

When ?	What ?	Where ?
8th Nov 97	Area Squad Training	Raku Kan
16th	Senior Nationals	Stourbridge
23rd	Area Grading	Southport
29/30	National Squad Team Training	Southport
30th	Area Committee Meeting	Southport
6th Dec	Area Squad Training	Raku Kan
7th	National Squad Training	Castle Vale
13th	Hqc Meeting	Acton
14th Dec	Junior Fun Day	O.L.O.Lourdes
10 Jan 98	Area Squad Training	Raku Kan
18th	National Squad Training	Castle Vale
23rd	Area Kata (Kime-No-Kata)	Southport
7th FEB	Hqc Meeting	Acton
14th	Area Squad Training	
20th	Area Kata Juno-Kata	O.Lady Lourdes
23rd Feb	Lancs AGM	Venue to be announced
14th March	Area Squad Training	
15th	National Squad Training	Castle Vale.
20th	Area Kata Katame-No-Kata	Southport
21st	Area Committee Meeting	
10/13th April	St Ives Easter Course	St Ives.
19th April	Nat Vets & Grade for Grade	Peterborough
26th April	National Squad Training	Castle Vale
3rd May	National Junior Championships	Chesterfield.

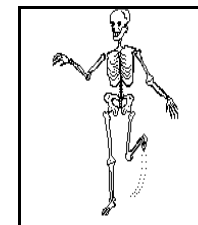
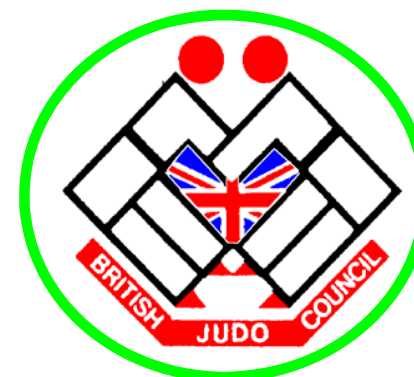
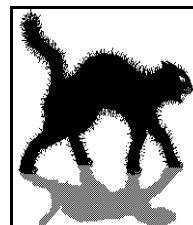
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Lancashire Area Inter-County Championships.

Avon Area take the team gold once again. They just piped Leicester on the post as it were. It was an exciting day and all had a jolly good time.

Lancashire were hard pressed to field full teams and even harder pressed to supply officials. Leics came to the rescue with Roger Harris taking charge of the Referees. He made an excellent job of it and told G. R.Mealing, at one stage, he was on mat 3, no argument !

Marion Flemming got her crew on the tables and we were away.

Andrew & Donna Clayton and the Raku Kan members again did a marvellous job.

Tony Green sterling work in producing & coaching

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teams for Lancs. The Dan Grades were all Raku Kan. Male Kyu all but Raku Kan the oddman out Swinton.

Boys Team

Lancashire	Club	Newcastle	Avon
U25 John Shaylor	Tameside	Ippon win	Ippon win
U30 J.Robinson	Tameside	2 Waza-ari win	Koka loss
U35 M.Frankli	Tameside	Ippon win	Yuko win
U35 N.Franklin	Tameside	Ippon win	Yuko win
U40R.Robinson	Tameside	Waza-ari win	2 Waza-ari win
U45 D.Rigley	Raku Kan	Waza-ari win	Ippon loss
U50 R.Folkesman	Raku Kan	Ippon win	Ippon loss
U55 D.Pote-Faulkener	Tameside	Bye win	Ippon win
U60 P.Foster	Raku Kan	Waza-ari win	Waza-air loss
O60 A.D'Sousa(Capt)	Raku Kan	Ippon loss	Ippon loss

Girls Team

No report available.

Senior Kyu Grades

Lancashire V	Newcastle	Avon	Herts	Midlands
U60 J.Wood	Had 2 draws	and 2 ippon wins		
U65 C.Folkestone	1 Draw	1 bye	1 ippon win	1 ippon
loss				
U71 T.Legerton	3 wins	1 bye		
U78 S.Shaw	2 wins	1 bye		1 loss
U86 C.Dalton				4 loss
U95 J.Cunliffe	3 wins	1 Bye		
O95 Dave ??	4 wins			

Ladies Team

Lancashire	Versus	Herts	Leics	Avon
U52 Zoe Sawiski		Had two loss	and 1 win	
U56 Vacant place		3 bye	loss	
U61 N.Clayton		1 loss	and 2 ippon wins	
U66 L.A.Maymon		1 loss	and 2 ippon wins	
U72 K.Horsburgh		1 bye	and 2 ippon wins	
O72 D.Clayton		1 bye	1 loss and 1 ippon win	

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Championships.

