

December 2011

# BKK E-NEWS

## Thank You for 2011

I cannot believe the end of 2011 is almost upon us and, on reflection, we have had an action packed year. With the National Clicker Tournament just behind us we have also hosted the **3<sup>rd</sup> IFK U18 World Tournament at K2** and a few months later the **35<sup>th</sup> Open National Knockdown Tournament at K2** – which saw without doubt the most diverse foreign support both from within the IFK and outside the IFK. It is no secret that without the international support we would not be able to maintain such a high reputation year on year at our showcase National event.

When I look back to the 1970's and 1980's the BKK membership was five times the size it is today - and we had BKK Dojo fighter participation second to none. Unfortunately as the years have passed we have seen a steady decline in BKK fighters and I am sad to say a decline in spectators willing to support. It's a simple fact – if the dojos are not sending fighters there is not the massive support there once was. This is an issue Hanshi Steve Arneil and the BKK Executive Committee are looking at in some detail.

Although membership has declined we still have in the region of 50 dojos and my thanks to the dojo instructors for carrying on their hard work and commitment in these difficult times. I am heartened by the enthusiasm shown around the country – and none more so at the BKK Summer Camp where we have the opportunity to spend a few days swapping ideas and views nationally and internationally – and I would encourage each dojo to try and send at least one instructor to the BKK Summer Camp in 2012.

We are so fortunate within the BKK to have many people that do a tremendous amount of work for our organization and without them our job in promoting the BKK would be almost impossible to maintain. I know there are many people within our organization that could offer help – and please understand this is not about your grade – if you have the desire and skills to help us in the BKK (at whatever level) then please send me an e mail.

My personal thanks to **Hanshi Steve Arneil (10<sup>th</sup> Dan)** for his continued work and commitment – spanning nearly 50 years which was recognized this year at the Junior World Tournament where he was awarded his 10<sup>th</sup> Dan by the IFK International Board of Representatives – a very emotional day indeed – we have a special limited edition card printed to mark this day and if you have not managed to obtain one of these - please see elsewhere in the Newsletter – where they can be obtained.

My warm wishes to you and your families over the holiday period and I look forward to seeing you all again at one of the many BKK events across the country.

Liam Keaveney (6<sup>th</sup> Dan)  
Chairman



## Diary Dates for 2012

Please note that a full list of BKK Diary dates will be published at the end of December as we have had some difficulty with booking the venues. In addition Hanshi is looking at combining the BKK Grading Instructors Course with a Grading Examiners Course.

Please note the planned Instructors course on the **5<sup>th</sup> February is postponed** - and Hanshi will advise of an alternative date as soon as possible.

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The BKK is now selling the DVD of the 35th Open National Knockdown Tournament at K2 - The cost will be £15.00 Plus P and P. ORDER NOW! For Credit Card sales contact Shihan Maria Da Costa (5th Dan) : 01708 743 789, [ndacosta@lineone.net](mailto:ndacosta@lineone.net) Cheque and Cash sales contact Shihan Stuart Wright (5th Dan): 07956 565021. [stuartj.wright@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:stuartj.wright@blueyonder.co.uk)



## Kata Course - 26th February 2012

Shihan Janine Davies (5th Dan) and Sensei Emma Moulden (3rd Dan) will be holding a general Kata Course (open to anyone graded blue belt and above) and a Kata Referees and Judges Course at Abercynon Sport Centre, Y Parc, Abercynon, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF45 4UY - on Sunday 26th February, 11am - 3pm. (Course Fee £5.00 and Exam Fee £5.00)

For any further information please contact Shihan Janine direct on 07971 343846 (For those wishing to sit the Judge's course, they will need to download a set of rules from the website in advance, and bring a pen. Everyone will be required to wear gi.)

## License Renewals 2012

As similar to last year, all existing Licensing Renewals will be due by 1st February 2012. I will briefly outline the details of the rates - in a letter to be sent out very soon. Dojo operators are advised that they should have begun collating their information already so that by the time they return to training in January, dojos will be ready to send applications to Barbara White.

**All forms will be available to download from the BKK Web Site before the end of 2011**

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## Limited Edition Card

To celebrate **Hanshi Steve Arneil's** promotion to 10th Dan at K2 in July - a limited edition post card is available.

Please contact Michael Keaveney for further details

[kyokushinuk@btinternet.com](mailto:kyokushinuk@btinternet.com)

There are only a very limited number of cards available and Hanshi has signed these personally. They will be free of charge and can be obtained from [kyokushinuk.com](http://kyokushinuk.com).



IFK 6th Dans with Hanshi Steve Arneil (10th Dan) at the IFK U18 World Tournament - Photo Ollie Potter