

Member of the Year Award 2011

After the Seaford Club Championships Sensei Martin Dean gives a quick review of the previous year, with thanks going to everybody who has helped out. This year the club has won an incredible 43 medals and an average attendance of 30 students training every night.

Sensei Martin was very proud when Lee Finch passed his shodan (1st Dan) Black belt and as a reward he presented Lee with his own silk black belt embroidered with his name on it along with a framed SKC black belt photo montage.

Angie Pepper was awarded her framed A.S.K.A. 2nd Dan certificate along with a framed SKC black belt photo montage.

Sunil Rajput 1st Dan and Rob 'Scratch' Allchin 1st Kyu also received framed photo montages for their time and service towards Seaford Karate Club.

We then got on to the prestigious Member of the Year Awards for 2011. The previous recipients all received replica samurais, going to Fenella Lea, Liam Bray and Lee Finch, and then it was time to reward this year's three successful students.

In the novice children's class there were a few students who stood out as possible candidates to win the award including Timon Schagon and Isaac Wiley who have performed well this year. However the award this year goes to a dedicated karateka who always tries his best, he has attended SKC demonstrations and competitions as well as passing his gradings. His attendance in the club is extremely good and I can always rely on him if I need a volunteer.

The Novice Junior Member of the Year for 2011 goes to Harry Rock 7th Kyu.

In the advanced children's class we have many students who are in the running including Remy Browning and Luke Wetherfield. The award this year went to a student who has worked hard on his karate. He enjoys his kumite more than kata but he continues to work hard on his basics and always enters both events in competition. He has competed in all the competitions this year and taken his mock gradings for 2nd kyu. His attendance has improved toward the end of the year, and he has become more focused in his karate over the last year.

The Advanced Junior Member of the Year for 2011 is Kallum Harding 3rd Kyu.

In the adult category Sensei Martin had to make a hard decision between four students. Unfortunately the early favourite Jan Kus left the club to go to Spain in October leaving Kieran and Matthew as the front runners. Their attendance at the club started to falter towards the end of the year and Sensei Martin took another look at candidates. Over the year Sensei Angie has competed in all three competitions, winning medals at all of them, she has attended and performed at all three karate demo's (two in Seaford and one in Lewes), she has an impeccable attendance record, as well as teaching in all three classes and on top of that she has passed her Nidan (2nd Dan) grading under the scrutiny of the A.S.K.A. senior instructors. Although she won this award back in 2004 she is certainly deserved of it again.

Senior Member of the Year Award for 2011 goes to Sensei Angie Pepper 2nd Dan.