

**Event;** Walderslade Judo Club International Training Weekend

**Date;** 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2009

**Venue;** Greenacre Specialist Sports College, Walderslade

Over the weekend of 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> November around 100 judo players from Medway, France and Holland enjoyed a special training weekend organised by Walderslade Judo Club at the clubs base in the Greenacre Specialist Sports College.

The club provided a full programme for the weekend with training on Saturday being led by Andrew Moshanov and sessions on the Sunday being led by coaches from the French and Dutch clubs, which also included instruction by former Dutch Senior National Champion Jan van Buren.

It was a huge privilege for the club to have such a highly respected judo coach as Andrew Moshanov attend the event and he led two excellent sessions on the Saturday, impressing everyone with his attention to detail in breaking down techniques and concentrating on the direction and control required.

The club turned the new sports hall into a superb judo training area for the weekend with 4 contest areas giving over 340sq mtrs of mat area, and it was just as well due to the numbers taking part.

With a membership of now around 100 the club continues to grow in strength and its partnership with three continental judo clubs for training and competition exchanges has helped this further. It was Walderslade's first time to host all three of its partner clubs at the same time, and it needed a huge amount of organisation and effort from all of its volunteers. However, the club pulled off what was a terrific weekend and all of those attending said that a great time had been had by all. The club's volunteers, coaches and parents tirelessly to move mats and provide breakfast, lunches, dinners for their 74 international visitors over the whole weekend.

Special VIP guests also at the event were former Southern Area Chairman and his wife Brian and Clare Cox who together ran very successful judo clubs on the Isle of Sheppey until they retired a number of years ago and were both very active in organising judo in Kent. During their competition and coaching days, Brian and his wife were also in contact with members of the Dutch club Mahorakan and so came along to share memories with some of the clubs current leaders who were just young judo players when they were competing over 30 years ago.

At the end of the weekend various presentations were made and Walderslade Senior Coach, Eddie Orgee presented representatives from each of the three visiting clubs with a small souvenir of their visit and also a signed copy of the book "Judo from a Russian Perspective" which was written by the special guest instructor Andrew Moshanov.

Thanks

Eddie Orgee

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