

Medway Park Judo Club hosted a Kyu grade competition in aid of the Help for Heroes charity.

The club is closely linked with the army, being based just minutes way from Brompton Barracks in Chatham. Over the years the club has produced several players who have gone on to become Combined Service Champions and Army Squad Representatives competing all over the world.

Current club member Private Francesca Sieloff, Royal Army Medical Corps, is currently serving with 2nd Battalion Airborne Regiment in Afghanistan, whilst club coach Staff Sergeant John Chesney has recently returned home from his 6 month tour. The charity is one that Medway Park club is very proud to support with over £600 being raised at the event.

The competition attracted players from Kent, Sussex and London. This included a strong team from the Imperial College Judo Club and a multi-national Oakwood Park Judo Club team represented by several Polish and Russian judo players who are currently training at the club.

For many of the players competing on the day it was their first taste of competitive judo. However despite this, excellent judo was displayed throughout the event.

Medway Park was supported by neighbouring clubs Walderslade and Medkwai with all clubs gaining well fought medals.

Medway Park gold medallists were: Liam Sieloff novice category and Lee Cooper brown belt category.

Silver Medallists were Steve Archer novice category and Roy Scully, Alistair McKenzie and Bob Pert in the brown Belt category.

Bronze Medallist was Chris Young in the Novice category.

The organisers would like to thank all involved especially:

Avenue Signs who supplied the signage for the event

Medway Park Leisure Centre for their support for the event

The officials who donated their expenses for the day to 'Help for Heroes' charity

Members of Medway Park Judo Club for their help on the day

All the players who competed on the day who created a wonderful atmosphere

And a special thanks to the event organiser Private Francesca Sieloff's dad, Jon Sieloff who made the event a very enjoyable day!

