

Tang Soo Do Open Championships October 2009

Phoenix Tang Soo Do attended the latest championships in Rugby, Warwickshire with a large contingent of competitors, judges and supporters.



Master Woodiwiss entered the club into the championships with his usual confidence in his charges, and his was not disappointed with the quality of Tang Soo Do produced by his martial artists.

The championships consisted of Hyungs (forms), free-fighting and Team Hyungs. All aspects of the competition were entered into with great enthusiasm and this, coupled with the undoubted skill of all the participants, resulted in an admirable showing amongst the

medal haul as well as in demonstration of Phoenix's excellence in Tang Soo Do!

The "Chaos Brothers", **Luke** and **George**, started off the proceedings for the club with a **BRONZE** and a **GOLD** respectively in free-fighting, whilst **Keir, Joseph** and **Benj** showed their potential in their categories (though it was a pity Benji was denied an opportunity to partake in free-fighting as none of the other clubs would loan him some pads- all ours were in use!)



Next on deck were Alistair and Thomas, and then Stephanie. **Thomas'** efforts were impressive but an unlucky draw against his 'team-mate' led to an early finish for him in free-fighting as both were 'spooked' by having to compete against each other in the first round. **Alistair** performed slightly under par due to him still recovering from injury but still managed to take a **SILVER** in free-fighting, losing out by 1-point in a tie-break for gold! **Steph** showed expected tenacity in her categories before injury to her ankle caused her problems.

Master Brinda's squad, up from Bristol, were under pressure as they were caught in traffic, arrived minutes before their first category and showed true metal to get their heads together. **Steve & Hannah**, along with Alistair showed what they could do with a last second entry into the team hyungs competition- excellent work!



The Dan Bon categories were to follow. **Mr. Shane Babcock** and **Mr. Dave Singleton** were as sharp as ever in showing the way to execute forms and free-fighting. **Mrs. Janette Woodiwiss**, again one of the most technically competent in her category, just missed out on a higher medal when she won the **BRONZE** in free-fighting.

Master Diana Bolton concluded Phoenix Tang Soo Do's participants with a masterly hyung display in the final categories, competing against a large number of 4th Dans.



The last mention must go to **Master Eccles** who, in between his judging duties, was always on hand to share his observations and uniquely motivating statements, as well as his disappointment in not being able to compete himself!



Another great day together at championships...

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