



## The Kicker

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Hello members,

Welcome to all of our new members.

**Camp** is on 25-27 November this year at Bluegum Lodge, our end of year grading will be held on the Saturday at 1pm, Fushichou Goju Ryu Karate will also be attending this year and they are also holding a grading with us (combined). Forms and fees final date was 20th October.

As far as Karate (or any sport) camps go this is very cheap for an entire weekend full of activities and all meals supplied.

It is more than just Karate, it is a great opportunity to get to know other members from our club and have a great time.

Colour belts remember that your grading is at camp, there will be NO grading in class. The next grading will be in April 2012.

**In 2012** - the Saturday advanced class is compulsory for ALL purple belt and higher, if a student does not attend these classes then they WILL NOT be allowed to grade! Your instructors invest a lot of personal time for these classes, not turning up to them is a show of disrespect to them. If you do not turn up to your required classes, do not ask for extra time from your instructor to catch you up, If you have not learnt something and are struggling then you should arrange a private lesson. If any student does not meet the minimum requirements for grading (attendance, improvement, tournaments etc) then they also will NOT be invited to grade. Remember, do not ask to grade, you will be automatically refused! Any student not training regular classes will not be allowed to enter tournaments for safety reasons. If you are 7th Kyu and above and are not permitted to enter tournaments then you will not be permitted to grade until you attend

ance improves and you meet the minimum requirements.

Remember, brown belts and above are required to know some Meibukan Kata and some weapons Kata, there is no excuse for not knowing these unless you have not been training.

### *A Blackbelt is a white belt that never gave up!*

We have had a **Kobudo (weapons) class** running each Wednesday at 5:30pm since 2nd term, this class is for any graded student 8th Kyu or higher, it explores the use of Sai, Bo, Boken basics and kata. Places are limited and no new students will be accepted to the class after week two of any term as it is too hard to catch up. Classes are \$5.00 each (from 2012) (this covers the rent) and must be paid by term in full prior to the term starting. Later this class will explore the Katana (sword) as an extension of the Boken component. Note that this class does not contribute towards the Karate grading's until the student reaches Brown belt (3rd Kyu) therefore it is advantageous for all 3rd Kyu and above to participate in this class. For orange to purple belts this is an excellent way to get head start on your Brown belt criteria. (hint: From 2012, no student will be able to grade for Brown belt or higher without knowing their Meibukan and weapons component's.)

The **Christmas party** is on Wednesday 14th December 2011 at 5:30pm, tickets are now on sale and are \$5.00 each, family and friends are invited. Note that tickets will not be sold on the night as we need to know numbers for catering. Numbers are limited so get in early and avoid disappointment. If we do not sell a reasonable amount of tickets, the Christmas party will be cancelled!

*Trying to come up with an idea for a **Christmas present**, what about a new uniform or set of sparring gloves? We can even arrange a deal on a gift membership and or classes for 2012. We have in stock, uniforms (all sizes) gloves, shin guards, mouth guards, shirts, Sai, Katana and Ratans (bo or staff). Get in early for a Christmas discount, the more you buy the cheaper it gets.*

Congratulations to **Sensei Amber for her marriage to Washall Reddy** recently, please also congratulate her for winning Blacktown City Council's **Sportsperson of the month award**.

Currently our club and 15 of its members are nominated for awards, the next announcements for winners will be November 3rd at Westpoint Blacktown, level 4 (stage), try and come along to show support. Good luck everybody.

Our recent **tournament** was a huge success with over 100 competitors in 58 events, our own club had 38 entrants, an excellent show of support, well done to everybody who competed on the day, you all represented our club with the true Martial Arts spirit. We also competed in the Fushichou tournament with another great result 17 first places, 14 second places and 5 third places.

This takes our yearly medal tally to 1<sup>st</sup> – 52, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 39, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 22

Congratulations also go to Shyreece, Silas and Tyrell for competing in the I.S.K.A. world championships recently bringing to our club three more world titles.

Our success in the tournament circles and also the Sports awards has seen our club featured in local newspapers no less than six times this year, this has been great exposure for the club and its members.

Most of our member should have seen the latest **Risk Assessments**, these are always included with newsletters and are soon to be posted on our website. These Assessments are to be read and understood by all members as it is a condition of membership.

Remember that term and monthly **fees** are available, they make classes cheaper and choosing this method of payment allows you not to worry about fining that fee each week.

As you all know we recently had a very special **seminar** held at our Glendenning Dojo by the Head of our world wide organisation International Meibukan Goju Ryu Sensei Akihito Yagi, Sensei Yagi is also the star of the movie Kuro Obi (Blackbelt), even with sub titles this is a great movie. This was a rare event as it costs a lot to bring people out from Okinawa, this 7 day trip cost in excess of \$5000. Almost all that attended that night had either their gloves or their belts signed by him. For those that attended the seminar, I will be editing the video I took of the night and giving you each a copy (1 per family—sorry), those that did not attend may purchase a copy for \$25. It will contain Kata breakdown and also the full set of Ippon Kumite in detail.

As you know we have a team going to **Japan and Okinawa** in March 2012, we will be training at the Hombu Dojo at least 4 evenings during our stay, as well as some other training with Hokama Hanshi, 10th Dan Goju Ryu and owner of the Karate Museum in Okinawa. During our stay we will fly into Osaka and spend 3 days sight seeing, fly to Okinawa for 7 days, do some training, sight seeing and enjoy the culture then fly back to Osaka for another 3 days. Some of us will visit Hiroshima and others plan to stay longer and head to Tokyo, it will be a great trip.

Most classes will be closed while we are away in Japan, the Wednesday 6:30pm class at Glendenning Dojo **WILL STILL BE RUNNING**, all members are welcome to train on this night.

