



GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY JUDO

Chairman's report 2012

A good year for the County all round I feel, with more successes on and off the mat. These continue to be good times for our Players in the County, and in particular our juniors continue to be very successful competitively speaking. In particular, Players from the Bradley Stoke, and Stroud Clubs are extremely active around the Junior circuit with Players from Bradley Stoke in particular in the National pre-Cadet, Cadet & Junior Squads. I will not attempt to mention individuals here as they are too numerous to list, and results appear on the various websites anyway. These Clubs are led by comparatively young Coaches in Pete Douglas and Richard Neale, and the commitment required to sustain this level of success is considerable as I know from my own past experience. Of course the other Clubs in the County whilst not as active competitively, are still most important whilst continuing to deliver our Sport.

The County performed well both in the postponed 2011 team event, and in the 2012 event, both excellent events run very well at the Wellsprings Leisure Centre in Taunton. In the more recent 2012 event, the County had an excellent day with the Boys 12-16 age group taking the Gold, and medal finishes for other teams throughout the categories, with the County supplying a very large number of Players for the event. Not forgetting the seniors, they took the Silver for the second year running, this time losing to rivals Devon. Our seniors have also been active individually of course, and our Masters continue to figure with Chris Andrews from the Dowty Club taking the Commonwealth title in Cardiff, and he along with Maria Ritchie also from Dowty both took Gold at the British Masters in Belfast.

The 4th Gloucestershire Open took place again at Newent, and continues to be successful, and with the Bradley Stoke Club gaining Clubmark Bronze, that gives the County four Clubs with this status.

Peter Salter – Glos Chair