

2018 SECRETARY'S REPORT

This has been a busy year for the area with our usual range of competitions plus the ENGLISH JUNIOR & SENIOR OPEN event held at Thetford for the first time in May, and the BRITISH MASTERS & MINORS in October the Masters was a great day with 4 mats running with great judo sportsmanship and camaraderie, and thank you to all the officials that made it a great success for the area

Once again thank you to all area officials/coaches and volunteers that have helped the area throughout the year. Especially Ros Edwards who as a committee member has helped me a great deal,

As you may have noticed we have now got enough 1X1 mats to lay a 4 mat area this is thanks to Sport England for a grant, and special thanks to Ros Edwards for applying for the grant.

The old 2X1 mats were sold to area clubs on a first come first served basis

The area training together (squad training that was) has continued with various guest coaches, I would like to thank Michelle and Mark for organising this.

We again sent teams to the national team championships. I have been told they accredited themselves very well and were a credit to the area, we hope to continue with this.

The area also gave those who fought for the area in the teams' a chance to travel abroad to again represent the area

This was done with the aid of a grant from the judo trust

Congratulations and thank you to all the players that have entered competitions this year.

Also congratulations to those players that competed abroad

Also congratulations to all those who took part and medalled at the Nationals this year

Please can anyone holding an event to look at the area calendar and avoid any clashes of dates. Also please let the secretary know so it can be added to the area calendar. And also be circulated to area clubs if required.

As ever we are short of officials if anybody in your club would like to help the area either as a table official (please contact Denise denisemargaretoates@gmail.com) or as a referee (please contact Markref@markwaterhouse.com) or just to help out at competitions please let us know.

We have had referees officiating out of the area more this year and Mark Waterhouse has been refereeing in Europe Congratulations to Mark Waterhouse for being accepted on the IJF refereeing programme

We are again planning a revalidation event in conjunction with the AGM,

There are four committee members and the Chair up for election this year, if your club has anybody who would like to stand please nominate them.

If any of your club coaches are not on my circulation list please send me there name, email and club so I can add them.

Finally if you think I can be of any help to you or your club please contact me

Stewart Collings

Area Secretary