

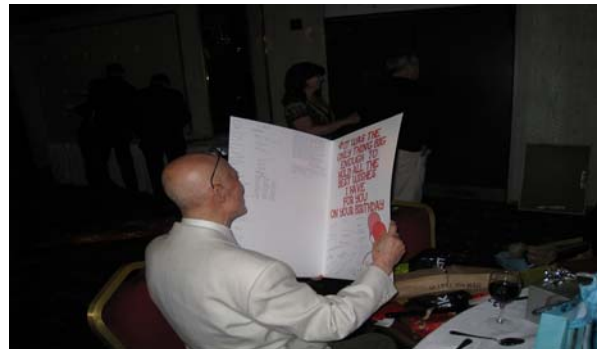


Wado International Karate-Do Federation DOJO CONNECTION June 2008

SUZUKI SENSEI'S 80TH BIRTHDAY BASH – APRIL 26, 2008

Sam Shafiee

There was a surprise birthday party for Suzuki Sensei organized by Eleni, Alison and John Wicks on Saturday, April 26, 2008. There were over 100 people from 10 different countries in attendance. The party was at Croydon Park Hotel in London England. There were Sensei's pictures from different times in a showcase and few of his favorite expressions on display inside the hotel's function room! Everyone was gathered in the function room and the lights were turned down just before Sensei entered. All the lights were tuned on and everyone sang happy birthday when Sensei entered the room!! This was an incredible moment!! Sensei was clearly very surprised! He definitely had no idea of the extent of the party! He was only expecting to go to dinner with Eleni, and few other students!! The expression on Sensei's face was priceless! He was even more surprised to see some one there from Canada! The dinner was a full 5 course meal. It was delicious and well presented! After dinner, Sensei spent time with all the guests and was presented with many gifts. He was presented with a beautiful handmade wood carving of his portrait with sword made by Jim Murley of Nova Scotia Wado International karate club and a HUGE birthday card signed by all students and Tsuroka Sensei, father of Canadian Karate! He really liked the gift and the card! There was also some time for socializing with other Wado International karateka who were in attendance. I went back to Toronto the next morning! Overall it was an unforgettable trip and I am very honored that I was able to be there!



TALK ABOUT

Arturo Girona announces that the Nicaraguan branch of WIKF is proudly producing quality Wado karate students. Pictured below is **Arturo Girona Jr.** who is 9 years old and was just promoted to 8th Kyu. By the way Arturo Jr. is the **ONLY** Nicaraguan WIKF student ☺



Michael Ham, from Stouffville, Ontario announces the birth of **EMMA HAM** born on May 17th. She will fight in the 5lb14 oz new born division



BRODY BURNS has returned to Texas after his 3 months of training in Washington, DC. The new ACKD dojo is up and running with new students.

WIKF USA SUMMER CAMP

This summer the WIKF USA training camp will be hosted by Sensei Scott Meek in New Johnsonville, Tennessee. The dates of the camp will be from June 19-22. All classes will be held in the DuPont Gymnasium in New Johnsonville or at Sensei Meeks Karate America Dojo. Special Instructors include Sensei Tom Kosslow, Sensei Michael Cimino-Hurt, Sensei Scott Meek, and Sensei Eben Bates (guest Krav Maga instructor). The schedule is as follows:

Thursday, June 19 (DuPont Gym)

- 4-5PM Kids basics
- 5-6 PM Adult Basics
- 6-8 PM Sanban Gumite
- 8-9 PM Adults

Friday, June 20

- 11 AM Kids Pinan Kata
- 12 noon Adult training
- 4-5 PM Kids Sanban Gumite
- 5-6 PM Kida Ohyo Gumite
- 6-7 PM Adult Sanban Gumite
- 7-8 P M Adult Ohyo Gumite

Saturday, June 21

- 9-10 AM Kids Sword
- 10-11 AM Kids Kata
- 11-12noon Kids kumite
- 1-2 PM Adult sword/jo
- 2-3 PM Adult Tanto Dori
- 3-4 PM Adult Kihon Gumite
- 4-6 PM NKF style Tournament Kumite

Sunday, June 22

- 8-12 noon Adult/teen Krav Magna
- 12-1 PM Kids Krav Maga
- 1-3 PM Adults

“Unless you try to do something beyond what you have already mastered, you cannot grow.”

