

KOKORO

Seido Fairfield Newsletter

Osu everyone! This will be the last newsletter before Christmas and the school holidays so I will take the opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy festive season! Classes for 2005 will finish on December 24th and will resume on a reduced timetable January 9th until the end of the school holidays. You will find attached the timetable for January. The class structure will change next year to encourage people to attend at times specifically designed to meet their syllabus needs. So for instance if the class is nominated 'White Belt' - only that material will be covered, however higher grades can attend though I would hope that numbers spread out over the course of each days classes to give everyone the attention they need. Please do not hesitate to speak to me if you are unsure as to which classes might suit you or your child most.

KID'S TOURNAMENT Dec18th *1P.M.*

Please come along on Saturday for our first Kid's Tournament. I am hoping it will be a lot of fun for all. All types of performance is encouraged, singing, dancing, telling a joke or reciting a poem! A prize will be awarded to each participant For those who still want to get a class in on this day, midday class will be open to all.

CHRISTCHURCH 40 Year Celebration

Last week I was privileged to attend the 40th anniversary of the school where I began my karate training in Christchurch, New Zealand. It was a lovely experience to meet up with fellow karateka who have been touched in some way by the Christchurch dojo, some of whom trained there themselves or through other connections past and present.

As it has been 20 years since I left Christchurch it wasn't always easy to recognize what were once familiar faces but one amazing aspect was that the strength of our love and respect for my former teacher Shuseki Shihan Renzie Hanham managed to bring us together after so long and

that our passions were more often than not still of a similar hue.

Sensei Jo and myself attended a general workout along with 300 students led by our Grandmaster Kaicho Tadashi Nakamura. He along with his son Kyoshi Akira and Shuseki Shihan Charles Martin all made the trip from New York. And Kyoshi Sawahira came from Japan for the weekend also. Several opportunities to meet up with everyone were made available, including a large dinner attended by 350 people and a black belt seminar taught by Kaicho at which around 200 trained. Shuseki Shihan Renzie's involvement in karate predates the existence of Seido Karate and to hear some of the stories from 'back in the day', one can see why Kaicho developed our style as he has. The possibility of people with all types of needs and abilities has created a balanced and unique organization within the martial arts.

It would have been impossible for me to go away for this event without the invaluable work of Joan and Jamie and Senpais Kinga and Joel. Also thanks to Aref who continues to offer his support in true Seido fashion.

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SAITEN -New York -June 2006

Some of you may have noticed posters in the dojo advertising Saiten, this is a celebration to be held next year to mark the 30th anniversary of the existence of Seido Karate. The event will take place June 6-10, 2006 at Colombia University in New York City and will be

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attended by approximately 1000 people. Apart from the competitions there are to be a wide range of seminars taught by various people including Kaicho, Shuseki Shihan Renzie, Kyoshi Ino, Kyoshi Akira, Senpai Leigh and many others. Although attending in person will be unlikely for most there are ways of being part of the occasion from afar. These include sending your photo to become part of a mosaic poster (deadline Dec 31) and an eBay auction the details of which have yet to be announced.

YELLOW BELT:

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|-----------------|----------|
| Bailey Vidler | 9 years |
| Maddison Vidler | 12 years |
| Sharleen Prasad | 9 years |

Congatulations everyone, keep up the good work
Osu!

Promotion Results-Saturday Dec 10th

WHITE TIP:

| | |
|----------------|---------|
| Juliet La Hood | 3 years |
| Harry La Hood | 5 years |

ORANGE BELT:

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|---------------------|---------|
| E.J.Borg | 3 years |
| James Allen | 6 years |
| Alyssa Caparas | 7 years |
| Charlie Monaghan | 5 years |
| Kaylan Sydenham | 5 years |
| Nathanael Natenielu | 5 years |
| Benjamin Yamagata | 5 years |

ORANGE TIP:

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|----------------|---------|
| Christian Dang | 4 years |
| Manav Joseph | 6 years |
| Mohammed Dief | 7 years |
| Shaneel Prasad | 4 years |

BLUE BELT:

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|----------------|----------|
| Kieran Tran | 7 years |
| Zach Vidler | 7 years |
| Stacey Moore | 13 years |
| Dana Bengamin | 11 years |
| Dalya Bengamin | 12 years |

BLUE TIP:

| | |
|-----------------|----------|
| Cedric Santos | 4 years |
| Samantha Yako | 5 years |
| Sarina Yako | 8 years |
| Sally Yako | 8 years |
| Ryan Mortensen | 5 Years |
| Terry Treadwell | 4 years |
| Lana Treadwell | 6 years |
| Mustafa Pathan | 5 years |
| Muhamed Pathan | 7 years |
| Florence Meyer | 9 years |
| Darcy Vidler | 13 years |