

Grading June 2008

Grading in a new location and yet again more outstanding results. Although numbers grading this time were low the standard was very high so I think we have the balance right.

Well done to everyone who took part, it's great to see so many of you gain Credits and Honours. A big **CONGRATULATIONS** to the **FOUR** students who achieved five honours; Amanda Phelps(x2), Tim Marson, Paul Biscombe and Stacy Morris – well done. Below are the full grading results;

JUNIORS			
Lorna Wiltshire	Orange	Credit	Coalville
Dominic Leak	Blue	Pass	Coalville
Stacy Morris	Brown/White	Honours	Coalville / Hinckley
Luke Bradbury	Kata 1	Credit	Coalville
Louis Elms	Kata 1	Credit	Hinckley
Lucas Humphrys	Kata 1	Credit	Hinckley
Duncan Phelps	Kata 3	Credit	Coalville / Hinckley
Teile Narczyk	Kata 3	Pass	Coalville / Hinckley
Harley Morris	Kata 3	Pass	Coalville / Hinckley
Stacy Morris	Kata 4	Credit	Coalville / Hinckley
SENIORS			
Marek Marzanski	Red	Credit	Hinckley
Martin Steer	Red	Credit	Hinckley
Lewis Hill	Red	Credit	Hinckley
Alistair Ball	Orange	Credit	Hinckley / Earl Shilton
Roland Braeuer	Green	Credit	Earl Shilton
Tim Marson	Blue	Honours	Coalville / Hinckley
Paul Biscombe	Blue	Honours	Coalville / Hinckley
Amanda Phelps	Blue	Honours	Coalville / Hinckley
Alistair Ball	Kata 1	Credit	Hinckley / Earl Shilton
Amanda Phelps	Kata 2	Honours	Coalville / Hinckley
Dennis Morris	Kata 4	Pass	Coalville / Hinckley



New Kata Badge

It has been thought in the past that getting a honours at a Kata grading was an impossible task, but Amanda Phelps has proven this to be wrong and achieved the first ever honours at a Kata for LJ. So now that I know that it can be done, I'd like to throw down a challenge to everyone both juniors and seniors to aim for honours at Kata.

As an incentive we will be introducing a new Kata badge which will be awarded to any student who gets honours at Kata. There will be no charge for this badge and the only way to get one is to earn it.

Kata's are important to the art of Jujitsu as they teach good blocking techniques, the ability to learn a set sequence of movements and visualisation as you imagine an attacking assailant, giving you the opportunity to fine tune your skills. Some Kata's require slow concentrated movements while others must be performed with speed and accuracy.

Assistant Junior Leaders

On 28th June 2008 I took 4 students up to our regional Hombu headquarters near Chesterfield to attend the assistant junior leader course. This was a whole day course, with a number of set tasks, each of which received a mark. The tasks included demonstrating a technique to the other 36 students and assisting them to perform that technique in the way demonstrated. These tasks not only called for technical ability, syllabus knowledge but also confidence and a loud voice.

I am pleased to say that all 4 of the LJ students passed with flying colours. So, a very BIG well done to; Stacy Morris, Morgan Phelps, Kelly Newbold and Kyle Narczyk.

I will be utilising these students and their new skills on the junior training mat to assist me with the tuition of our younger students.

Club Summer Holidays

During the school holidays in July and August 2008 the clubs will be closed on the following dates;

Monday Sessions – 21st & 28th July and 25th August (bank holiday)

Friday Session – 25th July and 1st August

You will not be charged for these sessions.



Monthly Payments

Monthly payment schemes are offered to students for a number of reasons; guaranteeing you a mat place, quality instructor time (max students 14 seniors, 18 juniors), and for paying your bill in this way we reduce the mat fee by £1 per session. The only drawback I see for students is that if they miss a session or go on holiday no refund is given – but on the flip side; your mat place is reserved (JJ does have a waiting list), also this should encourage regular attendance, and from regular attendance comes a greater skill in the art.

This payment scheme is working well for the club and the majority of the students who I would like to thank for their respect of me and this system.

However some students continue to be late payers, these monthly payment schemes are for payments in advance and not in arrears! I would therefore like to emphasise that the invoices JJ send to you should be paid within 7 days of their receipt, if you have missed this or have a problem with paying then please phone me on 07976 952565 to discuss. Those of you who pay your bill a month in arrears will no longer be eligible for the discounted rate and will be required to pay the full mat fee which is £4 per junior and £5 per senior session for all sessions available in that month, not just the ones you have attended. For any queries on this matter please talk to me directly.

Courses

There are a number of courses still available for you to attend this year. Don't forget a course has the benefit of training under a different Sensei and give you more experience of the martial art you are learning. In August the following courses are available, please do not hesitate to discuss these with me if you want more information or would like to book a place.

August 3 rd	Hombu 74 Station Road North Wingfield Chesterfield Derbyshire S425JB 12-2pm	Bo-Bop course & tournament	Mr Elliot	Juniors 14 and under £12
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August 16 th & 17 th	Twin Lakes Park Melton Spinney Road Melton Mowbray Leicestershire LE144SB	Mixed junior and senior. 8 x 1 hour courses available over the 2 days. Click Here for course list and availability.	Mr Howell, Mr Phelps, Mr Tate, Mr Blundell, Mr Elliott, Mr Huthwaite.	Sen - £5 Jun - £5
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Don't forget to check out the website www.leicesterjudo.co.uk for the most up to date information about the clubs. – newsletter9.doc

Black Belt Grading, June 2008

Twice a year, black belt gradings are held in Chesterfield under the instruction of Sensei Robert Clark. Students who have attained brown belt spend 12 months training two to three times a week to gain this prestigious award. It takes hard work and dedication to get to this level. On 15th June 2008, 2 students from LJJ attended and past their black belt (1st Dan) grading. I would like to CONGRATULATE them both at their success and look forward to training with them over the next 2 years as they work their way towards 2nd Dan.

WELL DONE

Colin Briscombe

&

Mark Lewis.

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