

# GB Tang Soo Do

## *Combined Junior and Senior National Championships 2003*

**G**reat Britain's Tang Soo Do recently held a combined Junior and Senior National Championship for 2003. Usually the Junior and Senior Championships are held separately, due to the large number of students that enter. However, for the past three years a Judges' Course has been introduced and due to this the standard of judging has become much higher and it was decided to combine both age groups. With over 500 students taking part the competition still finished in record time. This was rewarded by the panel with the presentation of a 'Judging Trophy', for the most accomplished judging group. The Championships were once again held in Peterborough. This is the region of Master R Easton. Master Khan, Chief Instructor, was the host and as always he was represented by Master C.

Carter from Cambridge, Master J. Green from Wales, Master R. Zamparelli from Bristol, Master m. Allen from Bedford and D. Cummins from Derby.

Students from all over Britain travelled to compete in this prestigious tournament, with the hope of receiving a trophy for their dedication and hard work.

The Teams Forms were to compete. Each team consisted of three students and was split into two divisions. White to green belt and brown to black belt. The objective of this division is that each team has to perform simultaneously with power and accuracy, truly one of the hardest divisions of the event. Once this had finished, the individual divisions started. There were three divisions that could be entered, depending upon rank-white to black belt 3rd. These were

weapons (long staff, knife and long sword), forms and free.

The day, although long and punishing, was rewarded with an excellent array of trophies to be won.

At the end of a remarkable day the overall Grand Championships were introduced. This award goes to the student who has the highest points and is split into two divisions-coloured belts and black belts. Senior coloured belt Grand Champion was awarded to Le Huynh. Junior coloured belt Grand Champion to Stacey Rainer. Senior black belt Grand Champion was awarded to Noreen Khan (second Year in a row-well done!) and Jubior black belt Champion went to Ellie-May Cork.

At the end of the day Master Khan thanked all instructors and students and hoped to see them again next year.

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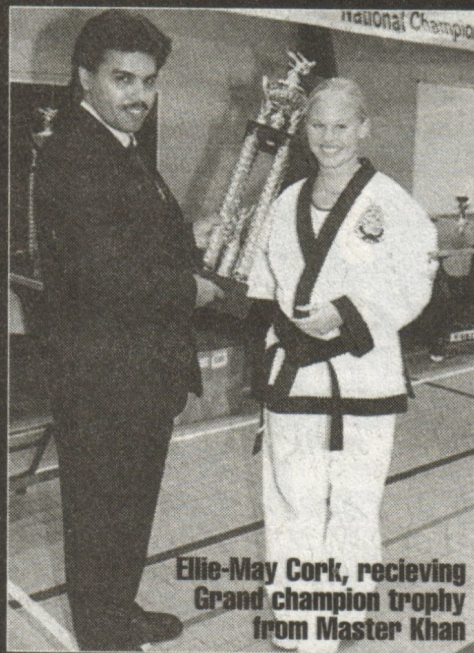


Great head shot!





**Emma Fitch, 1st place weapons**



**Ellie-May Cork, receiving Grand champion trophy from Master Khan**



**John Tomlin, 1st place forms division**



**Black Belt sparring division**