

Kin Ryu at the Nationals



Pictured above Kin Ryu British Medallists Jack Thompson and Connor Leonard

Kin Ryu Judo Club is celebrating following success at the British Judo National Championships. The British Championships are open to all British players and is to determine the British Judo squad for 2013/2014.

The competition is the toughest event of the calendar and this year 5 athletes were up to the challenge of taking on the best in Britain. In the Cadets (14-17yr olds) 15yr old David O'Doherty was looking to improve on his 9th place from last year, He fought well winning his first 2 fights but losing his next 2 to take 7th place.

Following David were the athletes in the pre-cadets (12-13yr olds) and Corlia Robertson, Joseph O'Doherty, Jack Thompson and Connor Leonard were all raring to go. Corlia and Joseph both fought well but were unlucky not to medal on this occasion. Following them it was Jack and Connor's turn and both were on top form as they cruised through the early rounds winning all their fights with spectacular throws to gain a place in the final. After a tough final contest, Jack was narrowly beaten so took a well earned Silver medal but Connor finished as he had started and took Gold and the title of British Champion.

Junior Coach Lisa Harrison said "The standard of the judo from the competitors this year at the Nationals has been fantastic and to see them all achieving at such a high level is testament to the hard work and dedication they put into their training. Congratulations to all!!"

Kin Ryu Judo Club train at K2, Crawley Junior sessions on Mon, Wed and Thurs evenings and Seniors sessions on Mon and Wed evenings all new beginners welcome. For more information call Lisa Harrison on 01293 531549, www.sajudo.org/kinryu or come visit us at K2!