

North America



Wado International Karate-Do Federation DOJO CONNECTION

AUGUST 2007

USANKF NATIONALS

Brody Burns

I want to congratulate the members of our team who went to NKF Nationals in West Virginia. You all did a GREAT job as competitors, teammates and karateka. I was very proud of the way you supported each other in the ring and watched out for each other outside of the ring.

This was an unusual Nationals for me personally. It was the first time I was heavily involved in the running of the tournament and not as active in the day to day operations of the Team. Vincent Garcia and Dale Gatchalian really took charge of the Team and made sure everyone was prepared and ready for competition. I can't tell you how good it makes me feel to know I have people in place who care about the Team and its' success as much as I do. Thank you Vincent for keeping the Team together and "in-line" during the trip (especially the discipline you handed out in the pool).

We also owe a big **Thank You** to Dale Gatchalian for organizing the trip. He coordinated the flights, vans, hotel and tournament registrations! It is no easy task to get a team of 30+ people in West Virginia, just ask him. He did a great job and I really enjoyed the hotel. Thank you!

Also, thank you to the Feith family, Ferrell family, Bathman family and Cindy Clark for your help during this trip. I was so proud when Mrs. Feith and Mrs. Ferrell came up the first day, when everything was so crazy, and asked "How can we help?" They went to work selling tickets at the front door to spectators!! Wow! The Bathmans took care of the little ones and stayed on top of them to make sure we didn't lose any of them. Cindy Clark worked very hard with me in Staging and out on the floor of the tournament. As usual we made a great

impression on the National Officers of the NKF. The willingness to jump in and get the job done is one of the things I love most about the people in our dojo. Thank you so much for representing WIKF Texas so well!

The Team! GREAT JOB! I am proud of the results. Your work and dedication paid off and our medal count is one indication of that, but not the only indication. Some of you had HUGE divisions and fought hard to win against some of the best competitors in the USA. I don't think anyone on the Team gave up or didn't try their best. That is all we can ask for. If you get beat by a better competitor, there is nothing wrong with that. It should make you go back and train harder. The only reason for disappointment after a loss is if you beat yourself because you gave up or didn't do the things you have been training. I didn't see that out of this team. Great work!

I would also like to congratulate Tom Scott and Maxine Lisot on their performances during Team Trials. Tom Scott earned a spot on the USA Team to the Pan American Championships in Ecuador and to the Jr. World Championships in Turkey. He also made the local news broadcast and paper!

Maxine Lisot qualified as the 1st Alternate for the Pan Am Team and I am pleased to announce she received a phone call today from the USA NKF asking her to be on the USA Team and represent the US in Ecuador. It appears they have an opening on the US Team and she is the one to fill it! This is Miss Lisot's first time on the US Team and to compete internationally, please wish her luck. They leave for Ecuador Sunday August 26th. Dale Gatchalian will also be traveling with the USA contingent representing the USA in the Referee Corp. He will be testing to upgrade his National Referee license to an International Pan American license. This is a hard process, so please wish him luck as well. It is really an accomplishment to have 2 USA Team Members selected

from our “little” school! Considering we only fielded 3 Advanced Fighters and 2 of them were selected for the USA Team, I am very proud!

Name	USA-NKF Nationals Kata	USA-NKF Nationals Kumite
Grande, Andrea	Silver	Bronze
Lee, Michael Jr.	Silver	Bronze
Misutka, James	Competed	Bronze
Bathman, Joshua	Competed	Competed
Clark, Aaron	Competed	Gold
Smith, Monty	Competed	Gold
Smith, Dakota	Competed	Competed
Lee, Victoria	Gold	Bronze
Lee, Victor	Silver	Bronze
Ferrell, Slater	Competed	Competed
Smith, Alex	Bronze	Bronze
Farzaneh, Justin	Competed	Bronze
Farzaneh, Khos	Gold	Gold
Rogers, Bryce	Competed	Competed
Feith, Rebekka	Competed	Competed
Patrick, Sean	Silver	Bronze
Lisot, Maxine	Competed	Bronze
Sells, Cameron	Bronze	Gold
Norviel, Nancy	Silver	Gold
Norviel, Stephen	Bronze	Bronze
Garcia, Vincent	Competed	Did Not Compete
Scott, Tom	Competed	Gold

All of the Team needs to thank all of the Coaching Staff for their hard work and effort to get you to Nationals. I know Sensei Free, Lisa Free, Matt Matson and Brian Nixon worked very hard on and off the tatame to get the team as ready as possible.

