



Members' Update January 2017

New Term

January is the start of a new term which means that we must again ask for fees from members. The fees remain the same as last term i.e. Adults €95, Students €85 and juniors (aged 7 to 10) €65. The fees include a contribution to annual SKIF licences which we renew each year in September.

Accounts for 2016

The year 2016 was a very good year for the club, and a small financial surplus was generated which offsets the small loss that was made in 2015.

Provisional Accounts Summary 2016		
Income:		
Fees:	€ 10,151	
Gradings:	€ 1,555	
		€ 11,706
Expenditure:		
Rent (5 qtrs)	€ 5,040	
SKIF Gradings	€ 2,163	
SKIF Licences	€ 1,410	
Insurance	€ 995	
Mirrors	€ 490	
Competitions	€ 390	
Miscellaneous	€ 350	
Admin/Training	€ 220	
Bank Fees	€ 137	
Belts	€ 135	
Equipment	€ 100	
Website	€ 100	
Refund	-€ 1,040	
		€ 10,490
Surplus / Loss		€ 1,216

Clubs like ours will see ups and downs in terms of numbers of people training, so it is prudent to keep some money in the bank to secure our future viability.

A few points to note from the 2016 accounts:

- Instructors take no fees for their services; the club is a passion and not a business.
- We paid more to SKIF for gradings and courses than we collected from members. This is because we use your fees to subsidise the costs of the courses to our members and so encourage more students to attend these excellent courses.
- Insurance costs are rising sharply for martial arts clubs. We managed to make a saving by switching insurers in 2016 which resulted in getting a refund of a large portion of the 2015 fees. However, this is a one-off saving.
- We paid hall rent for 5 quarters in 2016 to clear arrears.

Competitions

We were delighted to see members doing so well in competitions, both at our own Christmas competition and at external events. We have always stressed that our goal as a club is not related to success at external competitions (and with just two classes per week we are not set up as a competitive sports club), and that continues to be the case. We will however try to facilitate those members who wish to take part in competitions as best we can.

We plan to have a friendly competition early in 2017, similar to the one we took part in last year. We'll bring you news as soon as we have dates agreed.

Grading

We are planning to have a local grading with Sensei Jacqui O'Shea 6th Dan before the end of the month.

Facebook

Our main internet website is primarily intended as a means of promoting the club to new members, so its content is relatively static. For club news we use both direct email and Facebook to keep members up-





to-date. If you have a Facebook account please find our club's page and 'Like' it to stay in touch with what's happening.



Counting in Japanese

Students are familiar with hearing instructors call out numbers in Japanese, but might not know that the numbers are written differently in Japanese. The table below gives an example of how to write Japanese numbers in *Kanji*.

NUMBERS		
ENGLISH	ROMAJI	KANJI
1	ICHI	一
2	NI	二
3	SAN	三
4	YON / SHI	四
5	GO	五
6	ROKU	六
7	NANA / SHICHI	七
8	HACHI	八
9	KYUU / KU	九
10	JUU	十
11	JUUICHI	十一
12	JUUNI	十二
20	NIJUU	二十
30	SANJUU	三十
55	GOJUUGO	五十五

Some images from 2016



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