

6th NATIONAL COURSE AND CHAMPIONSHIPS

JIKISHIN JU JITSU ASSOCIATION HOST THEIR

MEMBERS AND FRIENDS came from Belgium, Germany, Denmark and Scotland, as well as the rest of Great Britain, to attend what is becoming one of the premier Ju-Jitsu weekends of the year. Those attending began to arrive during Friday with the first disembarking from the ferry at Ramsgate to begin a full day of sightseeing in Canterbury and Rochester before travelling to Harlow, Essex, where the course and championships were to be held. Two coaches met the Belgium guests, ferrying them to the first of the two cities to be visited. London city airport then became the next arrival point for our friends from Germany while Stansted saw the plane arriving from Denmark.

Master's Banquet

The first of the social events began on Friday evening where two coaches took many of those attending to the 'Elizabethan Banquet' at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire. This is a very fine old mansion in the grounds of a large estate where we were taken back to the days of Henry VIII and Elizabeth I. Everyone enjoyed the atmosphere, entertainment, food and free drinks, with the serving wenches as well as the court entertainers, providing some risqué, if not amusing, fun. Drinks were ordered by simply banging on the table with your fist and this brought a serving wench with a choice of wine or mead. The meal consisted of seven courses which was enjoyed by everyone with very little being thrown to the dogs. At the conclusion of the evening a peculiar method of tipping was encouraged which many of the male members enjoyed, although the

BJJA (GB) chairman had his own ideas of how this could be done and how to train for it!

While this banquet was taking place there was a small group of stalwarts busy laying down the matted areas for the following day, and it would be very remiss of me not to mention them at this point. Stuart McDonald, Kevin and Vince Bull, Becky, Chris Barnham and Robert Tull were busy laying the mats over an area of 10 badminton courts, a task which they completed at 2am Saturday morning. Becky and gentlemen you deserve the thanks of everyone especially Jikishin's senior coaches. Thank you.

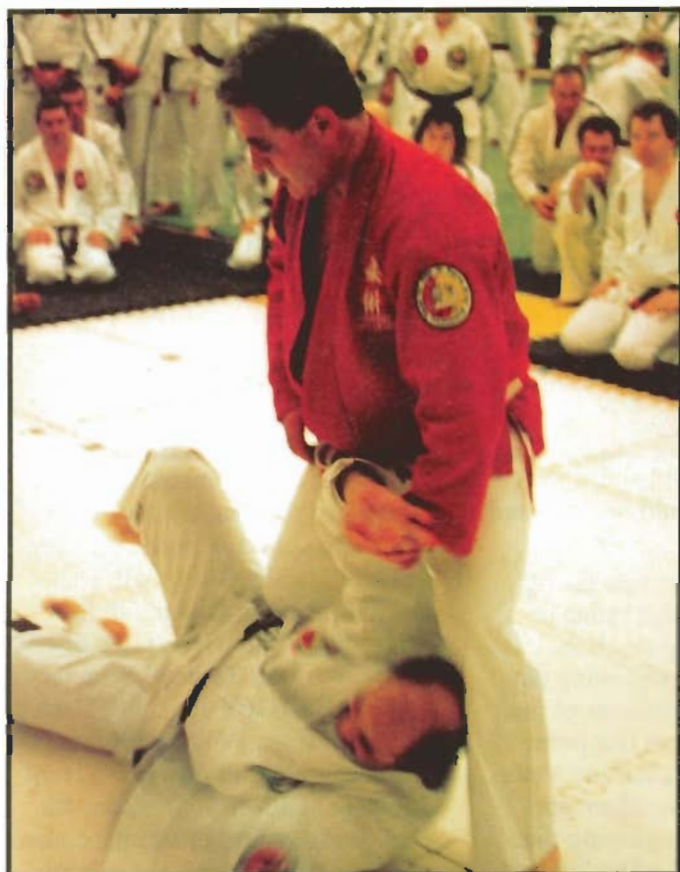
The Course

This began at 10.00am precisely, which is a point that Professor Terry

Parker has always insisted on, he introduced the coaches for the day who were Gino LoGioco, 8th Dan, Belgium; Leslie Ottoey, 5th Dan, Belgium; Martin Dixon, 6th Dan, Chairman of the BJJA (GB); Sheila Dixon, 4th Dan, General Secretary of the BJJA (GB); Jikishin's Senior Coaches Roger Wilkes, 5th Dan; Brian Herbert, 5th Dan; John Hunt, 5th Dan; and Jorn Johannson, 4th Dan. With no further ado the course participants were divided onto the training areas and the training began. The children this year were given a training area of their own away from the main mat areas and in this way they were able to train without the distraction of the activities surrounding them. Each of the coaches visited each of the eight mat areas, where they were received with eagerness and respect, teaching



Jamie Nettlingham receives his gold from Prof. Terry Parker.