The BJC National Seniors is drawing close. The 16th of November at Stourbridge. Have you entered ?

Junior Nationals 1998 the first Sunday in May.

Aston Villa, the venue for so many years, is facing imminent closure. Finding a central venue of a comparable size has so far proved to be impossible. We have been looking for one for a number of years due to the ever increasing costs of hiring the Villa . To hire Aston Villa for day incurs a charge of £2,000. Yes, thats right, £2,000. No mats are available on the site, that charge is solely for the use of the hall. BJC have to provide mats and transport.

One can say that with the closure our hands have been forced and we have re-evaluated the situation coming to the conclusion that we must cope with four mat areas. Subsequently a venue at Chesterfield has been investigated. With good planning, plus the fact that numbers have dropped, the all important co-operation of competitors, coaches and supporters, we will get the job done in the allotted time-space.

Grade for Grade & Veteran Tournament 1998.

This to be staged as last year year, at Peterborough. This is the competition at which a Batsugun promtoion can be awarded. One or two people have asked that the criteria for such promtoion be published. I can inform you that a notice is being prepared and will be circulated in the near future. .

Track Suits, Bomber Jackets. This new line by the BJC is going well and demand is heavy. They will be on sale at the Senior Nationals and at National Squad Training sessions. Samples of "Body-Warmers" will be also be on display just to see if a market is out there. All make cracking Christmas presents !!



Report from the Kodansha-Kai

Mat- side Coaching. This issue of contention was raised at the Kodansha Kwai by R.Otani, BJC's President. He stated that the Coaching sub-committee had been given the mandate to explore the advantages, (if any), to be gained by the use of mat-side coaching.

Taking a straw poll of the meeting I would say that 70 % were against, 25% for, the rest non-committal.

The speakers opposing were passionate and eloquent in their stand against this move they included. J.Strode, P.Hammerton, E.Kenny etc. Notably the two most ardent supporters of mat-side coaching were the two National Squad Coaches present Andy Clayton and John Cole.

Yours truly got to his feet and asked all to view and take note of one of the dinosaurs of the BJC and Judo thinking G.R.M. Yes I freely admitted to being a dinosaur and a believer in the traditional approach to Judo. As many know, I am not one for change, at least not for the sake of change.

I am aware, in many quarters of the BJC I am regarded as an old fashioned so and so. Well that's the polite version. However I confess that I am also a revolutionary reactionary! If these two facets seem to be directly contradictory just think on a while as to what

happened to the dinosaurs !!

They became extinct. Me? I'm still here, complete with old fashioned ideas, and a very necessary armoured plated thick skin. You all know how useful that can be.

The important thing about change is not to reject it outright. Look at it, think about it if you don't like the whole is there a part that could be useful? Well, I looked, thought and concluded that it could be made to work in favour of organisers of competitions, competitors and those most maligned of tournament officials the referees. I think it right that a through study be made of the issue with the end product being a workable code of practice, a comprehensive qualifying procedure and examination for "accredited coaches."

If you have any serious thoughts or ideas, why not submit them? No, no. Not to me, to the coaching sub-committee c/o head office.

The New Syllabus has been approved by the Technical Committee. It remains for the Hqc to approve printing costs, set a launch date, publish with an appeal to the membership not to take pirate photocopies.

The Kodakan Nage-No-Kata Video is available from the BJC and has been approved as a training guide to kata by the Technical Committee of the BJC. This does not mean that it replaces BJC Standardized Kata as per the BJC published booklet.

Table Officials The subject of identifiable dress/uniform is being looked into by this sub-committee. They were advised not to consult with

Reader's Letters.

Dear Editor,

May I through the Lancs Newsletter, congratulate all those involved in the staging of this year's very excellent Lancs Area Championships.

In my view it was one of the best for many years from start to finish. Andy and Donna Clayton together with their team of helpers did us proud.

Not forgetting the competitors, (saving one young man whose display of temper I would rather forget), who put on a great performance. The standard of Judo displayed was a pleasure to watch.

