

# ABTKD NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 2016

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)

## CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

The final class of the year will be on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at Yardley club. All clubs will then close over the festive period and re-open with the first session of 2017 on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January at Yardley club.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY 2016

Our end of year party and awards evening was in my opinion the best one to date. We have been lucky enough to spread the cost and responsibility for this event by teaming up with Sean Rodgers and Chelmsley TAGB for the last eleven years and the comments and feedback for this one have been nothing other than positive and supportive. Thank you to Julieann Lowthorpe as she prepared all the catering for the evening with the kind assistance of Tia Mildenhall, Leah Woodall and Maxine Bradbury; thank you ladies – the food was a high point. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

Student of the year awards were presented to:

Gints Birnbaums (Acocks Green), Harry Gordon (Castle Vale), Yusairah Nazir (Small Heath), Mackenzie Poultney (Stechford) and Ella Thompson (Yardley); the overall ABTKD competition league winner was Rihards Murnieks (Acocks Green). Congratulations to all trophy winners.

## CHARITY CHALLENGE FOR NSPCC

Big thanks and congratulations to all our members, parents, family and friends who supported our charity tournament; you all helped to make the day a great success! Our efforts of sponsorship from ABTKD members alone generated a massive £1510 – we are still waiting for confirmation of the overall total fund.

Congratulations to the trophy winners on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place teams:

1<sup>st</sup> – Leah Woodall, Ella Thompson, Luke Tovey

2<sup>nd</sup> – Chelsea Mildenhall, Calum Williams, Gints Birnbaums.

## SUPERSPARS

Our regular sparring class targeted at younger inexperienced members has been a great success so far thanks to all the regular attendees. Our last SuperSpars class of the year will be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Come along to Colebourne Primary School at 5:30pm and help us make the final class special.

SuperSpars will re-start on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

You will need £2 paid on the door, training shoes, full TAGB sparring safety equipment and a drink. You will not need your uniform or belt. (All children must be accompanied by an adult for the duration).

## TAGB PRICE INCREASES

TAGB prices have remained static for several years now. However, the time has come for some price increases which have been kept to a minimum to help all concerned.

Members licence £38 - Competition £15 per event / spectators £10 - Instructors course £200

Coloured belt grading £28 - Black belt grading £10 increase for all grades

All new prices are effective from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

***The last week of training for 2016 will be 'Christmas uniform' so you may attend your final class of the year wearing your best festive jumper or outfit – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>, Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday 19<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December.***

***I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards my cards and gifts which were presented to me at the party; I am very grateful indeed.  
Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!***

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