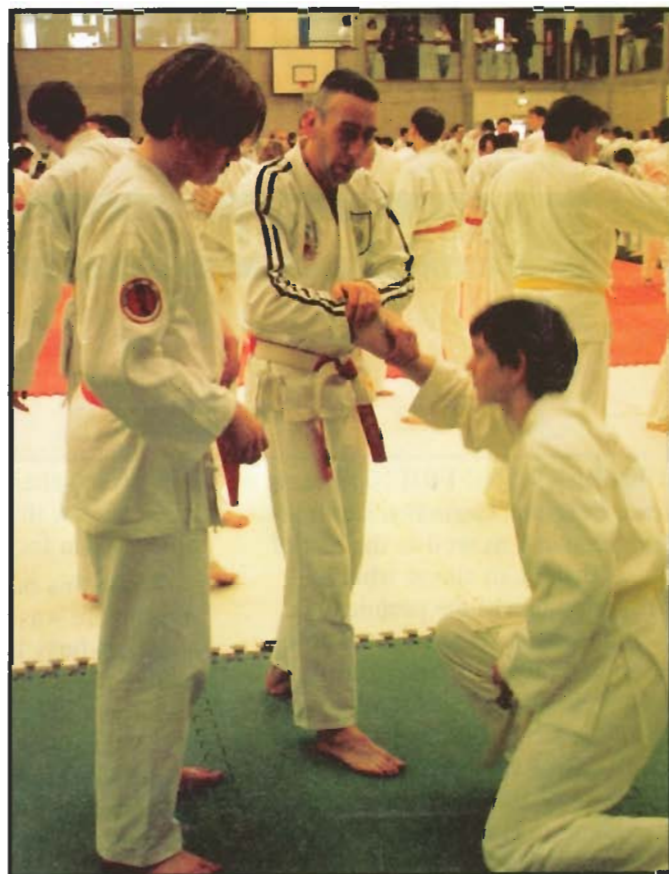
Gino LoGioco (Belgium).

a vast range of techniques including defensive techniques from all aspects.

All too soon, after three hours of constant training, it was time to bring the course to an end and prepare for the competitions. The competitors were able to relax and those attending the course before becoming spectators also had time to shower, change and relax while the six competition areas were prepared. Again our happy mat team swung into action, removing the mats not required while six large competition areas were marked out, judges tables and chairs arranged and the afternoon's programme announced to the waiting spectators.

The Championships

This year, because of our very close association with our Belgium friends, their competitors were allowed to take part in Jikishin's National Championships. They regularly attend our annual event and we always attend theirs in Belgium each April. The close friendship between our Belgium colleagues and Prof. Terry Parker has sealed close links with not only



Leslie Ottoey (Belgium).

Belgium but many countries through the United Nations of Ju Jitsu and as always, showing his support for us, the President of the UNJJ, Jean De Greef, was with us for the weekend.

The six competition areas were soon deep into the action, 337 competitors, of which 34 were from Belgium, 24 categories including two events for pairs had the officials working overtime to keep the event going. The children's categories had a great deal of support all shown in a friendly and sporting manner. The Basildon and South Woodham Ferrers clubs did particularly well in the junior sparring while the Gravesend club took the majority of medals in the junior random attacks. The Park Lodge club showed the way with the junior pairs demonstration while the Corringham club shone through in the junior kata. The adults were now under way and in the adult men's sparring Belgium won Gold and two Bronze. Ongar took gold in both the adult kata and the adult weapons kata with Belgium taking silver in both categories. In the adult pairs South Ockendon were in gold position while the women's sparring gold

was taken by the Harlow club. Adult men's groundwork followed with North Kent Ju Jitsu club and Chadwell Heath taking the two golds. The final categories were the adult random attacks, the gold medals went to Brentwood. Canvey Island, Romford and Ongar respectively. A full list of winners follows.

Presentations

The first of the presentations was the "Brian Devlin Memorial Trophy" presented each year to the person who, in the eyes of Prof. Parker, works for the Association in a manner which emulated Brian Devlin. The worthy winner this year was Earl Walker, of the Harlow and Ongar clubs. The presentation was made by Brian's widow, Rose, and last year's winner John Phillip, and for many this presentation represented a first with Earl being stuck for words. The medal presentations now began with the juniors followed by the seniors, worthy winners all. These were followed by a presentation to each of the juniors who had entered the competition but had not won a medal.



The 'Brian Devlin Award'. Left Rose Devlin, centre John Phillip (last year's winner) and right Earl Walker.

Professor Parker now began to close the 6th National Course and Championship by thanking everyone for their support, especially those who had travelled from the North, from Belgium, Denmark and Germany, for the support team of Stuart McDonald, Vince and Kevin Ball and Chris Barnham, to everyone who had made the weekend a success. He also asked everyone to show their appreciation for the work of Roger Wilkes and Janet Parker, who had yet again organised the whole weekend. Nothing more now remained but to wish everyone going home a safe journey and to those who were attending the party later that night he hoped that they had a great time.

