

# ASHINGTON SKC APRIL NEWSLETTER

## April 2012 News

**Well done to all Students who achieved 100% attendance on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings in April.**

*(Please Note: Students that are not at Ashington YMCA due to karate competitions/training events elsewhere are classed as in attendance)*

### Car Wash

#### Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May

We will be holding a car wash in the Wilkinson's car park on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May in cooperation with the fire brigade. If you wish to take part and raise funds for the club, please put your name down on the sheet on Saturday mornings.

**DATE AND TIME TO BE CONFIRMED**

### Karate on the Beach 2012

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June

This year our popular sponsored Karate on the Beach event will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> of June at Blyth Beach. Information and times to follow shortly.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunderland Championships

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July

This local competition is great for junior students wishing to start competing as well as our established competitors. Please see any committee member or sensei if you wish to participate or require any further information regarding the competition.

### 46<sup>th</sup> KUGB National Championships

Nine students from Ashington Karate Club travelled to the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham for the KUGB National Championships. Well done to all students who participated, they were all a credit to the club. Unfortunately on this occasion none of our students reached the finals, as the standard of all competitors was very high. Well done to Dylan Gibson, Gemma Gibson and Louie Cummings for reaching the semi-finals in their kata categories. All students and their families had a fantastic weekend in Birmingham.



*Ashington Karate Club Kumite and Kata Squads with Sensei Jill Kelly*

*Please remember to check with Sharon at the registration desk that we hold an up to date telephone and e-mail address. In exceptional circumstances the class may have to be cancelled at very short notice, so a blanket text and/or email will be issued.*

*For more information about the club news, events and photos please visit the club website at [ashingtonshotokankarate.co.uk](http://ashingtonshotokankarate.co.uk)*

## Forthcoming Karate Events

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

#### **Training with Sensei Frank Brennan**

Sendai Newcastle - Eldon Square Newcastle upon Tyne  
Training Time - 6.30pm - 8.00pm (All Grades)

### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012**

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunderland Karate Championships**

City Space Sports Centre, Sunderland

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

#### **KUGB National Youth Championships**

Queen's Park Sports Centre, Chesterfield

### **6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

#### **Lancaster Summer Camp, Lancaster University**

Training with the top Senseis in the country.

Sensei Jill, Sensei Trish and Sensei Keith will be awarding a cup to the student that they believe has a good attitude to training with good overall attendance each month. *Can you please return it at the end of the month so it can be awarded to another student at the beginning of the following month?*

**The student to receive this award for April is:**

## Kieran Constantino

# STUDENT PROFILE APRIL

## DYLAN GIBSON

April 2012 Student Profile – Dylan Gibson

**How old are you?**

15

**How old were you when you started karate?**

8

**What is your current grade?**

1<sup>st</sup> Dan Black Belt

**How long have you trained at Ashington Karate Club?**

7 Years

**What inspired you to start karate?**

Sensei Ian was doing taster sessions at my first school so I gave it a try.

**How many hours per week do you train both in and out of the dojo?**

4-7

**What is your order of preference – Kihon/Kata/Kumite?**

Kata, Kumite, Kihon

**What is your favourite Kumite technique?**

Gyaku Tsuki

**What is your favourite Kata?**

Gojushiho Sho

**Who is your favourite competitor – past or present?**

Frank Brennan, he won kata at the nationals 14 years in a row!

**Do you have a goal in karate?**

To keep training and competing at a high standard.

**What are your best competition results?**

3<sup>rd</sup> Boys Kumite, Northern Regions 2010

1<sup>st</sup> Team Kata, National Championships 2011

4<sup>th</sup> Individual Kata, National Championships 2011

1<sup>st</sup> Team Kata, Youth Championships 2011

4<sup>th</sup> Individual Kata, Northern Regions 2011

**What is your best karate moment?**

Being selected for the England Squad in 2012.

**What is your favourite food?**

Chicken

**What is your favourite film/who is your favourite film star and why?**

Not Sure...

**What is your favourite TV program?**

Again, not sure...

**What is your musical influence?**

Within Temptation, After Forever, Anneke van Giersbergen, Epica, Nightwish, etc.

**What is your favourite holiday destination?**

Orlando, Florida

**What is your ambition in life?**

To be successful with karate, and outside life.

**Who inspires you?**

Jill Kelly, Keith Burns, Trish Bruce, Frank Brennan, Andy Sherry

