

# ESSEX TAEKWONDO ACADEMY NEWS

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Gradings for 2007

The first grading of 2007 will be a joint grading with Mr. Thorne.

Grading Examiner will be:  
Mr. Tony Sewell 6<sup>th</sup> Dan  
3 Times World Champion

Mr. Sewell has kindly agreed to do a sparring seminar before the grading. It is free to all GTI members.

The seminar and grading will both be held at the same venue.

**School Gym  
Boswells School  
Burnham Road  
Chelmsford  
Essex. CM1 6LY**

1.00pm to 2.00pm  
Sparring Seminar

2.30pm to 6pm  
Grading

The other 3 gradings for 2007 will be held at the at :

The Eversley Leisure Centre,  
Crest Avenue, Pitsea  
SS13 2EF

One of the end badminton courts will be curtained off, which is a bigger area, and there is bench seating available. Hence provides more room and comfort for those grading and supporting, however it will be more noisy.

## Christmas Party 2007

The 2007 Christmas Party will be held on:

Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2007  
7.00pm to 11.00

(longer time than last year.)  
**Venue** is The Eversley Leisure Centre, Crest Ave. Pitsea SS13 2EF

(Same activities hall as last year.)

Cost: £8 per ticket

**Limited to 70 tickets.**  
(Hence first purchased, first served.)

As stated late last year in local newspapers, Basildon council has increased the cost of all its venues.

Some of them have gone up by 30%.

Some have gone up by MORE than 30%

I have absorbed the increase on this occasion, consequently it will not effect training fees.

I am currently trying to arrange a meeting with Mr. A. Hedley the counsellor in charge of sports for the Basildon district to ask why the prices have gone up so much, yet services are being reduced. And also get an update to what is happening with the centres in the area, especially the 'Centre for Excellence' which is due to be built???

## Inter Academy Challenge

We are hopefully going to start an annual competition against Ohdokwan Academy and Essex Taekwondo Academy on March 4<sup>th</sup> 2007.

It will be a 10 person team from each academy competing for a winners shield/plaque.

Events included will be points sparring, continuous sparring, team pattern, team breaking, hands only best fighter and legs only best fighter. Supporter are welcome to come and cheer.

Venue:  
**Depot, Charlton Leisure Centre,  
West Portway Industrial Estate  
Andover, Hampshire. SP10 3LX**  
Kick off: 12 noon

## Basildon Freestyle Open

It has been decided that we attend this competition opposed to the L.T.S.I. as it something we have not done before,

hence take us out of our comfort zone and be more challenging.

Children from 5 upwards, teenagers and adults may enter.

There is no entry form, just let me know that you would like to fight and I need your Age, height, weight and entrance fee **by 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2007**

It will be held at a local Basildon venue.

## Other Competition Closing Dates

Correctly completed, signed and paid competition forms MUST be in before the session on:

Swindon GTI Southern Open  
Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2007

Inter Academy Challenge, Andover  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2007

## Fight Club

The training dates for the next few months are as follows:

4<sup>th</sup> February, 18<sup>th</sup> March,  
1<sup>st</sup> April and 29<sup>th</sup> April

It is not as regular as we would like, but other TKD commitments and life get in the way.

All Sundays, 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm at the Eversley Centre, practice room as per usual.

## Fleeces

The new academy fleeces are now available. Some sizes are already sold out.

Adults: £35 Children sizes: £30

Happy training.

Gordon & Lynn Slater  
5<sup>th</sup> Dan 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan