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WELCOME TO THE THIRD JKA SKD ANNUAL NEWSLETTER!

JKA SKD WEBSITE

The JKA SKD website www.jkaskd.ca has been operational since November 2007. During 2008, François Mongrain kept the website updated, and he and Daniel Liboiron worked on making the site more visible to the public. Many thanks to both François and Daniel for their continued efforts in maintaining and improving our website!

In the website you can find the coordinates of all JKA SKD dojos, as well as the list of events open to all JKA SKD members and the complete list of highest graded members (3rd Dan and up). You can also enjoy photos from various events.

Please check-out the website and verify that your coordinates are correctly shown. If your dojo has a website, check that your website address is shown and ensure that the link is correct. Please consider adding the JKA SKD website to your links, as this will increase the visibility on the net for your site as well as the JKA SKD site.

We are counting on our members to let us know if they have any comments or suggestions for improvements.

DAN GRADING IN 2008

Congratulations to the following JKA SKD members who passed their Dan examination in 2008!

Rokudan: Jean-Pierre Cusson, Louis Dessaint

Yondan: Roger Hufsman, Michael Doherty, Craig Blair, Joel Crisp, David Pinchuk;

Sandan: Andrew Ahlsten, John Lester, John Ferencz

Nidan: Hayley Spooner, Nadia Hardy, Marco Lafrance, Huy Viet Le, Tammy Rowan, Nick Starinsky

Shodan: Élodie Bourreau, Julio Canto, Aristhène Clairméus, Carle Denis, Gurvir Johal, Sandra Laplante-Lavallée, Dinh Le Doan, Koryne Léveillé, Jordan Lira, Sabrina Schembri, Caroline St-Louis.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SENSEI FRANCOIS GELINAS for having achieved Special Right of Dan Examination during the 2008 International Joint Training Camp (Spring) held at the Honbu dojo.

This means that François Sensei is now entitled to grade JKA shodan rank. He is the first member of the JKA SKD to have achieved such an honor.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO SENSEI JEAN-PIERRE CUSSON for having achieved Grade “A” instructor level, during the 2008 International Joint Training Camp (Fall) held at the Honbu dojo.

Jean-Pierre Sensei is the first member of the JKA SKD to have achieved such an honor.

NEW DOJOS THAT JOINED THE JKA SKD

During the course of the year 2008, the dojos Hoisugan and JKA Winnipeg West joined the JKA SKD and the dojo Temple des Arts Martiaux that was on probation is now a full dojo member.

CAMPS HELD IN 2008 ORGANIZED BY MEMBERS OF THE JKA SKD

2008 AKJKAQ Winter Camp

Once again, we benefited from Sensei Mori’s excellent observation skills and critical eye. His high standards continue to encourage us to endeavor further. Sensei insisted on eliminating all non useful movements and tension. Sensei’s insistence on correct breathing, relaxation while preparing for the next technique, letting go of tension after kime, perfect posture and long stances, resulted in a full program of vigorous training for all.

9th Annual Montreal Summer Camp – Westmount JKA Karate Club

Sensei Mori was the invited guest. Sensei Gelinias and Sensei Sharp also taught part of the classes. In addition to the training, Sensei Sharp presented a classroom seminar focusing on recent changes made by the JKA HQ to katas. A pamphlet was circulated outlining these changes and they were discussed in detail. Afterwards, we reassembled in the dojo and practiced these changes. We extend our thanks to Kirkland JKA Karate Club and Nuns’ Island JKA Shotokan Karate Club for graciously allowing training sessions to be held at their respective dojos. We wish to also thank our local JKA-SKD member clubs for participating and financially supporting this camp.

2008 AKJKAQ Summer Camp

The invited instructor was Sensei Anki Takahashi. The members that attended this summer camp will remember the demanding and stimulating training. The group that attended the camp was fully concentrated on assimilating Sensei’s teaching and the energy level was very high; everyone endeavored to achieve their full potential. The camp program was quite hectic; we practiced 15 different katas and did numerous sets of kihon and kumite. While in Montreal, Sensei shared his interest for calligraphy with a Chinese calligrapher and enjoyed his stay in



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Montreal China Town. Before returning to his busy schedule of activities in Japan, Sensei took a few days to rest in the Mont-Tremblant region North of Montreal.

