



# Aka Ryuu Karate Club newsletter



## 2011 Edition 1

**Welcome to the first 2011 edition of the Aka Ryuu Karate Club Newsletter.**

As you may have noticed from the new club logo, the club name recently changed to 'Aka Ryuu' Karate Club - which translates to 'Red Dragon' Karate Club. There is plenty of important information in this newsletter so make sure you read through. Please keep an eye on the website and download the 2011 calendar which has all competition and course dates. Please read through the section on Licence and Grading fee's, as this will have an impact on you.

### Grading Fee's

The costs of grading fee's has been increased across the SSKU with immediate effect.

#### Grading Fees

Currently £15, for all grades from yellow to brown belt. Future gradings will now cost:

8<sup>th</sup> Kyu to 4<sup>th</sup> Kyu **£20**  
(Yellow to Purple belt)

3<sup>rd</sup> Kyu to 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu **£25**  
(1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Brown belt)

*Aka Ryuu Karate Club we will be introducing a family discount scheme to grading fee's: £5 discount for 2<sup>nd</sup> member, £10 discount for third and subsequent member(s).*

### Licence Fee's

There is also a change to the current licence fee's, as of April 2011, please turn over to find out more...

### Open Courses

Could I please remind all students to try your best to attend and support as many of the Sensei Denis Open Courses as possible. Remember, you must attend 3 in the 12 months prior to Dan grading and also one course in between each brown belt grading. It is a good opportunity to train with our Chief Instructor and an excellent opportunity to train with members of other clubs too.

### Competitions

Well done to everyone who competed in the 2010 Welsh Open, in 2011 there is:

- Williams Karate Comp 20/03/11
- \*EKF Nationals 16/04/11
- SSKU Nationals October 2011
- \*World Championships November
- Welsh Open - date TBA

*\* squad members only*

### Congratulations SSKU

The Shito-Ryu Shukokai Karate Union is now not just the largest Shukokai group in the UK but also World-Wide. Aka Ryuu Karate Club and it's students are proud to be full members of the SSKU.

### Squad Training

The next SSKU UK Squad training is on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2011 10am-12pm**

The squad is now focusing on getting a Men's and Ladies team together for the World Championships which will be held in Rome in November 2011. If you want to train with the squad, please speak to you instructor.

Squad training is open to **ALL KEEN TALENTED** fighters regardless of age and grade and is currently coached by the World Open Weight Champion, Sensei Barry Williams, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan in Weaverham. Sensei Barry is always on the look out for promising fighters to represent the British Team in future National and International competitions.

### Congratulations on passing your black belt grading...



**1<sup>st</sup> Dan:** Gerallt Jones, Noah Jones, Bethan Hughes

**2<sup>nd</sup> Dan:** Sion Williams

## Licences

**Make sure your licence is up-to-date!!**

There have recently been a number of students who ask for renewal forms at gradings and comps!!

Remember, your licence is your responsibility. You must keep it in date. Your licence is your registration with the Association and relevant governing bodies and your insurance; without it you can not grade and can not train. Your licence renewal date will be printed on the licence slip which will be attached to the back of your licence book.

Can I ask everyone to check their licences and renew if required. Remember there fines for late renewals, so it's cheaper to keep it in date.

Your instructor will now be handling your licence applications/renewals, you just need to complete a Licence Form and bring it with a SAE to your instructor who will do the rest.

Can all students/parents also check that the personal details page has been completed, and that licence slips are fixed to the back page. Licence books have gone missing in the past after courses and are untraceable if there is no name written on the first page and the slips has dropped out of the back!

## Licence Fee's

With effect from 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011, the cost of a **NEW LICENCE** will be £30, the cost of a **RENEWAL** will be £25. There will still be reduced rates for families of 3 or more. These fee's effect the whole of the association not just our club.

## New Club Jackets

There is now a brand new design Club Tracksuit Jacket available, incorporating the new club name and logo.

## New Club - Colwyn Bay

Aka Ryuu Karate Club is proud to announce opening a new Dojo in Colwyn Bay Leisure Centre. The club meets on Wednesdays'

*Children class 7pm-8pm*

*Adults class 8pm - 9pm*

## Wales 'Japanese Masters' Course

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010, we were honoured to have three Japanese Master visit North Wales for a one off course. The course was very well attended by our own students and visiting students from other clubs. I hope you were lucky enough to be a part of it, it was just a once in a life time chance.



A big thank you to all who attended, and of course our guests of honour

**Soke Grand Master Haruyoshi Yamada, 9<sup>th</sup> Dan**

*President and World Chief Instructor of the SSKU*

**Tsutomu Kamohara, 8<sup>th</sup> Dan**

*Chief Instructor Europe*

**Masataka Oshita, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan**

*Former all Japan champion*

**Denis Casey Sensei, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan**

*UK Chief Instructor*



## Club Contacts

### Instructors:

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Sensei Dave Jones

### Venues:

**Plas Ffrancon:** 01248 601515

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Gwynedd LL57 3DT

**Aberconwy:** 01492 583592

Ysgol Aberconwy, Morfa Drive  
Conwy LL32 8ED

**Colwyn Bay:** 01492 577900

Eirias Park, Colwyn Bay. LL29 7SP

## Keep yourself up to date

As well as the notice boards, you can keep in touch and up-to-date by using the following:

### Website

[www.shukokai-wales.com](http://www.shukokai-wales.com)

**facebook**

Search for *Shukokai Karate Wales* or at **facebook.com/shukokaiwales**

As well as receiving regular updates, you can also hook up to other members of the club.

### Text messaging/Email

If you give your instructor a mobile number or Email address you will be kept up-to-date via text/Email. Or just drop your instructor a text/mobile with your name.