



# WILD GEESE MARTIAL ARTS



## 1<sup>st</sup> Filipino Martial Arts Festival

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The newly formed British Council of Kali Eskrima Arnis Instructors (BCKEAI) came together to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Festival of the Filipino Martial Arts.



Over the course of the day 6 of the best instructors in the UK came together to showcase each style of FMA, without ego, without politics. Just the spirit of Martial Arts.

Grand Master Danny Guba of Guba Doce Pares Eskrima opened the day, with his version of the Doce Pares system. Showing the twirling, abesedario and corto techniques that make this system so formidable.

Punong Guro Peter Lewis of Bakbakan Kali & Zu'bu Kali Ilustrisimo had the unenviable job of following Danny.

He did so with great skill, showing double stick techniques a single stick form, with applications.

Guro Alan Jones of Balintawak Arnis showed how body mechanics are a vital part of this system. He then took us through a partner drill that forms the building blocks of the art. Alan then demonstrated the drill at full speed with power and a skill level that belied his humility.

Guro Lucy O'Malley of Doce Pares "Original" Systems made disarming look easy. Taking three disarms and showing how to work each against all 12 angles of attack, she managed to give everybody 36 disarms to take home and practice.

Tuhon Pat O'Malley of Rapid Arnis Systems dealt with stick and dagger. Teaching a drill that he "likes to play with" and then just as we thought we had it, he then threw in variants and then disarms.

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Long may it continue!