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A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS

The BUTF Executive and Instructors welcome back all members from what has hopefully been a restful and enjoyable period of festivities. Many thanks for the cards and good wishes sent by all to Head Office.

Senior Promotion

The BUTF is yet again privileged to be able to announce at the commencement of the year, the promotion of yet another of its dedicated Fourth Dan's to the rank of Fifth Dan following the mandatory performance of seven of the twenty one Patterns in the fourth Dan Syllabus. As always, the Patterns, randomly selected by Grandmaster Choy IX, were performed to his satisfaction while simultaneously being recorded for posterity.

NAME	PROMOTED TO		
	TERMINOLOGY	ROMAN NUMERIALS	ENGLISH NUMBERS
GURSHARAN SINGH KAMBO	OH DAN	V DAN	5th DAN

Mr. Kambo started his training in 1983 under the guise of Imperial Taekwon-do at Whitefriars School in Wealdstone training under various people; Mr. Neill Brown (then 1st Dan) was a key influence in those early stages. Having started alongside his brother, they trained together up to 3rd Kup Blue Belt with strong dedication and with support from their father. When the club moved further away so did the opportunity to train.



It was not until eight years or so later that he found a small club starting up locally under Master Anthony Manning VII Dan (then IV Dan). His keen interest in cricket and tennis had kept him fit, but all of these lacked something which only martial arts could fulfill- a balance of strength, speed, flexibility, inner and outer mental strength, but most importantly to be able to defend one self. He had his apprehensions of attempting to return into this demanding martial art having been away from it for so long, but on looking back he never regrets that decision.

His first real milestone was in 1994, having achieved a double degree success by becoming the first Harrow Taekwon-do Black Belt and achieving an engineering degree at the well renowned



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Imperial College. This thrust him into the limelight as a role model for up and coming students of his parent school, filling him with pride in seeing it flourish into a school of quality. Being a regular competitor in all areas, he has always enjoyed the buzz of the tournaments and pushing himself to the limit. He remembers when he first fought as a black belt in Scotland, Grand Master Choy IX Dan said that he had experienced a 'Baptism of Fire'; his words were true and wise!

Having been fortunate enough to be training with Master Manning VII Dan, a truly exceptional exponent and instructor of TKD, he has gained a holistic approach to martial arts whilst balancing a young family and professional career in finance. Having been presented many challenges from all directions, the key has been to ensure a balance of life in conjunction with dedication and of course a guiding hand from the inner spirit.



Qualifying as an instructor in October 2000 under the strict standards required by BUTF, he then continued to assist teaching at Harrow TKD School with Master Manning VII Dan. The next important step was to attain the Black Stripes for IV Dan, which was achieved in October 2004. Alongside his younger brother Rasmeet a 3rd Dan his instructing was clearly proving successful having been running a satellite school under Harrow TKD. Finally, earlier this year in 2008, the challenge to open up Eastcote Taekwon-do School was taken. He now understands the legacy that General Choi Hong Hi IX Dan was trying to achieve. The enjoyment and fulfillment that teaching brings, not only sharpens and reinforces ones knowledge and skills, but his aim as any instructor is for his students to grow and improve to be best they can be in all areas of their lives. It becomes a rarity to see instructors still actively competing and his approach has always been to lead by example.

His philosophical approach to life can be described as one great spiritual philosopher said:
'By conquering your mind you can conquer the world'

In conclusion, he warmly thanks the Executive and Master Manning for their continued support and dedication to the qualities that the BUTF stands for.

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FROM ALL IN THE B.U.T.F.

Championships

A reminder for those Black Belts in any doubt, that Performance Requirements for 2009 can be found in Newsletter 1-08.



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New Instructors Qualifying Course

2009's Course will only be run if there are enough applicants. As such, Instructors with potential candidates should write in to Head Office by 31st of January with names and personal recommendations.

Black Belt Grading

Your attention is drawn to the first of the BUTF's two annual gradings. This has been scheduled for the 14th and 21st February which is earlier than it has been in previous years. As such candidates should be speeding up their preparations and Instructors are reminded that the deadline for submission of forms is Friday the 6th February.

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