2008 Montreal Fall Camp

We invited Sensei Mori from New York City accompanied by Sensei Adel Ismail from London, England. Guests from Winnipeg (Sensei John Selinger and Jane Dick) and New York (Jake Levitt and Wolfgang Haas) were welcomed and their participation much appreciated.

Sensei Angelo made our dinner most enjoyable at his restaurant Casa Luna, Joyce organized our Chateau Champlain accommodations, and Genevieve arranged the flights. Special thanks goes to the instructors, parents and students who helped to make the camp such a success.

2008 November – Winnipeg Training Camp

The JKA-SKD Winnipeg dojo hosted a successful training camp with Master Mori November 21-22, coordinated by Sensei John Selinger. Two other JKA dojos in the city also participated in the camp – Pan Am Karate Club (Sensei Shane Boyce), and JKA SKD Winnipeg West (Sensei Joel Crisp). Visitors from dojos in Airdrie, Alberta and Montreal were also welcomed to the camp, including Sensei Melarie Taylor. Both days, general classes were held for all ranks, as well as more intense training for brown and black belts. Turnout was well-balanced among junior, intermediate and senior belts, many of whom took good advantage of the opportunity for open discussion with Master Mori. Students asked many questions and received excellent guidance to help refine their techniques and approaches. Following the camp, a number of students from each of the dojos joined Sensei Selinger in hosting Master Mori at a celebratory dinner. A fine time was had by all.

FUNAKOSHI GICHIN CUP SELECTION TOURNAMENT

The Toronto Gishin Funakoshi pre Selection tournament with JKA SKD Canada members was held Saturday November 29th, 2008 in Cambellton Ontario. Sandro Pulcini welcomed early arrivals to an authentic Italian meal at his home Friday night, escorted us to the Mississauga karate club Saturday morning, and made our stay at the Mohawk Inn pleasant in every way.

The Canadian trials were held in Toronto on Sunday November 30th, 2008. The members competing on Sunday were Don Sharp, Tammy Rowan, Sorin Lemnariu and Michael Doherty (British Columbia), Craig Blair and Merilee Zetaruk (Manitoba), Bio Aikawa (Ontario), Manon Quirion, Carle Denis, Jeremie Senez, Angelo Massotti, Carole Canaan, Calvin Lueng Lung Yuen, Alyssa Baldoni, Sandrine Ng, Angelo Baldoni (Quebec) (see detailed results bellow).

The 3 competitors from JKA SKD who secured spots on the Canadian team were Manon Quirion (kata & kumite), Don Sharp (kata) and Carole Canaan (kumite). Three others, Angelo Massotti, Tammy Rowan and Andrew Ahlston, placed in the top 8 and may have an opportunity to fill a vacancy.

The famous Tio brothers (Toronto) won for Men's Team Kata and the 3 Tapia-Jorge sisters



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(Montreal) won Women's Team Kata.

We all appreciate that our JKA SKD judges (Jean-Pierre Cusson, John Selinger, Melarie Taylor, Shahrokh Hoghooghi, Oscar Avellaneda and Stacy Ungar) were able to participate. We encourage everyone to make sure that their qualifications for judging are updated and maintained for the next major Shotocup selection (2012). Cindy Mitchell and Sam Harvey worked as official table announcers gaining lots of experience.

A special thank you must be given to Rosanna Eugeni who facilitated the smooth running of this weekend's events by her continuous attention to deadlines and details well in advance of the November 30 date.

Now that our team is selected they will need lots of encouragement for training and financial support. We still have work to do raising funds, planning to go to Japan ourselves as spectators, and finalizing our list of committed junior athletes. Please plan to be there.

RESULTS

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| Women Individual Kumite Manon Quirion, JKA SKD Sofia Nojica, CJKF Sanja Mitrovic, CJKF Carole Canaan, JKA SKD Dominique La Haye, CJKF Tammy Rowan, JKA SKD Nassima Mecheri, CJKF Wanda McNaughton, CJKF | Women Individual Kata Manon Quirion, JKA SKD Soledad Low, CJKF Rita Tapia Jorge, CJKF Carmen Tapia Jorge, CJKF Mila Tapia Jorge, CJKF Dominique La Haye, CJKF Stacey Leung, CJKF Carole Canaan, JKA SKD | Women Team Kata CJKF |
| Men Individual Kumite Eric Leung, CJKF Stan Tio, CJKF Daniel Cho Kee, CJKF Etienne Ngoy Herady, CJKF Hezem Chibani, CJKF Jacques Fandroana, CJKF Andrew Ahlston, JKA SKD Don Sharp, JKA SKD | Men Individual Kata Ray Tio, CJKF Stan Tio, CJKF Eric Leung, CJKF Don Sharp, JKA SKD Ignacio Gamsawen, CJKF Andrew Ahlston, JKA SKD Angelo Massotti, JKA SKD Hezem Chibani, CJKF | Men Team Kata CJKF |



