pts),(6) Shraddha Sen (10pts),(7) Robert Boyd(15pts),(8)~~Darren Waghorn (21pts)~~

**1<sup>st</sup> Dan** (1) Ben Crabbe (12pts), (2) David Draper (13pts), (3) Toby Mottershead (14pts),(4) John Cockburn (13pts), (5) Abdul Oyede (4 pts), (6) Asta Stasiuleviciene (20pts),(7) Wayne Roberts (3pts), (8)~~Pip Phillips (4pts)~~.

**Mudan** (1) Steve Taylor (15pts),David Griffiths (4pts).

\*Squad Members ~~scored through~~ have either withdrawn from squad this year or have been promoted (If promoted you are still eligible for team selection).

## STS4 DURHAM VENUE CHANGE

Due to circumstances beyond our control we have changed this venue to:

Macmillan Academy, Stockton Road,  
Middlesbrough. TS5 4AG

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> August 9am (9.30 start) – 3.30pm

We will be announcing our Team for Turin, Italy as soon as we can after the STS 4 Middlesbrough event

Until all 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.

Points will not be awarded retrospectively (unless for a good reason).

The minimum points and attributes 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 votes to be selected, your points will be taken into account, but are not the only consideration.

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

It will be up to you to develop a working relationship with your coach.

### **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.

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 laido 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, you can now start accumulating points by going to the listed seminars and STS.

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**

18/19-Mar-17 | Iaido Spring Seminar Cambridge ————— 1

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

It is with great regret that I have to announce that Greg Drew our team coach has withdrawn his support for the BKA Iaido Bu and the United Kingdom Iaido Squad.

Greg has worked tirelessly for the squad and I know it has been a very important part of his life, I will miss him and I know he will miss us. I wish to thank him for his devotion, dedication and mentorship over the many years that he has been involved with the squad. I know he has suffered ill health this year and I wish him a speedy recovery and my sincere best wishes for the future.

We are changing STS format with effect from STS4 Middlesbrough. The format will be based on the post AGM event format because of the excellent feedback we received from that.

**It is my intention to keep the team and squad intact for next year, Team members who have eligibility issues will still be in the squad. Next year squad members will be allowed to challenge a team member for their team place at any STS, and the challenge results will be recorded and used in final team selection for next year. So, the team does not disband after Turin, it is hoped that this will help with continuity of our team development.**

“NO MATTER WHAT YOUR SITUATION, EVERYTHING CHANGES AND STARTS ANEW, FROM TODAY WE STAND UP WITH A RENEWED SPIRIT AND A FRESH DETERMINATION.”

Best Regards

Karl Gibbons

United Kingdom Iaido Team Manager