Party night

Back onto the coaches for the very short drive to the hall at Great Parndon, everyone was there, a very large group of Jikishin members, our guests from Germany, Denmark and Belgium, Martin and Sheila Dixon with some of their members from Go-Shin Kempo and many, many friends from both inside and outside of the martial arts. We drank a little, danced a little, enjoyed the fish and chip, chicken and chip supper, drank a little more and danced a little more and generally had a great time. All too soon it was over, we climbed

aboard the buses again and made the short drive back to our hotel where, it would be fair to say, for some the party continued until quite late.

Time to go home

Now it was Sunday and our guests were leaving us to return home. Martin and Sheila, with their members, left for London before making their way back to Lancashire. The two coaches arrived to ferry our Belgium friends to Lakeside shopping mall on the journey back to Ramsgate and the ferry to Ostend. The flight to Germany was leaving from London City Airport while the one from Denmark was taking off from Stanstead. Jikishin had enjoyed another weekend of success and as we sat in the lounge of the hotel we wondered, how are we going to top that? The results were:

Under 23kg sparring

Gold: G. Carmichael (Basildon)
Silver: E. Grafton (East Tilbury)
Bronze: R. Nichol (S/Woodham Ferrers)

33-38kg sparring

Gold: S. Bucklen (Hoo)
Silver: A. Brown (S/Woodham Ferrers)
Bronze: N. Shankster (S/Woodham Ferrers)

41-48kg sparring

Gold: T. Lake (Basildon)
Silver: D. Warren (Park Lodge)
Bronze: P. Sparrow (Basildon)

Over 48kg sparring

Gold: I. Weobley (Rochester)
Silver: M. Сраглов (Basildon)
Bronze: S. Robinson (Basildon)

Junior Pairs Demonstration

Gold: Anwar/Monks (Park Lodge)
Silver: Peterson/Wilson (Corringham)
Bronze: Taylor/Young (Swindon)

Junior kata

Gold: I. Peterson (Corringham)
Silver: S. Robinson (Basildon)
Bronze: P. Scott (Gravesend)

Junior Random Attacks

6 to 8 years of age.
Gold: F. Pritchard (Gravesend)
Silver: K. Bradshaw (Gravesend)
Bronze: G. Lewis (Gravesend)

White/Yellow/Orange Belts

Gold: T. Goodman (Harold Hill)
Silver: D. Turner (Epping)
Bronze: C. Moyne (Dartford)

Green/Blue/Purple

Gold: J. Nettingham (Gravesend)
Silver: P. Wingate (Bognor)
Bronze: S. Pritchard (Gravesend)

Brown/Black

Gold: J. Kypriano (Ongar)
Silver: T. Lake (Basildon)
Bronze: L. Peterson (Corringham)

Adult sparring

Under 63kg
Gold: E. Garvey (NKJJ)
Silver: J. Johnson (Chelmsford)
Bronze: S. Neal (Corringham)

63-75kg

Gold: P. Torche (Basildon)
Silver: R. Burton (Cheshunt)
Bronze: J. Van Hauwermeiren (Belgium)

Over 75kg

Gold: N. Elwood (Cheshunt)
Silver: Q. Smith (Stanford-le-Hope)
Bronze: J. Soltysiak (Belgium)

Adult kata

Gold: T. Walker (Ongar)
Silver: T. Pouillon (Belgium)
Bronze: D. King (Hornchurch)

Adult Weapons kata

Gold: T. Walker (Ongar)
Silver: T. Pouillon (Belgium)
Bronze: J. Phillip (Basildon)

Adult Pairs Demonstration

Gold: Alder Coombes (S/Ockenden)
Silver: Egleton/Platt (Becontree)
Bronze: Hewitt/James (S/Woodham Ferrers)

Women's Sparring (Open weight)

Gold: J. Measures (Harlow)
Silver: D. Lightower (East Tilbury)
Bronze: J. Bennett (East Tilbury)

Men's Adult Groundwork

Lightweight
Gold: I. Johnson (NKJJ)
Silver: C. Wallington (Cheshunt)
Bronze: S. Hadley (NKJJ)

Heavyweight

Gold: O. Lancaster (Chadwell Heath)
Silver: I. Jones (Park Lodge)
Bronze: A. Remale (Belgium)

Women's Groundwork (Open Weight)

Gold: E. Haynes (Hornchurch)
Silver: S. Hatherley (Cheshunt)
Bronze: S. Haynes (Hornchurch)

Adult Random Attacks

Novice/White/Yellow
Gold: M. Pepper (Brenwood)
Silver: W. Seager (Harold Hill)
Bronze: L. Ackland (Epping)

Green/Blue

Gold: A. Stone (Canvey)
Silver: E. DeFeyer (Belgium)
Bronze: R. Leech (Chelmsford)

Purple/Brown

Gold: B. Wallis (Romford)
Silver: A. Alder (S/Ockenden)
Bronze: R. Tull (Dagenham)

Black

Gold: T. Walker (Ongar)
Silver: D. James (S/Woodham Ferrers)
Bronze: J. Oliff (S/Ockenden)