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WADO INTERNATIONAL KARATE-DO FEDERATION



DOJO CONNECTION

Like Minded People With A Common Goal

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Important Things

"The important things can be measured by how much time we are willing to invest in them. The more time you give to something, the more you reveal its importance and value to you. If you want to know a person's priorities, just look at how they use their time."

Every organization is driven by something. To be driven means to be guided or controlled or directed. It doesn't matter if you are driving a car or a golf ball; you are still trying to control or direct it. So what drives WIKF?

We should be driven by at least two forces: high technical standards as set down by Suzuki Sensei and fellowship. If you truly see yourself as a part of the WIKF family, it is your responsibility to support the organization, protect the unity, protect the fellowship, and promote the harmony among all of the family members. We share the same purpose, the same curriculum, the same faith in what we are doing, and the same future as an organization. These things don't just happen automatically. It takes an intentional commitment. Individuals who are casual about belonging to this organization don't understand the implications.

Without a doubt there sometimes exists a gap between the ideal and the real in our organization. Settling for the real without working for the ideal is complacency. We all need to spend the time building the unity of our fellowship. Once you decide to make a commitment toward the organization you have to begin to act in different ways.

The technical requirements of our organization are laid out before us in our curriculum. Your Sensei is accountable for protecting the

technical requirements. But fellowship is a collaborative effort between you and the other members of your dojo and this organization. We all have to protect the fellowship. It will not always be easy. As a fellowship we have to learn to say "We" instead of "Me" and "Us" instead of "Mine."

People want to be a part of a unified fellowship. So what are you personally doing to support your dojo family and this WIKF family? Many dojo and countries have already paid their membership fees and we thank them for that. Many others have not yet taken care of that piece of business and must do so before the end of March in order to be able to participate in the WIKF World Cup Championships this August.

No athlete will be allowed to compete in the WIKF World Cup without an Official WIKF Passport and their country as an official paid up membership.

We need everyone to support our organization in word and deed both financially and with their fellowship

WIKF WORLD CUP

Start making your plans to attend the WIKF World Cup training and Tournament to be held in Arlington, Texas **August 9-14**. For more information contact Brody Burns (bburns@planodojo.com)

SUZUKI: The Fullness Of A Life In Karate

Some of you may not be aware that you can purchase Sensei's book in hardback or in paperback by going to **Amazon.com** or **xlibris.com** and looking under Tatsuo Suzuki. All of the proceeds of the book go directly to Sensei. I am sure he would appreciate it if you would purchase a copy of his book.

East Coast Wado, Nova Scotia

Kevin Jones, Sensei

Recent promotions:

Kim Stewart - 6th kyu
Alexandra Stewart - 6th kyu
Oliver Cormier - 3rd kyu
Curtis Power - 3rd kyu
Danielle Charette - 3rd kyu



L-R: Danielle Charette, Oliver Cormier, Curtis Power

Campbell River's Tween/Teen Sleepover

Dan Wallis, Sensei

We held our second "now Annual" Tween Teen Sleep Over on January 15, 2011. There were nineteen in attendance and they enjoyed the social time as well as learning a traditional weapon, the "Bo". This event came into being as parents of teens were hoping for activities that would help cement friendships and provide a little extra spark for those in the teen years. Both times we have held this event the kids have had a blast and we, the instructors, get a chance to throw in some training as well as introducing them to some martial arts concepts we can't get to in regular classes.

Pizza and drinks plus a muffin and drink for breakfast were provided. Students were encouraged to bring extra snacks. The instructors donated their time for this spirit event. Parents were welcome to send along snacks and additional drinks.

ACTIVITIES: Similar to what we did last year but to be planned by teens of the club (Jon, Lisa, Richelle, Mike) Activities included: Evening and morning weapon's training, a movie-The Last Samurai, [Wii Games](#), [INSIDE GAMES](#) – 5 pin, Night Raiders plus Board games ([Cranium](#) and whatever else was brought), [OUTSIDE GAMES](#) – Capture the Flag. Because we own our facility, the space is ours to use creatively.

