

# **ABTKD NEWSLETTER APRIL 2018**

Welcome to our latest newsletter containing news and information about our clubs and events. Check our website news page for further updates – [www.abtkd.co.uk](http://www.abtkd.co.uk)

## **LICENCE RENEWALS**

The following student licences will expire at the end of April  
Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 31<sup>st</sup> March:

Bailey Asbury, Lucy Hendry, Jayden Jeyes, Calum Williams

The following student licences will expire at the end of May.  
Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 30<sup>th</sup> April:

Alayna-Zahra Farooq, Arissa-Noor Farooq, Nicola Harley,  
Chelsea Mildenhall, Julian Mildenhall, Rihards Murnieks, Bailey Tracey

## **LICENCE FEES**

TAGB licence renewal price will increase to £40 via the PayPal link on our website or £45 cash to your instructor. This must be paid during the month prior to the month when the licence expires (e.g. licence expires in April, renewal must be paid by the end of March). After that, it will be treated as a 'late renewal' with the price of £45 via the PayPal link on our website or £50 cash to your instructor.

This amendment will be in place from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

## **CLOSURE DATES**

Upcoming club closure dates as follows:

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April inclusive (Easter Bank Holiday weekend)

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (Stechford club only due to local elections)

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May inclusive (May Day Bank Holiday)

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May inclusive (Spring Bank Holiday)

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> September inclusive (Summer break)

## **COLOURED BELT GRADING**

Our next grading assessment evening has been confirmed for Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 5:30pm at Stechford club, Colebourne Primary School. Grading letters have now been issued to all eligible members. All students under eighteen years old will be asked for the full interpretation of their grading pattern before the application and fee will be accepted. Any students training at only one class per week as a part member will need to wait double the standard time between gradings, although eligibility is always at the discretion of your instructor.

## **ENGLISH CHAMPIONSHIPS SUCCESS**

Well done and thank you to all who supported us at the recent TAGB English Championships:

Gints Birnbaums – gold tag team; Rihards Murnieks – silver pattern, gold tag team;

Anthony Brennan – bronze sparring; Malaika Noor – gold tag team; Ella Thompson – gold tag team;

Anthony Gayle; James Maher; Leah Woodall.

Our next tournaments are the Welsh Championships in Cardiff on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May  
and the Lincolnshire Championships in Grantham on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June.

### **SPARRING SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

As we now have two dedicated fun and sports-based sparring classes every week, (see below), I would like to ask all members to consider ordering sparring equipment as soon as possible. Our rules state that students should have full sparring equipment twelve months after joining our clubs.

The full set TAGB sparring safety equipment consists of:  
head guard, gloves, boots, shin pads, mouth guard, (groin guard boys/men only).

This also comes with a black holdall printed with club logos and student name.

Boys / men £130  
Girls / women £120.

### **SUPERSPARS**

Our weekly session for competitive sparring, has accomplished a great standard but we need more attendance to breed talent for tournament success:

every Sunday 6-7pm, Sheldon Community Centre, Sheldon Heath Road, B26 2RU.

All ages and grades are welcome, all children must be accompanied by an adult in the dojang for the duration. You will need trainers, towel, drink, full TAGB safety sparring equipment, £2 on the door. Casual dress, dobok and belt not required.

We also have our weekly fight club session:

every Friday 7-8:30pm, Lode Heath School, Lode Lane, Solihull, B91 2HW; £3 on the door, same rules.

Please try to support these sessions whenever possible as we will be concentrating more on grading syllabus in normal club classes, so Fridays and Sundays will be the only option for regular sparring.

### **BLACK BELT AREA PRE-GRADE TRAINING**

After the cancellation of the last session due to bad weather, the re-scheduled class will now be on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, same time, same place.

### **POWER MEDICS FIRST AID TRAINING**

The programme of first aid for children explained in the last newsletter will unfortunately not go ahead as only three people registered interest in this. Apologies to those three dedicated and supportive members.

### **PARENTS PARTICIPATION MONTH**

An entire free trial month during May 2018 is on offer for the immediate family of all current licenced members. All interested parties must complete membership forms but there will be no cost involved unless you decide to continue your journey in June when you must pay for a TAGB licence.

***Anthony Brennan, 5<sup>th</sup> Dan Instructor, [www.abtkd.co.uk](http://www.abtkd.co.uk)***