

HKS

NEWSLETTER

THE NEWS SO FAR FROM STEVE REILLY... **(or someone else in his absence)**

May has seen the absence of Steve Reilly at the club since he travelled to Thailand, with the intention of staying ten days. Unfortunately, Steve was caught up in the civil unrest and riots and was unable to get a flight home. However, he could concentrate on staying safe knowing that the club was in the good and capable hands of Malc Strong.

Thankfully, Steve has returned to Horwich safe and well...speaking fluent Thai and craving pudding and chips!

Unfortunately, the HKS show had to be cancelled due to Steve's absence, the club apologises to everyone looking forward to this event and thanks you for your understanding.

The students of HKS have been busy training hard for gradings and for interclub events. Oliver Morton and Taylor Hague fought at Luksit show in Farnworth, whilst Reese Cropper, Thomas , Joe Dawson, Jessica Farnhill Shane Robinson and Oliver Morton attended Spartan's interclub event held in Middleton.

Once again the attendance of students at these events is much appreciated as it shows the level of support to other clubs, as well as providing opportunities for increasing their level of experience in the ring:

Luksit show – attended by: Oliver Morton and Taylor Hague.

Taylor fought for North West area title, but was just beaten to the belt. Despite this Taylor had a fantastic fight and did the club and his family proud.

Oliver fought for a decision and won! Another excellent fight for Ollie!

Spartans Interclub event – attended by: . Reese Cropper, Thomas , Joe Dawson, Jessica Farnhill Shane Robinson and Oliver Morton.

All the students had excellent fights and it was a pleasure for the corner men and women to see how much of an improvement they have made in the ring.

Dates of Interclub and shows

19th June – Olivers Gym (interclub) Salford

20th June – Johnny T (show) - Bolton

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Student of the month is **Connor Jones, WELL DONE!**

STUDENT'S OF THE WEEK

WEEK 1	Reese Cropper
WEEK 2	Lewis Highman
WEEK 3	Bobby Wareham
WEEK 4	Jessica Farnhill

A brilliant achievement by you all, well done!

GRADINGS

The following students took their gradings in May:

Kail Quigley - Double Yellow
Connor Jones - 2nd Yellow
Michael Sandiford - Double Yellow
Dave Sandiford - Double Yellow
James Barnes - Double Yellow
Ian Robinson - Double Yellow
Tim Attwood - Double Yellow
Ruth Lawrie - 2nd Brown

Well done to you all! Grading shows commitment to your development in the sport.

The next grading class is due to take place on the 24th July at the club. If you have not yet graded or would like to reach the next level then please give your name to Steve Reilly or Malcolm Strong.

If you need help or advice in regard to the grading then please do not hesitate to speak to one of the instructors.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Please note, if you have a question that you would like an answer to then please feel free to ask, alternatively you can write a question down and place it in the box situated in the waiting area. The answer will be provided in the next newsletter.

Q: WHY DO WE HAVE FUND RAISING EVENTS?

A: At the club we want to provide social events for all young people, such as Halloween and Christmas. The cost of hiring rooms and providing entertainment such as DJ's and hot food can be costly. We raise money with the support of the children and young people, their families and friends. This helps us to provide an enjoyable and lasting memory for everyone. Remember, if your child enjoys being part of something then they are likely to continue to commit to an activity, which has to be a good thing!

Fund raising events held in 2010 will include a car boot sale, therefore items which can be sold will be gratefully received.

Q: HOW IS STUDENT OF THE WEEK DECIED?

A: student of the week is decided by the instructors prior to the end of the Thursday class. The criteria is that all students who attend on Tuesday and Thursday are eligible to win this award.

Q: WHY DO WE HAVE TO BUY AND WEAR EQUIPMENT AND KIT BOUGHT FROM THE GYM?

A: All students must be in club colours at all times when training and fighting, this means only buying equipment from the club. The money from equipment and kit bought goes back into paying for the gym. If you buy kit and equipment from another gym or a web site, then you are supporting them in paying for a gym you do not attend.

UP & COMING EVENTS & PROGRESS

Fund raising events:

The car boot sale is planned for July, so if you have any sellable items please bring them to the gym as soon as possible.

Many thanks to everyone that has donated items so far, the money raised will go toward a Christmas party with a fantastic DJ and hot food. We are also going to do a survey to judge the interest in numbers

for a Halloween party for children, young people and adults so please let us have your views.

If you are interested in attending future fund raising events then please tell us, we need your support.

COMMITTEE NEWS

HKS is committed to the welfare and safety of all students at all times. The club has a committee, which is a working party which meets regularly to discuss areas of need or interest in regard to the club and its members. If you have an issue or would like to raise a question for discussion then this can be done in person to any committee member, or in confidence by placing a question or a suggestion in the box in the waiting area upstairs in the gym.

Details of all committee members can be found on the notice boards and on the HKS web site which is updated with photos and the news letter monthly. HKS is unique in providing services from members which enable the club to have the Bolton Mark.

The coaches and trainers work hard to ensure that they provide a comfortable, safe and fun environment for everyone, however if we can improve on this in any way then we appreciate your comments.

FINAL WORD FROM CHIEF INSTRUCTOR STEVE REILLY

Steve Reilly - chief instructor

Thank you to all students, instructors and parents for their time and effort in enabling the club to progress. Thank you to the young people and their families for helping to raise the profile and funds for a Christmas party too, with the Mayors Mile event. This was a worthwhile cause which supported other charities and helped the club raise money for social events and equipment for the gym.

Christmas might seem a long way from today, but we would like to provide an opportunity for families attending the club to celebrate without having to spend lots of money. We would also like to provide opportunities for fun through parties and social events throughout the year such as Halloween. This enables participation of all our students and makes coming to training fun. With support of sponsorship this will reduce the cost to families significantly, so Thank You All.

The club is looking to recruit volunteers and instructors, please note that any application is subject to a satisfactory

CRB check undertaken by Bolton Council, and the ability to be consistent in attending the club and events. All volunteers and instructors have specific roles and will sign an agreement which outlines their duties, responsibilities and commitment to attending events including those away from HKS.

Volunteers and Instructors are also subject to annual personal development planning, which ensures that the full potential of each individual is recognised and achieved. This is part of the criteria expected as laid out by Bolton Council and in HKS having the Bolton Mark, as we are subject to inspection every three years.

If you are interested or would like further information then please ask for an application form.

Finally....

We are delighted to tell you that Malc Strong has received the excellent news that his health is fine. Malc has been through a tough time recently which has caused him and his family doubt and uncertainty. Despite his own health concerns, Malc has continued to provide support, advice and structure to all students at the club. We would like to take this opportunity to say how pleased we are that things have worked out for you Malc, and thank you for your dedication to the club and the students.

From all students, parents carers and spectators. XXX