

## Kin Ryu Medallists



Pictured above: Samuel Howarth-Moore (9), Joe Beckett (9), Suzy Neave (8), Lia Thompson (8), Samantha Miller (8), Zack Wake (9), Oliver Thorne (9), Harrison Lynn (10), Laura Kinder (10), Fraser Lynn (8), Corlia Robertson (10), William Burke (9) and junior official Matthew Graves.

Kin Ryu Judo Club players have been out competing in force at the Sussex red and yellow belt open. The competition is an event open to any player with a red or yellow belt in the country and attracted competitors from as far away as the Midlands. For many of the Kin Ryu the fighters this was their first taste of open competition and Kin Ryu was represented by 14 young players. The first to fight for the red belts was Suzy Neave who had one of the toughest jobs of the day being the lightest girl in the competition, but she did not let this deter her and produced some great judo to win the first bronze medal of the day. Following her was Lia Thompson, Laura Kinder and Samantha Miller who again all fought hard against bigger players but were able to win through with Laura and Sam taking bronze medals in their groups and Lia collecting the first silver of the day. Rounding off the girls was Corlia Robertson in the yellow belt section and after some tough fights Corlia finished in third place with a well deserved bronze medal.

Starting for the boys was Samuel Howarth-Moore. Sam fought well and won 2 of his contests in less than 10 seconds to take silver. Joe Beckett, Matthew Forster, Fraser Lynn and Oliver Thorne completed the red belt lines up and all fought well and finished with well deserved bronze medals. In the yellow belt boys group Zack wake started the club off taking a silver medal with some well executed techniques. Harrison Lynn was the next to fight with this being his first event for over a year and he performed outstandingly taking a well earned bronze medal. Completing the Kin Ryu line up were Adam Funnell and William Burke who fought hard and both took the gold medals in their groups finishing off great days judo

This was a great performance from some of the clubs less experienced fighters and it is very encouraging to see that all their hard work and training at the club is paying off, well done to all!!

**Kin Ryu Judo Club train at K2, Crawley Juniors Mon 5-6pm, 6-7.30pm and Wed 7-8.30pm, Seniors Wed 8.30-9.30pm, Girls and Women only Thurs 6.30-7.30 all new beginners welcome. For more information call Lisa Harrison on 07940 653563, [www.kinryu.org.uk](http://www.kinryu.org.uk) or come visit us at K2!**