



TOP JUDO PLAYER/COACH

**GEORGE KERR 10TH DAN CBE
"MR JUDO"**

IS COMING TO TAKE A MASTER CLASS

at the

Dog Leap Judo Club

ON THE 29TH October 2011

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George Kerr 10th Dan CBE Master class



Dog leap Judo Club is running a master class with George Kerr 10th Dan CBE on 29th October 2011 and would like to invite all players and coaches to take part. This is a fantastic opportunity not to be missed and the chance to further develop your judo skills with one of the true masters of Judo, **Mr Judo** himself.

For the same price as a competition, where you have to wait around all day and might only get a few minutes on the mat, you are getting a full Judo session with one of only 5 Judan's alive today also Mr Kerr has kindly said that he will **give** one of his posters to all the children under 15 (anyone else can buy a poster at a cost of £10) and has also requested that there be enough time for photo opportunities which will be available after each session.

Prior booking is advised as there are limited places available which are expected to go fast!

Venue: Roe Valley Leisure Centre, Limavady, **BT49 OND** (postcode for sat nav users!!)
Coach: George Kerr 10th Dan CBE (please see attached CV it make impressive reading)
Date: 29th October 2011

Times:	Session	Registration	Time	Cost
	8 and under	9.00-9.20	9.30-10.15	£10
	*9-14yo	9.30-10.15	10.30-11.30	£10
	Kyu's	10.30-11.45	12.00-1.30	£15
	Dan's/Coaches	12.00-2.45	3.00-4.45	£15

***Mr Kerr has said if there are any 14 year old or young who are blue belt or above they can join the kyu class.**

Starting times are sharp so please be suited and ready to start at appropriate time.
 Judoka must wear proper attire, i.e. females wear a **white** t-shirt and males wear no t-shirt under Judogi etc.
 Respect and proper Judo Etiquette is essential at all times, (Mr Kerr is after all a 10th Dan)

Any queries contact Tom Pearson on 07974529192

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Please print and complete all information, one form per person							
A valid judo license is essential and will be checked on registration. With No license you're a spectator!!!							
First name:			Surname:			Club:	
Session:	U8	9-14	Kyu	Dan	Grade:	D.O.B:	
Address:						Postcode:	
Phone number:				Email:			
Fee enclosed (non refundable)		£	MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO DOG LEAP JUDO CLUB				
<p>and send to Tom Pearson, 14 Churchill Road, Ballykelly, BT49 9PW</p> <p>Only forms filled in completely with correct money will secure your place. One form per person please.</p> <p>Please ensure separate consent form is sent for all participants under 18!</p>							



George Kerr 10th Dan CBE

Judo CV



- Started judo in 1948
- First Dan at the age of 16
- Won a scholarship to study judo at Nihon University and the Kodokan Judo Institute in Tokyo
- From 1957 to 1961 special research student in Japan
- Represented Great Britain at the European Championships in 1957.
- On returning from Japan competed until 1968 winning 1 Gold, 3 Silver, 2 Bronze in the European Championships
- Won the British title at the inaugural British Open in 1966
- Runner up in 1967 and winner again in 1968
- Refereed at the European Championships from 1969 to 1976
- Refereed the World Championships in 1971, 73, 75
- Refereed the 1972 Munich and 1976 Montreal Olympics.
- The only British referee to officiate in both Olympic finals
- Coached the Austrian team from November 1976 to October 1988 and during this period produced two Olympic Gold medals (Peter Seisenbacher) and an Olympic Bronze medal (Pepi Reiter). Seisenbacher also won the World Championships in 1985 and the European Championship in 1986
- Also coached Grahame Randell who won the world title in 1999
- Chairman of the British Judo association from 1991 to 1997 and currently president.
- Awarded 10th Dan in February 2010 making him the youngest to ever receive this award. Including George there are only five 10th Dan alive today (3 Japanese and 1 French). In total there has been 34 10th Dan until now
- Received honorary doctor's degree from Heriot-Watt University
- Received the Edinburgh Award (The freedom of the City). One of four people to have received this award so far, others include JK Rowling of Harry Potter and triple Olympic champion Chris Hoy.
- Decorated by his Majesty the Emperor of Japan - Order of the Rising Sun. (the Japanese equivalent of a knighthood)
- Decorated by her Majesty Queen Elizabeth - CBE this is the highest award any judo player has been given in Great Britain/Northern Ireland

George Kerr trained in Japan in the 1950s

Having grown up in Edinburgh, George Kerr won a scholarship to practice judo in Japan, the home of judo, in 1957. Today, Britain's judo players fly back and forth to Japan on a regular basis but usually only for short term visits, in the 1950s, it was a rare adventure.

"I couldn't fly to Japan in the 50s. I went by boat from Marseilles in 4th class steerage. A £100 bought me a canvas hammock and a blanket".

"I spent four years in Japan. The first year was very difficult because I couldn't speak the language, but the whole experience gave me an insight, not just into judo, but the moral code that it teaches - be polite, never beat up an inferior opponent etc. I got that straight from the Masters themselves".

He added: "The most striking difference between Japan and the UK then was the level of training. At that time, judo players in Japan would train twice a day and do in a month what we in Britain would be doing in a year." The black belt is known as a 1st Dan but very few reach the level of 9th or 10th Dan, both of which are denoted by a red belt tied around the judo suit. The only other British 'judoka' to reach 10th Dan status previously was Charles Palmer, who died in 2001.

George was named as one of the inaugural members of the Scottish Sports Hall of Fame in 2002. In addition to all of George's previous accolades, he has also been awarded an Honorary Degree from Heriot-Watt University on the 24th June 2010.

In July 2011 George visited the Palace to receive his CBE from the Queen.

Today, George combines his BJA duties with coaching youngsters at his junior judo club in Edinburgh. They know now, if they ever doubted it, that they are learning at the knee of the Master.



George Kerr 10th Dan CBE Child consent form



A consent form must be completely filled in and signed by parent or guardian for each participate under 18 and sent with entry form before they will be allowed on the mat.

Name of pupil _____ Age _____ M/F _____
Home address _____

Contact number of parent/guardian*
(Please give alternative number along with their name in case we can't get you)

Mobile _____ home _____ alternative _____

Name of pupil's doctor _____
Health centre _____
Phone number _____

Please use the space below to tell us any information you think we might need to know regarding you son/daughters health
(e.g. asthma, diabetic or any old or ongoing injuries even if you think this may not affect your child's ability to do Judo we need to know about it.)

Are you willing for your son/daughter* to receive emergency medical treatment in the unlikely event that this would be necessary? yes/no*

I give permission for CHILD'S NAME to take part in the George Kerr master class to be held in, Roe Valley Leisure Centre, on the 29th October 2011.

I understand that there will be video/photography at this event and allow these to be used to promote the Dog Leap Judo Club and other Judo events.

Parent/Guardian* name (please print) _____ Date _____

Signed _____

*delete were appropriate

All information given will be held with the strictest of confidence and only be used in the case of an emergency