

ABTKD NEWSLETTER MAY 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

LICENCE RENEWALS

The following student licences will expire at the end of June.
Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 31st May:
**Saibah Habib Ali, Alfie Haigh, Alina Haroon, Luay Hussain,
Amal Jama, Brandon Murphy, Antonio Velasquez**

The following student licences will expire at the end of July.
Please renew via the PayPal link on the website before 30th June:
Malachi McGrory

CLOSURE DATES

Upcoming club closure dates as follows:

Thursday 3rd May (Stechford club only due to local elections polling station at Colebourne School)
Sunday 6th – Monday 7th May inclusive (May Day Bank Holiday)
Sunday 27th – Tuesday 29th May inclusive (Spring Bank Holiday)
Friday 17th August – Sunday 2nd September inclusive (Summer break)

COLOURED BELT GRADING

Our recent coloured belt grading was another huge success. Forty-five ABTKD members from all five of our clubs applied for promotion within the national syllabus of the TAGB plus one guest from Knowle and two 1st kups for pre-black belt assessment. All our applicants were successful, thirteen of whom received an 'advanced' pass from the grading examiner. Well done to all and congratulations to Naayaab Iqbal who was presented with the grading award by Grand Master Oliver for the best performance of the evening. Thank you to our grading examiner Grand Master Oliver, our officials Julieann Lowthorpe and Alan Slater, and our floor assistant Nicky Williams.

WELSH CHAMPIONSHIPS

The TAGB Welsh Champs is on Sunday 20th May at University of Wales Institute in Cardiff.
Entry deadline is Friday 4th May at Fight Club.
Full details are available on our website via the 'Tournaments' page.
I will not attend this event due to a pre-existing commitment.

LINCOLNSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Lincolnshire Champs is on Saturday 16th June at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre in Grantham.
Entry deadline is Friday 25th May at Fight Club.
Full details are available on our website via the 'Tournaments' page.
There are multiple divisions and events at this tournament and it is a great starting place for the younger, less experienced members to gain knowledge and confidence in the competition circuit.

5th KUP GREEN BELT / BLUE STRIPE

All members at Acocks Green and Yardley clubs who have recently been promoted to 5th kup green belt blue stripe are welcome to join the advanced extended session of their current class.
(All members from 4th kup blue belt must attend to continue with the TAGB national syllabus).
Full TAGB safety sparring equipment is essential for the advanced class, see details below.

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.

PART MEMBERSHIP TO END

After careful consideration, it has been decided that we will no longer offer the option of 'part membership' (£25 per month) to any new members and all current part members will be asked to convert to full membership (£35 per month) from 1st October 2018. I understand that this will displease some people and we will inevitably lose some students, but I can only see that we will benefit overall from transparency, consistency and higher standards with all our members training at least twice per week. I envisage this internally lifting work ethic and promoting friendly competition.

I hope all our part members and parents can understand and accept the reasons behind this.

PARENTS PARTICIPATION MONTH IN MAY

Parent participation month has now started, and it would be great to see if we can get some more adults involved in our classes. May is also free to all new beginners at all clubs so I ask that you encourage friends and family to come along to train with current members and maybe more people will realise that TAGB Tae Kwon-Do is so much more than just kicking and punching.

I have begun to distribute ten thousand flyers to advertise this to local primary schools; if you can help to promote this and would like some flyers for interested parties, please ask me.

There will be a ten percent discount on all clothing and equipment for orders placed between 1st and 31st May!

Anthony Brennan, 5th Dan Instructor, www.abtkd.co.uk