

The Junior Judo National Championships were held at High Wycombe Judo centre on 9th October. 3 Members from Sturton Judo Club and 7 members from Whiteswood Lane Judo club went down to take part.

Jake Owen, Callum Saxelby and Finlay Walker got the clubs off to a good start, this was their first major competition but they showed some good judo and put in lots of effort which ended up with Jake bringing home a Bronze medal, unfortunately Callum and Fin just missed out on the medals. Next to fight was Greg Burton, he had a very tough group, but he showed some very good techniques but unfortunately just missed out on the medal positions. Kieron Smythe is one of our most experienced players, he didn't disappoint either, showing some great judo he just missed out on the Silver but brought back a Bronze medal. Dylan Hodgson is one of our newest members, showing lots of improvement which reflected in his result bringing back a Bronze medal. This was Tom Burton's first National competition, it was good to see he had been listening to our coaching and trying new techniques and this resulted in him taking home a Bronze medal. Emma Butler was our only girl fighting today but she did the girls proud. She is one of our most experienced girls and it showed in all of her fights winning three out of four she took the Silver medal. Chris Gillyett took part in this event last year but lost out due to a knee injury, but this year he was out to prove himself, his confidence has improved so much he won all his fights by maximum 10 points and won a Gold medal. Jack Hodgson was the last to fight, he had two tough fights in the Over 100kg event but he showed some excellent techniques and took home a Gold medal.

All members that took part showed some fantastic judo and are showing great signs of improvement, keep up the hard work!

Training in Gainsborough is Monday nights at West Lindsey Leisure Centre, Beginners 6pm-7pm, Junior & Senior/Adults 7pm-8.30pm, £2 per session. Training in Sturton is Thursday nights at Sturton Village Hall, Beginners 6pm-7pm, Junior & Senior/Adults 7pm-8.30pm, £1.50 per session. If you require any more info please contact Steve 01427 616442 or Nicola 07980484670 or visit www.lincolnshirejudo.co.uk.