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COMING EVENTS IN 2009 ORGANIZED BY MEMBERS OF THE JKA SKD

The following events, organized by members of the JKA SKD, are open to all JKA SKD members.

| <i><u>Dates (in 2009)</u></i> | <i><u>Event</u></i> | <i><u>Contact</u></i> |
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| Feb 28-March 1 | Winter Camp organized by the Association de Karaté JKA du Québec in Montreal Guest instructor: Mr. Masataka Mori (8 th Dan) | karate.jka@videotron.ca |
| March 20-22 | Training Camp and Concordia University 22 th JKA Tournament organized by Shidokan International (classes: Friday 7:pm, Sunday 9:00am) | shidokanint@qc.aira.com |
| June 4-7 | 10 th Annual Montreal Summer Camp organized by the Westmount JKA Karate Club. Guest instructor Mr. Sawada (7 th Dan) from Belgium | westmountjka@videotron.ca |
| June 20-21 | Karate Marathon held by Nuns' Island JKA Shotokan Karate Club in Nuns' Island | jkanunsisland@videotron.ca |
| June 24-28 | Summer Camp organized by the Association de Karaté JKA du Québec in Montreal | karate.jka@videotron.ca |
| November 5-8 | Montreal Fall Camp organized by Shidokan International. Guest instructor: Mr. Masataka Mori (8 th Dan) | shidokanint@qc.aira.com |
| November 20-21 | Winnipeg Fall Camp organized by JKA Shotokan Karate-Do Winnipeg, Guest instructor: Mr. Masataka Mori (8 th Dan) | jdick@mts.net |

OTHER JKA COMING EVENTS IN 2009

Gasshuku

The 1st JKA Camp sponsored by JKA Headquarters in Canada will be held at Algonquin College in Ottawa, August 20-23, 2009.

11th Funakoshi Gichin Cup World Karate-Do Championship 2009

The 11th Funakoshi Gichin Cup World Karate-Do Championship will be held from 18th to 20th of September, 2009 in Japan, Tokyo at Nihon Budo-kan.



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JKA SKD MOURNS THE PASSING OF NISHIYAMA SENSEI ON NOVEMBER 7, 2008

Hidetaka Nishiyama, President and Chairman of the International Traditional Karate Foundation (ITKF), passed away from cancer at the age of 80 on November 7th, 2008.

Nishiyama Sensei joined the Shotokan karate dojo under Master Funakoshi Gichin in 1943 and he won his first degree black belt in 1946. In the late 1940's he was involved in the founding of the JKA, and in the early 1960's he was one of the first young JKA instructors sent to the U.S.A. to start spreading JKA- style martial art karate to the world. From that time on he lived in the U.S.A.

In 1960 he published his first book: *Karate: The Art of Empty-Hand Fighting*. Today, his book still remains one of the foremost authoritative writings on the Martial Art of Traditional Karate.

In 1973, Nishiyama Sensei formed the International Amateur Karate Federation (IAKF) which later became the International Traditional Karate Federation (ITKF).

MISCELLANEA

Items sold by JKA SKD

- JKA Green Passports, cost: 15 \$ each, to purchase contact, Rosanna Eugeni or Melarie Taylor
- Kyu certificates, cost: 1\$/each (min. purchase : 25 certificates) to purchase, instructors contact Rosanna Eugeni
- JKA SKD T-shirts, to purchase, instructors contact Melarie Taylor

To contact either Melarie Taylor or Rosanna Eugeni to purchase items, please use contact information on the JKA SKD website : www.jkaskd.ca. or email them directly, at :

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Rosanna Eugeni : reugeni@total.net

Have any comments?

- Do you have any comments regarding this Newsletter?
- Any other topics you would like to see addressed in future Newsletters?
- Would you like to publish an article in the next Newsletter?

Please let us know!

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