



December 2010

# 1! 2! 3! GERMANY!

On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010 BKA sent a strong team of fighters for the I.C.O German European Open in Frankfurt, Germany. They left Squirrell's Rest at 11.45pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> and arrived at the hotel around 5.30pm on the Friday after missing the first ferry.

First to fight was Conor Webb who won 2 fights to achieve gold. Next up was Little Soph who had a straight final and got silver after a draw and it going to the referee's decision. Then there was Elliot James who got bronze after a hard fight. Simone Choong won gold after a straight final as did Jonnie the Dodger. Biggen also got gold after winning 2 fights and almost being bitten by a weird French lady. Andy 'Gizza' Higson won silver after a draw in the straight final and it went to an extra round. Mark Little and Neil 'Dad' Simnett fought in the same category, Mark got bronze medal and Neil got gold after beating Mark's opponent in the final. In total BKA brought home 5 golds, 2 silvers and 2 bronzes.

Congratulations to all the team who did BKA proud and conducted themselves impeccably, the hard work paid off. It couldn't have been done without the help of Chris with all the hard work and time he puts into the club and support he has for his fighters and club members. Also a thank you goes to the family and friends who came to Germany to watch and support and to Mrs Nutty for running the club in England while the team were away, her support was greatly missed. She is an inspiration to us all.

After a hard days work the team took a trip to the German Christmas market and had a well earned drink in the bar.

Oh and we also met santa. And a Chinese guy. And lots of strangers.



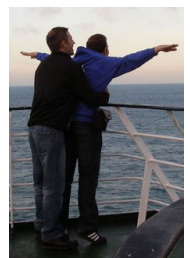
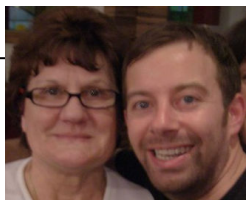
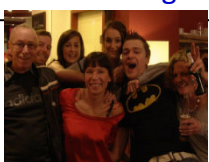
## Fundraising

The team that went to Germany couldn't have done it without the help and support of the club members who raised money and took part in the interclub tournament and the 100 rounds of sparring.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of October BKA held an interclub tournament with 17 bouts of kickboxing. Everybody fought well including members of A1 Lions in Derby and all received a trophy. Team Sophie beat Team Alan yet again and £182 was raised.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> of November BKA took part in 100 rounds of sparring which was tiring but nothing BKA can't handle. This raised £352.

In total we raised £534 which was spent on registration and fighters insurance. Thanks to all involved in these events that helped us to bring back our many medals and trophies.





# BKA

## Burton Kickboxing Academy



### Big Soph's 21!!!



Happy birthday to Sophie Simnett who is 21 on the 6<sup>th</sup> of December! Don't forget birthday beats.

### Grading

Grading will take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Lower grades only need to attend one day and people going for higher grades need to attend 2 days but feel free to come to all 3. If you fail you are welcome to come back and try again the next day. Names need to be given in to Chris but if you haven't done the training you won't be able to grade.

WE WISH YOU ALL WELL ☺

### Presentation

Presentation of the belts will be the following Saturday. There are also awards for best female, male, girl and boy graders and also special achievement awards if anyone has achieved something spectacular since the last presentation.

### CHRISTMAS!!!!

The BKA Christmas party will be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of December at Stapenhill Institute Club, 23 Main Street, Stapenhill, Burton upon Trent, DE15 9AP (where the Tuesday class is held).

We've got a disco and buffet free of charge to all BKA members and £5 to anybody else. All are welcome.

The Christmas party is always a good one so come and have a laugh and a drink and a boogie with your second family!



### Christmas class times

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> December – open as usual  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December – cancelled – Christmas Eve  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> December – cancelled – Christmas Day  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> December – cancelled – Boxing Day  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December – open as usual  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> December – cancelled – New Years Eve  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> January – open as usual  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> January – open as usual – back to normal

### Title shot

On the 13<sup>th</sup> November Sophie Simnett and a large crowd of BKA supporters travelled to Tamworth to watch her fight for a British Title against Shannon Graham from TKA. The title went to Shannon after a split decision from the judges. Sophie did BKA proud fighting well even with a badly bloody nose. Many thanks to the supporters who travelled to watch, it's always good to hear the cheer of the family behind you.

### Future fights

The next event for BKA is a BLCC event at Mushtaq's in Derby. There we will have Jonnie 'the Dodger' Squirrell, Hamza and little Nasser competing. We wish you well. All support is welcome so if you want to come and cheer them on just ask for details.

There will plenty coming up in 2011 so keep training hard.

**Mr and Mrs Nutty would like to thank their BKA family for their help and support through the year and would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year ☺**