

# **ABTKD NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 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)

## **ACOCKS GREEN CLOSED 03/11/16 & 10/11/2016**

Acocks Green club will be closed on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (due to our club grading at Stechford) and also on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November (due to careers evening at Archbishop Ilsey School). All Acocks Green members are welcome to make up any missed session at an alternative ABTKD class.

## **ANNUAL CHARITY INTER CLUB CHALLENGE**

Our charity tournament for this year has been planned and confirmed for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November. We will be raising much needed funds for the NSPCC. As ever, I have only 15 places available for my students with only 8 now remaining. To enter and secure your place, please email your name, age and grade to [ant@abtkd.co.uk](mailto:ant@abtkd.co.uk) (first come first served); I will then contact you with further details. All participants are expected to raise sponsor money. We will also hold our usual raffle and tombola so we need your help for prizes; all donations warmly accepted but we need some 'high end' prizes too so it would be great if some of you could call in any favours you can from friends in high places!

## **CLUB GRADING**

Our next grading will be at Stechford club on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November starting at 5:45pm. All eligible students have been given grading information and application forms. Any students I have not seen recently will receive via post in the next week.

## **BLACK BELTS**

All black belts, please refer to the information sent to you by the TAGB when you passed your last grading. You need to attend at least one area pre-grade training session every six months and all three sessions if you are grading near that time. Please also be mindful of the required training courses to continue through the grading syllabus; all umpire and referee programmes need to be attended well before your next grading application (I would suggest at least three months).

## **EQUIPMENT ORDERS**

Due to the continuing growth of our clubs, instructors have limited to time take and deliver orders. As of 1<sup>st</sup> October, all orders for equipment, clothing, media and miscellaneous merchandise will be collected throughout the month and ordered in bulk on the last business day of that month. We will then deliver to you at clubs within the first week of the following month (bespoke items may take longer).

## **TAGB LICENCE**

Your TAGB licence is your responsibility. I make my best endeavour to contact all students or parents with licence renewal information eight weeks before the licence expires. I usually send this via text message but all students with expiring licences are listed on the website 'Licences' page eight weeks before expiry. Nonetheless, we still have members with expired licences every month. Your licence offers membership and insurance with the largest martial arts association in Europe; if you do not renew it then please do not take offence if you are refused entry to class – no student is allowed to join in any TAGB class anywhere in the UK without a valid TAGB licence.

## **END OF YEAR PARTY**

Our usual and highly successful end of year party will be on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December and once again held at Kingshurst Pavilion Sporting Club. Limited tickets will be available approximately four weeks before.

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION MONTH**

From Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November until the end of the year, all parents of current members are welcome to join our classes FREE OF CHARGE! Take the opportunity to make your training a shared family experience.

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