

**2023
IRISHMASTERS
OPEN**



**28 OCT OBER
DUBLIN**

Yet another edition of this very popular tournament was successfully produced and directed by Paul Cummins and his supporting cast of officials and backroom administrators.

Donal Tannam resigned from the Veterans Commission at the start of 2023, yet was still co-opted to run the Friday night weigh in at his central Dublin club, Wild Geese. He was also extremely generous in giving his time assisting with pre-production tasks. Donal had stood shoulder to shoulder with Paul for well over a decade organising and running this annual tournament and in 2023 he was finally allowed to take the day off and was left alone to enjoy watching all the contests at his home event for the first time in years.



He was surprised with a special award in thanks for the effort he'd selflessly put into this tournament over the years.

RECORD NUMBER OF REGISTERED ENTRANTS FROM SEVEN NATIONS



AND THE ISLE OF MAN.

Sean Whilam-Askin and Chris Horton

One hundred and two entrants had registered for the tournament as at the first weigh in on Friday. Thirteen registered entrants did not appear for weigh in. Even so, it was, by far, the greatest number of entries ever received.



Mahren Hafezi IRAN



FRANCE David Leys & Frederic Cousin



AUSTRIA Matthias Schweiger; Harald Mitterbauer; Hannes Kohl; Roland Pomberger



FRANCE Daniel Roncales & Jerome Petit



GERMANY Stephen Steigmann & Jens-Peter Bischof



THE MEN FROM MANCHESTER Robin Sadler; Stephen Ravenscroft; Jerome Lalley; Martin Barrie; Scott Bailey

Scott Bailey is an inspiration to us all – he is a VI player competing with sighted players.

Robertson Linsner GERMANY

Robertson is not only a skilled tournament player but he also exemplifies another side of judo.

Robertson is part of a project which began 20 months ago at JC Wiesbaden, with a simple post on Facebook "*I have a bus full of children, and I need assistance...*".

A Judo for Peace award from the IJF came the club's way for their voluntary work in supporting Ukrainian children on their journey as they transition into adulthood through judo. Judo is, after all, not solely about competition.



Daniel Mullamphy and Lydia Ritchie tried to keep some semblance of control over the draw sheets and collated results as fast as they could, while Graham McHale ran tirelessly between the admin station and the tables ensuring a continuous feed of draw sheets. This ensured all 300 odd matches were done and dusted, medals had been handed out and the hall cleared before the 17h00 deadline. Ciaran Cummins held the fort in the officials area, ensuring all went well in the hall itself. Ray Stears handled the First Aid station and an entire squad of officials refereed and ran the tables under the pressure of ensuring everyone got the best from their contests.

SMILES WERE EVERYWHERE – THE EXCITEMENT ELECTRIC



Stephen Moloney; Johnny Dennis; Frederic Cousin; David Leys



Tatiana Denisse; Jonathan Byrne; Paula Quinn



Harry McGuigan beside Jens-Peter Bischof



Sean Whitlam-Askin & Brian McGilloway

From Galway JC (L to R) Tom O'Gorman; Daniel Tarr, Kevin Lynch



From Yoroi JC Kaylee Cy; Anderson dos Santos (coach); Alan Goven

PLENTY OF ACTION

A medley of beautiful shots photographed by Thomas Herink from OSA JC!

























From Wild Geese

MEDAL CEREMONIES



M5 U81 Donal Tannam presenting the medals to Stephen Stiegmann (L) and Paul Cummins (R)



L to R Ciaran McCool; Robertson Linsner M3 U90



M4 U81 (L to R) Jeff Sheridan; Johnny Dennis; Frederic Cousin



M3 Open (L to R) Pavel Vasilache; Chris Horton; Leo Daniel Ryan; Philip Clarke



Donal Tannam presenting the medals to M3 U73 (L to R) Pavel Vasilache; Leo Daniel Ryan; Tomas Herink

M6 U90 (L to R) Paul McConville; Roland Pomberger



M4 Open (L to R) David Leys; Johnny Dennis; Robin Sadler; Stuart Bromhead



The women competitors (L to R) Peggy Magee; Kaylee Cherry; Paula Quinn; Rachel Huey; Joanne Walker; Tatiana Denisse; Lydia Ritchie. Teresa Jones above.



From 3 women entered in 2022 to 8 entered this year, this is one statistic we can better in 2024.

Kaylee Cherry Yoroi Dojo (L) and Rachel Huey Triangle(R)



Kaylee Cherry U57 and the tallest player at the event, Jens-Peter Bischoff +100

AND FINALLY, WHEN IN IRELAND, A MEDAL IS NOT A MEDAL WITHOUT A ...

