

3rd Annual Invitation Tournament – Report

Over 160 competitors from Samurai clubs around the region gathered on Sunday 17th June at the Hereford Leisure Centre for the Samurai Invitation Tournament. Competition took place over 32 different divisions and events, ensuring that there was something for everyone and a fair chance for all to win a 'podium place'. Competitors exhibited exemplary behaviour throughout the day and were rewarded with a highly enjoyable and competitive tournament.



at the early time of 9.00 am the hall soon filled, and by 9.30 seats, at least for friends and families, were hard to come by.

A nearly full tournament hall soon after 9.00 am

Now in its third year the tournament, organised by Sensei Paul Jones, is a firm fixture in the Samurai Karate calendar and is eagerly competed for by all clubs.

Despite the doors opening

As with other tournaments the earliest events were reserved for some of the younger competitors – however the competition was no less fierce in both Kata and Kumite divisions than for the older divisions later in the day.





A number of the Kumite bouts caught the eye where competition was close and exciting. Support was vocal throughout from family supporters, spectators and other competitors. In the junior divisions no one club dominated the tournament and the main spoils were

fairly evenly spread around the various clubs.

There is no doubt that Samurai UK has a bright future with so many able and talented junior and novice competitors in the sport.



Two of the keenly contested Kumite bouts

The Tournament was split roughly into two halves of competition and a number of special exhibitions and presentations.

For many the highlight of the day was the demonstration put on by Sensei Tom Beardsley.



Sensei Tom's demonstration was in three parts. The first part saw Sensei Tom perform the Kurunfa Kata along with an atmospheric musical accompaniment. In the second part of his demonstration he was joined by Sensei Anthony for a display of the classic bunkai for the kata. However, the climax was when Senseis Richard, Lee and Chris joined in and Sensei Tom showed how the kata moves could be utilised to beat off a sustained attack by multiple assailants.





Sensei Paul Jones with the Samurai 'Oz Squad'

Sensei Paul also presented posters, of Tani Sensei, to Senseis Richard, Alan and Lou as acknowledgement for their help throughout the year with the operation of his own Dojos.

Sensei Paul Jones, in his capacity as head coach to the national squad, took the opportunity to introduce members of the Australian 07 Squad which competed with so much success earlier this year at the Goodwill Championship in Melbourne.



Sensei Alan receiving his poster of Tani Sensei from Sensei Paul

Following the presentations there was a return to the serious matter of competition.



So, the final events were decided and all that was left was to announce the winner of the overall best female competitor trophy, which went to Kirsty Lewis of Shrewsbury; and the winner of the overall best male competitor trophy, which went to Jamie Butterfield of Hereford. The tournament closed at about 6.0 pm

after a thoroughly enjoyable day for competitors and spectators alike. A very successful tournament.

Thanks must go to; all the organisers and helpers for such a well organised and run tournament; the competitors for the spirit and attitude with which they competed; and finally, all parents and carers who make the time and take the trouble to get their children to tournaments and training throughout the year.

3rd Shukokai Invitational

Sunday 17th June 2007

Hereford Leisure Centre

1 5 & 6 Yrs Mixed Kata		
1st	Poppy Lawley	Ludlow
2nd	James Marshall	Shrewsbury
Jt 3rd	Jack Jones	Brecon
Jt 3rd	Byron Hodgetts	Bromyard

2 Novice Female Kata Category 1		
1st	Amelia Rice	Monmouth
2nd	Lyndsay Dumbell	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Charis Francis	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Bethany Payne	Hereford

3 Novice Female Kata Category 2		
1st	Katie Cupper	Bromyard
2nd	Katherine French	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Bryony Morgan	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Emily Gould	Ludlow

4 Intermed Female Kata Category 1		
1st	Sophie Atkinson	Hereford
2nd	Zoe Morgan	Ludlow
Jt 3rd	Kira Lloyd Bithell	Presteigne
Jt 3rd	Natasha Smith	Monmouth

5 Intermed Female Kata Category 2		
1st	Kirsty Lewis	Shrewsbury
2nd	Navi Challinor	Shrewsbury
Jt 3rd	Kay Phasey	Ludlow
Jt 3rd	Kara Shuker	Shrewsbury

6 Novice Male Kata Category 1		
1st	Henry Collins	Bromyard
2nd	Dafydd Treasure	Brecon
Jt 3rd	James Williams	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Gleb Sakharov	Hay On Wye

7 Novice Male Kata Category 2		
1st	Tyrone Matthews Jones	Bromyard
2nd	Ollie Gaston	Bromyard
Jt 3rd	Henry Phillips	Bromyard
Jt 3rd	Robert Eveson	Bromyard

8 Intermed Male Kata Category 1		
1st	Rupert Owen	Llandrindod Wells
2nd	Haranjit Kalket	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Ivan Meredith	Hay On Wye
Jt 3rd	Craig Wigmore	Hereford

9 Intermed Male Kata Category 2		
1st	Rhys Stephens	Llandrindod Wells
2nd	Corin Dennehey	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Adam Kelly	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Tim Ernst	Hereford

