

EASTERN AREA CHAIRS REPORT

Another active year and nice to report our Area events are thriving and well attended. The Senior Team League grew again this year and we had 18 club teams competing it was a great day of judo.

Our Ranking competition was also a success despite changes to the format and reducing it to one day.

Our Gradings, as most areas, show up and down numbers.

Area training has been well supported and overseas trips to Mauberge, France in March and The Hague, Holland in November were once again a great success, well done to all our players who took part. A big thank you to the British Judo Trust who gave the Area a grant for the trip to Holland.

The Area fielded 6 teams at the National Teams, first time we have managed this many thanks to drivers, coaches and parents who supported the Area on the trip to Wales. No medals but a great bonding experience for our players.

We received a grant from the National Lottery for mats and we now have replaced all our 2x1 mats and are now able to host 4 mat events using just 1x1 mats. This was down to the hard work put in by Ros Edwards who prepared and submitted the application.

Congratulations to Mark Waterhouse for being accepted on to the IJF training programme. Finally congratulations to all our medallists at the British Nationals this year, Daisy King Pre-cadet Silver, Naimh Southgate Cadet Silver, Oliver Purllant Cadet Bronze, Imogen Ranner Junior Gold and Senior Bronze.

A big thank you to all the volunteers, referees, officials and those not in any official capacity who give up their free time to keep our sport alive. Your unselfish approach to our sport is precious without the like of which our Area could not run so smoothly.