



# GLOUCESTERSHIRE

## COUNTY JUDO

### **Chairman's Report 2013**

Considering the overall size of our County, and the fact we only have some 7/8 Clubs active, our success rate has continued through 2013, both on and off the mat. At Junior level it has to be said that, the majority of our more notable Junior successes come from the Bradley Stoke Club, which we consider as our prime Club within the County at this time. That is not to forget of course the efforts of Players from such as Stroud, Apollo, Newent, Dowty, Cirencester etc. Bradley Stoke have continued to achieve success right from Pre- Cadet to Junior level in the Area, National & International arena's, and whilst their various successes are too numerous to mention here, they are all detailed on the Glos County website. It would be right however to mention Pete Miles who won Bronze at European Cadet level, and was honoured with the BJA Cadet of the year award. Full marks to both the Players and coaching team at BS.

We have had another excellent year at Masters Level also, with Pete Douglas coming up with a European Silver, and Maria Ritchie and Chris Andrews both from Dowty along with Nick Brace from BS all taking Gold in the British Masters. I'm never sure that the efforts of our Players in Glos in these Masters events are fully appreciated, or in the Area for that matter. It should be recognised that the rather lay back attitude of years past in Vet's Judo, does not apply to-day. There was a certain amount of disappointment at the cancellation of the 2013 Bob Taylor (West Team Event) but having sat in on the Area meeting which came to this conclusion, I understand the reasons, better luck in 2014 we hope.

We ran our 5<sup>th</sup> Gloucestershire Open at Newent, again it was very successful and now appears to have its place in many people's calendar, and as a bonus, we also made a handsome profit. Much of the credit for our event goes to the efforts of the Newent Club, and the event controlling skills of Andy Scott.

Peter Salter - Glos Chair