This was very successful trip and if you couldn't make it, please don't feel left out. By being at practice and training next to your teammate you pushed them to train harder and made them better. That's what makes this a TEAM. Individuals do well, but the TEAM wins. This TEAM won 8 gold medals, 5 silver medals, 13 Bronze medals and 2 seats on the USA Team!

OUTSTANDING!! WIKF TEXAS!

NEWS FROM CAMPBELL RIVER WADO KARATE CLUB – CANADA

Dan Wallis

Our club has enjoyed a very good year as our membership stands at about 45 students in our Campbell River club and about 20 in our satellite club on Quadra Island. Instructors are Sensei Wallis, 6th Dan, Sensei Le, 2nd Dan and Sensei Nolan, 2nd Dan in Campbell River and Sensei Simmons, 2nd Dan on Quadra Island.

That's right! Sensei Dave Nolan is back. Ten years ago Dave moved back to England where he has been driving coach on tours through Europe.



We are thrilled to have Dave back. Dave is one of Dan's first students dating back to the early 1980's. He has been a stalwart supporter of our club all

through his years in Campbell River and he and Dan built the club's dojo that we now train at. It is like having a wayward brother come home. Welcome back, Dave.

**CAMPBELL RIVER WADO KARATE CLUB'S
SUMMER COURSE
THURSDAY, JUNE 21 THROUGH SUNDAY
JUNE 24.**

Wow! What a terrific turnout for our summer course. (29 students and 5 instructors) It was an intense four days of training as we trained 3 hours on Thursday and Friday nights and then we had two hour morning and afternoon session on Saturday and Sunday. I was very impressed with the effort, attitude and skill development shown by everyone. I would like to thank Sensei's Simmons and Le as well as Sampai's Ross and Nguyen for being so willing to share their expertise with such a diverse group of students who attended this summer course. I think we were a good team and all students appeared to both enjoy themselves and show good progress.

SUMMER COURSE 2007



Action shots from the Summer Course.



GRADING RESULTS

Eighteen students successfully passed their half grading which will position many of them to be ready for their full KYU grading near Christmas if they continue to work hard. A half grading focuses on Kihon, Renraku Waza and the embusen from the grading's kata. The next months concentrate on partner work and bringing the kata's meaning to the fore. When a student attempts a full grading for 8 through 4th kyu he then must perform selections from the kihon and renraku waza plus all partner work, kata and free fighting. There are only full gradings for 3rd kyu onwards.

The following students successfully completed their full KYU grade tests:

8th kyu
Rowan Silva
Katrina Annett

7th kyu
Ian Silva
Shaun Corkum

5th kyu
Louis Patterson

3rd Kyu
Mike Stoppard
Theresa O'Brien

2nd Kyu
Huy Nguyen

When we resume training in the Fall four of our senior students will be preparing for Dan grading from Shodan through Sandan in early October and our club is beginning to organize competitors, coaches, officials and tour members for the upcoming WIKF World Championships, 2008 in Portugal. We look forward to an exciting year as we try to carry forward the Wado Ryu as taught by Suzuki Sensei.

Canadian Nationals

Tammy Powers

(Ashley Powers, a student at the East Coast Karate Club, was selected to be on the Nova Scotia Team for the Canadian National Championships. This report is from her mom.)

Ashley and I are back home safe and sound. Ashley did not move on past the first day of competition for individual kumite. She had a very good fight though, the other girl only got points on Ashley's penalties (she kept hitting her in the face, she was REALLY short) I am really proud of her efforts and the fact that she continued to be a source of support for her teammates. They are a fantastic close team and she will go far and learn a lot from this talented group of young people.

We saw Sam Shafiee there, he was pleased to see us and assures he will be coming to Nova Scotia soon. Sam is trying to talk us into going to the Suzuki Cup in November!

A good time was had by all (including Karate Mom here) Friday and Saturday were packed full of Nova Scotia competitors so it was hard to decide where to watch!!! There were some close matches, hard calls and some disappointed athletes but all and all a great effort by the team. I can't wait to see how they all do next year!

WADO CONFERENCE

Park City, Utah

September 21 and 22

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SUZUKI CUP Tournament and Seminar

Plano, Texas

October 31 – November 3

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