10 Intermed Male Kata Category 3		
1st	Sam Rintoul	Shrewsbury
2nd	Jamie Butterfield	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Kieran Isaacs	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Connor Norris	Brecon

11 Adult Male Junior Grade Kata		
1st	Mike Buchan	Llandrindod Wells
2nd	Sam W	Presteigne
Jt 3rd	Luke R	Llandrindod Wells

12 Cadet Brown Belt Mixed Kata		
1st	Ange Williams	Monmouth
2nd	James Hunt	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Lisa Bateson	Brecon
Jt 3rd	Dave Robinson	Brecon

13 Cadet Black Belt Mixed Kata		
1st	Phil Taylor	Presteigne
2nd	Holly Farmer	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Kerrie Griffin	Hereford

14 5 & 6 Yrs Female Kumite		
1st	Poppy Lawley	Ludlow
2nd	Chloe Blaunt	Ludlow
Jt 3rd	Leona Bayliss	Ludlow
Jt 3rd	Poppy Austin Durden	Bromyard

15 Novice Female Kumite Category 1		
1st	Lindsay Dumbell	Monmouth
2nd	Amelia Rice	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Charis Francis	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Rhiannon Holmes	Ludlow

16 Novice Female Kumite Category 2		
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1st	Katie Cupper	Bromyard
2nd	Georgina Cupper	Bromyard
Jt 3rd	Bryony Morgan	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Chelsea White	Brecon

17	Under 9yrs Intermed Female Kumite	
1st	Zoe Morgan	Ludlow
2nd	Natasha Smith	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Carmen Taylor	Brecon
Jt 3rd	Jazmine Pitchford	Shrewsbury

18	Intermed Female Kumite Category 1	
1st	Kara Shuker	Shrewsbury
2nd	Navi Challinor	Shrewsbury
Jt 3rd	Gurpreet Kaur	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Casey McDean	Brecon

19	Intermed Female Kumite Category 2	
1st	Kirsty Lewis	Shrewsbury
2nd	Harriet Edwards	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Emily Gould	Ludlow
Jt 3rd	Danielle White	Brecon

20	5 & 6 Yrs Male Kumite	
1st	Jay Hicks	Hereford
2nd	James Marshall	Shrewsbury
Jt 3rd	Byron Hodgetts	Bromyard
Jt 3rd	Jack Jones	Brecon

21	Novice Male Kumite Category 1	
1st	Theo Phillips	Brecon
2nd	Dafydd Treasure	Brecon
Jt 3rd	James Williams	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Kurt Jones	Brecon

22	Novice Male Kumite Category 2	
1st	Robert Eveson	Bromyard
2nd	Ben Millington	Shrewsbury
Jt 3rd	Finley Branson	Hay On Wye
Jt 3rd	Joseph Woolaston	Shrewsbury

23	Novice Male Kumite Category 3	
1st	Jake Albert Bellingham	Ludlow
2nd	Tyrone Matthews-Jones	Bromyard
Jt 3rd	Henry Phillips	Bromyard
Jt 3rd	Henry Collins	Bromyard

24	Under 9yrs Intermed Male Kumite	
1st	George Taylor	Presteigne
2nd	Liam Tomkins	Presteigne
Jt 3rd	Niall Pritchard	Shrewsbury
Jt 3rd	Matthew Morgan	Shrewsbury

25	9 & 10 yrs Intermed Male Kumite	
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1st	Jack Travis	Ludlow
2nd	Rhys Stephens	Llandrindod Wells
Jt 3rd	Corin Dennehey	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Jack Heath	Kington

26	Intermed Male Kumite Category	
1st	Jamie Butterfield	Hereford
2nd	Craig Sterry	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Connor McDean	Brecon
Jt 3rd	Ben Owen	Llandrindod

27	Under 12 Brown & Black Belt Kumite	
1st	Ieuan Marlowe	Hereford
2nd	Jordan Marlowe	Hereford
Jt 3rd	David Robinson	Brecon
Jt 3rd	Tim Ruchforth	Hereford

28	13-15yrs Senior Male Kumite	
1st	Jaspal Singh Boyal	Hereford
2nd	Phil Taylor	Presteigne
Jt 3rd	James Clewer	Bromyard
Jt 3rd	Luke Bennett	Hereford

29	11-13yrs Senior Female Kumite	
1st	Josie Griffin	Hereford
2nd	Ruby Hunter	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Lisa Bateson	Brecon
Jt 3rd	Shannon Rowan	Hereford

30	14-16yrs Senior Female Kumite	
1st	Kerrie Griffin	Hereford
2nd	Holly Farmer	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Maddie Winder	Monmouth
Jt 3rd	Millie Dawson	Shrewsbury

31	Adult Senior Male Kumite	
1st	Anthony Begbie	Hereford
2nd	Chris Rowan	Hereford
Jt 3rd	Brennan Paige	Hereford

32	Adult Male Junior Grade Kumite	
1st	Sam W	Presteigne
2nd	Mike B	Llandrindod Wells
3rd	Luke R	Llandrindod Wells