

# Kin Ryu Sussex Trials 2013



Kin Ryu's medal winning squad

Kin Ryu Judo Club were in blistering form at the recent Sussex County Championships as they took the overall title for the 3rd successive year. For some it was their first taste of County Championships whilst others took their 4th County title.

The squad consisted of Jacob Cairns (U27kgs), Luther Knibbs (U27kgs), Adam Funnell (U30kgs), William Burke (U30kgs), Fallon Tibbs (U32kgs), Katherine Burke (U32kgs), Joe Beckett (U34kgs), Joseph O'Doherty (U34kgs), Corlia Robertson (U36kgs), Laura Kinder (U36kgs), Joshua Leonard (U38kgs), Zack Wake (U38kgs), Lia Thompson (U40kgs), Thea Griffey (U44kgs), Ertug Vanli (U46kgs), Andrew Robertson (U50kgs), Lauren Graves (U52kgs), David O'Doherty (U55kgs), Kirstyn Chase (U57kgs), Matthew Graves (U60kgs), Ellie Williams (U63kgs), Jade Williams (U63kgs), Tracy Bird (U63kgs), Connor Leonard (U66kgs), Jack Thompson (U66kgs), Ellie Woods (U70kgs), Natalie Greenhough (U70kgs), Mark Graves (U100kgs), James Hiley (O100kgs). Each fought well, showing an impressive range of techniques - from Sweeping Ankle throws to Dropping Shoulder throws to Spinning Blocking Hip throws and a range of Ground Hold pins. The squad returned with 11 gold medals, 11 silver and 5 bronze medals making this the clubs best results at the County trials for many years.

The Gold and Silver medallists will make up the Sussex Team - who will be competing against teams from Surrey, Hampshire and Kent later next month for the Southern Area Team titles; and the other medallists will form part of the Sussex Squad.

Special mentions go to Corlia Robertson - who won her 4th consecutive County title; Luther Knibbs who won Boys' Best Judo Spirit; Katherine Burke who won Girls' Best Judo Spirit; Natalie Greenhough who won Ladies' Best Judo Spirit; and Kirstyn Chase who won Sussex Squad Manager's Player of the Year.

Coach Richard Williams said of the Kin Ryu Squad "What a great club performance - thoroughly deserved after all the hard work they put in".