Sincerely, A. Officer



Dear Editor,

Can a contestant lying flat on his face in a defensive position be picked up and thrown for ippon?

Tim Leggerton.

Answer: No. Neither IJF or BJC.

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K.Horsburgh as team Captain fought again in a decider against Avon and won by ippon.

Male Dan Grades

Lancs	Avon	
	Newcastle	
U60	vacant	
U65	vacant	
U71	K.Clayton	Loss Ippon win
U78	J.Leah	Loss Yuko win
U86	A.Clayton	Loss Ippon win
U95	S.Mason	Ipponwin Ippon win
O95	T.Halsall	Loss Ippon win

All the Lancashire team were Raku Kan members!!!!
Report by T.Green with apologies for

Table of Results

Male Dan		
Gold Avon		Silver Lancs
Ladies Open Grade		
Gold Lancs		Silver Avon
Male Kyu		
Gold Leics		Silver Lancs
Boys		
Gold Avon		Silver Leics
Girls		
Gold Avon		Silver Herts.
Team Award	Gold Avon	Silver Leics.

Visit to Swinton Judo Club by Japanese Olympic Star.

Yoko Tanabe, twice Olympic silver medalist (92 & 96) paid a week long visit to Manchester and district and included in her Judo club visits Swinton Judo Club. In fact this was the first of the clubs she attended much to the delight of the senior instructor Andy Officer.

Her evening programme comprised of three sessions for the various age groups the "Kinder Group" being the the opening event followed by the Juniors and Seniors.



As well as the students being impressed by Miss Tanabe, she too was impressed by the members of Swinton club members.

Techniques demonstrated were kept simple, but demonstrated so smoothly and effectively that even the kinder children are still trying to emulate the 3expertise of Miss Tanabe some four weeks following her visit..

There was an open session with Miss Tanabe at the Bolton club. This was taken advantage of by Roy Berry with Westwood J.C. members and also Tony Newton and O.Lady O. Lourdes members.

It is earnestly hoped that there will be another visit to the area by this delightful lady ambassador of Japan.

Report A.Officer

Yoko Tanabe Profile .

D.O.B. 28-01-66
 Birth Place Tokyo Japan
 Work Co. Miki House Co. Ltd.
 Nihon University Majored in P.E. 1989
 Tukuba University- Graduate School
 Master's Degree completed 1996

In high school she was a member of the track team and came 8th in a National Inter High School Track Meet. Taking up Judo as part of her P.E. programme at senior high school, she became addicted to it. Going on to Nihon University she continued with her studies of Judo. Her natural talent together with unusual physical strength, earned her the un-official title of "Queen" in Japanese judo circles.

On going to Barcelona for the Olympics she was considered to be the number one lady Judo athlete in the world . In this event she took a silver medal. During the ensuing year she chose temporary retirement pleading physical and mental strain. Some twelve months later she came back on to the judo scene to compete once more at world level, finally taking a silver medal again at the Olympics 96 in Atlanta, U.S.A.

Tournement Record:- Olympics

1988 Seoul (Exhibition event) Bronze
 1992 Barcelona Silver
 1996 Atlanta Silver

All Japan.
 National Woman's Judo
 Championships
 1987 to 1992 six consecutive victories
 National Women's Weight Division
 Championships
 86to 92 seven consecutive victories.

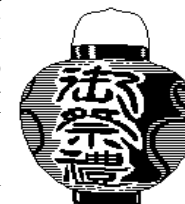
French International Tournament
 Two consecutive victories.

Fukuoka International Tournament
 Four consecutive victories.

Grading Sub-committee.

Following the marathon task of devising and sorting out a new grading syllabus to take the aspiring beginner of 6 years of age , through the primary system into the junior, thence senior kyu finally arriving at the coveted blackbelt, this sub-committee will be thrashing around wondering what to do with spare time.

Why not work on a syllabus for those members of society who are disabled either physically or mentally ? Now I know it is not politically correct to use such term as I have, but as this stage I wish to shock some of you out there into thinking , what can be done. There are, I am sure, those of you who have instructed such groups either at special schools or in intergrated classes. If so, and you have an interest, why not write to the S.C. c/c head office and declare that interest ? Your thoughts,



Area Kata Instruction
Friday Oct 24th 97
Goshin Jitsu
Yamamoto Institute Southport
8p.m.