White belts will be given **grading** forms shortly, make sure you all train hard. Please read the form carefully, remember you may choose any dojo to grade at.

Note: From 2012 all Kyu level gradings will rise from \$50pp to \$60pp. Re-joining fees will rise from \$45pp to \$50pp. New members fee will rise from \$60 to \$65. All other fees will remain the same.

Members—you must look after your equipment, currently we have a few pairs of shin guards in lost & found, if you are missing yours then see Sensei Marty. Note that mouth guards left behind will not be saved, this is a hygiene issue.

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

For a complete list of dates and events, see the club calendar and or Facebook events page.

**\*\*Please remember**, all events are posted on the Facebook page, important events or information is sent via email and Facebook. If we do not have your contact details for these two mediums then you may miss the events.

### **Kyoukei Goju Ryu Tourney results**

Trisha Purvis 1st Kata 13-16yrs 4kyu & above mixed, 1st Kumite 14-16yrs female, 1st Kumite 16yrs & under female BB, 1st Koshiki 14-16yrs female, 1st Koshiki 16yrs & under female BB, 2nd KOBUDO  
 Felicity Long 2nd Kata >17yrs 4kyu & above mixed, 3rd Kumite 17yrs & over female BB, 1st KOBUDO

Silas Roberto 2nd Kata 8yrs & under mixed, 1st Kumite 6-7yrs Male, 1st Koshiki 6-7yrs Male, 2nd Bag push over 125cm  
 Tyrell Roberto Kumite 2nd 6-7yrs Male, 2nd Koshiki 6-7yrs Male, 1st Bag push under 125cm

Emily Badelles 2nd Kumite 8-10yrs Female

Rohit Louis 2nd Kumite 11-13yrs male  
 Hannah Purvis 1st Kumite 11-13yrs female, 1st Koshiki 11-13yrs female  
 Tegan McIntyre 2nd Kumite 11-13yrs female, 2nd Koshiki 11-13yrs female

Bebiano Freitas 1st Kumite 14-16yrs male, 1st Koshiki 14-16yrs male

Hayley Fielding 2nd Kumite 14-16yrs female, 2nd 16yrs & under female BB, 3rd Koshiki 14-16yrs female

Hemi Haereroa 2nd Kumite 17yrs & over 10-5kyu male, 1st Koshiki 17yrs & over 10-5kyu male

Stella Badelles 3rd Kumite 17yrs & over 10-5kyu Female  
 Matt White 3rd Kumite 17yrs & over 4-1kyu male, 2nd Koshiki 17yrs & over male BB, 3rd KOBUDO

Elicia Symes 2nd Kumite 17yrs & over 4-1kyu female

Erinn Hagedoorn 3rd Kumite 16yrs & under female BB

Philip Long 3rd Kumite 17yrs & over male BB

Alwyn Dasig 3rd Koshiki 11-13yrs male

Kathleen Carrero 3rd Koshiki 11-13yrs female

Jose Ortiz 3rd Koshiki 17yrs & over 10-5kyu male

Gypsy Brown 3rd Bag push over 125cm

### **Fushichou Goju Ryu Tourney results**

Guy Bodsworth - 2nd 7yrs Male Kumite, 2nd 7yrs Male Koshiki, 2nd Male Bag push  
 Aidan McIntyre - 3rd 12-14 mix 13yrs & over Kata, 3rd 12-13yrs Male Kumite

Tegan McIntyre - 1st 12-13yrs Kumite, 1st 12-13yrs Female Koshiki, 2nd 14-15yrs Female Koshiki  
 Felicity Long - 2nd Female open BB Kata, 1st Female Open BB Kumite  
 Kathleen Carrero - 1st 10-11yrs Female Kumite, 1st 10-11yrs Female Koshiki  
 Philip Long - 3rd Male 3rd & above Kata, 3rd Senior 2nd kyu & over Male Kumite

Trisha Purvis - 1st Female open BB Kata, 1st 16-17yrs Female Kumite, 1st 16-17yrs Female Koshiki, 1st Snr Open BB Koshiki  
 Hannah Purvis - 1st 14-15yrs Female Kumite, 1st 14-15yrs Female Koshiki

Ravineil Deo - 2nd 8-11yrs mix 10-7kyu Kata, 2nd 10-11yrs Male Kumite, 3rd 10-11yrs Male Koshiki  
 Matt White - 1st Senior Male 6-4kyu Kata, 1st Male BB open Kata, 2nd Senior Male 6-4kyu Kumite

Elicia Symes - 1st senior 6-4kyu Female Kumite  
 Aaron Symes - 2nd Male 10-7kyu Kata, 1st Senior 10-7kyu Male Kumite

Jose Ortiz - 1st Male 10-7kyu Kata, 2nd Senior 10-7kyu Male Kumite  
 Georgia O'Neill - 2nd 10-11yrs Female Kumite, 2nd 10-11yrs Female Koshiki

Gypsy Brown - 1st 8-9yrs Female Kumite, 2nd Bag push  
 Tyrell Roberto - 3rd 7yrs Male Koshiki  
 Team demonstration 1st place – Trisha Purvis, Elicia Symes, Matt White

### **I.S.K.A.**

Shyrece Roberto 1st continuous sparring 10 to 11 years, 3rd in koshiki 10 to 11 years

Silas Roberto 1st 7 years Kumite, Sumo 2nd 7 years and under over 33 kgs

Tyrell Roberto 1st 6 years Kumite



### **Our classes:**

**Glendenning Wed and Fri beginners 6:30pm, advanced 7:30pm**

**Glendenning Kobudo 5:30pm**

**Rope Crossing Mon 6:00pm**

**Hassall Grove Thur 6:30pm**

**Quakers Hill Tue 6:30pm Barnier Public School (entrance to hall via carpark).**

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