



## **GLOUCESTERSHIRE**

## **COUNTY JUDO**

### **Chairman's Report 2015**

I reported last year on a number of competition successes from the Counties Players, and I am pleased to report this year on another, if even more successful year in 2015. Our two leading competition Clubs in the County, Bradley Stoke and Stroud continue to lead the way on the competitive front with success at Area, National and International level. The successes are too numerous to mention them all, but Players like Pete Miles, Harry Lovell-Hewitt, and James Hayes continue to go from strength to strength. There are also lots of other up and coming talent in the Area, and this was well demonstrated at the 2015 Area teams when teams from Gloucestershire all but scooped the board in all categories from the u/12 age group right through to the Senior Men's retaining the title they won in 2014. The new Hutton Moor Centre seems to be working very well, and makes for a fitting venue for the Area's top competitions.

Again as I said last year, whilst the Bradley Stoke and Stroud clubs mainly lead the competitive way, the less competitive Clubs in the County play their part in delivering our sport in Gloucestershire, the Apollo Club for instance have now completed their Club Mark re-validation, and the Gloucestershire Open which is now well established on the circuit, was another success in 2015, and at this level you tend to see some of the Counties other Players taking their early steps on the competitive pathway. We have a small but very committed team who organise the Glos Open, and support the

County in general when and where required throughout the year. We were of course pleased to see Sandra Klinger retain her post in the County, and we look forward to her continuing to host revalidation events at the Dowty Club which are always well received.

Finally, whilst the successes referred to in my report involve mainly our young Players, we should not forget our Masters Players mainly from the Dowty and Bradley Stoke Clubs who continue to deliver at this level. Bryan Butler for instance from the Newent and Dowty Club, competed at this level for the first time in 2015 at the grand old age of 50, and came away from the British Open with a Silver Medal, whilst at the same time, Dean Douglas from the Dowty Club won his first British Masters title.

Pete Salter

Glos Chair

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