- **Ronald Osborn**

- **Tournament Results**



Members of the WIKF Georgia and WIKF Tennessee got together at the recent Georgia Karate League Tournament in Carrollton, Ga. It was the first time the two teams have met each other. Twelve students won a total of 24 medals! The results are listed below:

- Garrett “The Egg” Cagle:** 1st in Kata; 1st in Kumite
- Tyler Cagle:** 1st in Kumite; 3rd in kata
- Bo Baker:** 2nd in kumite; 4th in kata
- Andrea Knoll:** 2nd in kumite; 3rd in kata
- Trevor Wright:** 1st in kumite; ?? in kata
- Drew Cox:** 2nd in kumite; 1st in kata
- Elijah Caldwell:** 3rd in kumite; 2nd in kata
- Joey Litten:** 2nd in kumite; ???in kata
- Keith Bonner:** 1st in kumite; 1st in kata
- Robbie Lytten:** Sorry Robbie I don’t remember
- Anna Cox:** 2nd in kumite; 2nd in kata

PROMOTIONS

East Coast Wado Club, Nova Scotia:

This week of June 1st was a very busy one. Sensei Corrigan and Sensei Shafiee were here for Kevin Jones Shodan grading and several kyu belt gradings. Tara MacDonald, Darcy MacDonald, JC Cormier, Jim Murley and Laurel Hache graded to 5th kyu, Mike Morash and Melissa Lewis graded to 4th kyu, Ashley Power graded to 2nd kyu and JF Charette graded to 1st kyu. Kevin Jones achieved his Shodan and we are all very pleased with his accomplishment.

Sensei Corrigan arrived Monday and began trainings with us on Wednesday. Sensei Shafiee arrived Friday morning to spend the weekend with us as well

In other news, Ashley and Laurel Hache both made the NS Karate team this year (year 2 for Ash and 1st year for Laurel). We will be competing for Nova Scotia for Nationals in July in kumite and then will be joining the rest of the Canadian group competing in Portugal in July. It's going to be a very busy few weeks.

KIDS

Jean Desjardins	8th kyu
Cecilia Desjardins	8th kyu
Dillon Landry	8th kyu
Will Cutler	7th kyu
James Williams	7th kyu
Stephen Forrest	7th kyu
Nathan Oates	7th kyu
Joshua Oates	7th kyu
Kyle MacDonald	7th kyu
Colton Smith	7th kyu
Shawn Murley	7th kyu
Thomas Hong	7th kyu
Curtis Power	6th kyu
Danielle Charette	6th kyu
Andrew Furlong	6th kyu
Ryan Black	6th kyu

Tom Billard	6th kyu	green black stripe
Oliver Cormier	6th kyu	green black stripe

ADULTS

Troy Landry	8th kyu	yellow belt
Darren Ross	8th kyu	yellow belt
Dan Bezaire	8th kyu	yellow belt
Mike Brousseau	8th kyu	yellow belt
Sherri Hubley	8th kyu	yellow belt
Wendy Johnson	6th kyu	green belt
Heather Tucker	6th kyu	green belt
Helen Thexton	6th kyu	green belt
Laurel Hache	5th kyu	blue belt
J.C. Cormier	5th kyu	blue belt
Tara MacDonald	5th kyu	blue belt
Darcy MacDonald	5th kyu	blue belt
Jim Murley	5th kyu	blue belt
Melissa Lewis	4th kyu	purple belt
Mike Morash	4th kyu	purple belt
Ashley Power	2nd kyu	brown belt
J.F. Charette	1st kyu	brown belt
Kevin Jones	Shodan	black belt