

## 2023 Area Secretary's report

We are still trying to recover from the forced absence from Judo but things are looking better

We have tried to run a variety of events from development to National events, I would like to personally thank the small team of people who help make the events a success., with the set up and take down. I would especially like to thank, Denise Oates and Barry and Sharon Cottis for the professional way they run the Top table at events.

I will leave the player achievements to Denise in her report

At last year's BJA AGM Denise was awarded the President's award, the first time it has been won by anybody from the Eastern Area.

Also, the area was successful I getting Howard Oates his Honorary life membership this was presented by our president John Dearden it was a complete surprise to Howard.

We also got Nigel Thompson of Norwich Premier Judo club his honorary life membership, Denise and I went to Norwich to present it to him again it was a surprise.

David Martin was awarded his 7<sup>th</sup> Dan

Jane Blunt was awarded her 4<sup>th</sup> Dan

Ray Taylor was awarded his 4<sup>th</sup> Dan

On a personal note, I would like to thank Ros Edwards for her help on the committee

I would also like to thank Dave Horton Jones for his help, he can be guaranteed to give me an answer (not always the one I want)

If any clubs would like to help the area by either standing for the committee or becoming an area official (table official [denisemargaretoates@gmail.com](mailto:denisemargaretoates@gmail.com) or referee [ref@markwaterhouse.com](mailto:ref@markwaterhouse.com))

or help with the setup at events please let us know [stewartcollings@live.co.uk](mailto:stewartcollings@live.co.uk)

