



## GLOUCESTERSHIRE

## COUNTY JUDO

### **Chairman's report 2011**

There was, as always, plenty going on in the County during 2011 with the on mat activities to the fore as I guess it should be. These are good times for our Players in the County especially from a Junior/competitive perspective, and this it has to be said, is due almost entirely to the achievements of the Bradley Stoke and Stroud Clubs who have figured very strongly at Club, County and National level. The various successes are too numerous to mention here, but most appear on the County website anyway, and whilst congratulations go of course to all the Players, we must also recognise the efforts put in by Pete Douglas and Richard Neale who as the comparatively younger element of the Counties Coaches, are continuing to maintain the on-going reputation of the County. This is not to ignore the efforts of the other, though maybe somewhat less competitive Clubs in the County, who continue to present their sport in its best traditions.

It would also be wrong to ignore the successes of the Counties Seniors, and in particular our Masters Squad, with Players from both the Bradley Stoke and Dowty Club's active throughout the year. Pete Douglas and Chris Andrews set the standard early in the New Year with Gold's at the Eurometropole Masters in Lille, and Chris Andrews made 5<sup>th</sup> place at the Worlds in Germany. We were somewhat disappointed at the absence of the West Team event, Junior and Senior, following on from the successful event in Thornbury in 2010, but we were unable to run it again in 2011, and so it did not happen at all. However I understand that following the staging of the 2011 in early 2012, we will also have the 2012 event later in the year.

Off the mat, we again organised the Gloucestershire Open in Newent. This was our 3<sup>rd</sup> Glos Open, and it now appears to be firmly established in the calendar, and we have an excellent understanding with officials from the Midland Area who help us with the technical side of the event.

Finally after 3years as Secretary of our County, Elaine O'Connell has stepped down, and we thank her for her efforts, but 16 year old Izzy Butler, that's Daughter of Bryan, has stepped in to fill the position, and we wish her well.

Peter Salter

Glos Chair