

Mark Hawkins 3rd Dan

I commenced my study of Karate Do in December 1973 at Linden Hall Karate Club, Bournemouth. The club taught the Wado Ryu style and I graded to 8th Kyu under Sensei Wignall in June 1974. Shortly afterwards I started training in Shotokan Karate at Linden Hall under Sensei Peter Larder. I progressed through the grading syllabus, grading under both Sensei Tomita and Sensei Enoeda reaching 1st Kyu in April 1977.

I moved to the Kanku Karate club at Stokewood Road, Bournemouth due to Sensei Larder having to the Linden Hall Club closing. Kanku Karate club was then, and still is, run by Chief Instructor Sensei Gerry Breeze, and he has been a significant influence on my training and attitude towards training. On 14th December 1980 I was awarded Shodan (1st Dan Black Belt) on my first attempt by Sensei Enoeda 9th Dan. Between 1983 and 2001 I had a break in my training due to professional and family commitments. In 2001 I resumed my training under Sensei Breeze and after a further six years training I graded to Nidan (2nd Dan) on 22nd April 2007 the grade being awarded by Senseis Breeze, Putt and Carroll.

Following a further seven years of training and studying Shotokan Karate I was awarded Sandan (3rd Dan) on 23rd March 2014 by Sensei Breeze and Sensei Colin Putt.

I have in my Karate career trained under and been on courses run some of the finest instructors in the world, these include Sensei Nakayama; Sensei Enoeda; Sensei H Kanazawa; Sensei Kato; Sensei Abe; Sensei Amos; Sensei Hooper; Sensei Hall; Sensei Tomita as well as some of the most senior Shotokan instructors in the south of England, Sensei Breeze; Sensei Putt; Sensei Carroll.

I have competed in numerous competitions including the KUGB National Championships at Crystal Palace, the KUGB South West Area Championships, The Legend Shotokan Open and the Shobu Ippon Open.

As a qualified International Judge & Referee I have officiated at many karate competitions and six world championships.

I am a retired Police Officer and have experience in dealing with confrontation from minor street disorder through to major public disorder.

I also enjoy a very active family life and flying full size gliders.