

**North America**



# Wado International Karate-Do Federation **DOJO CONNECTION**

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## NEW BLACK BELTS IN ONTARIO CANADA



From left to right:  
Rick Iosue, Andy, Mayo Barrett, Michael Ham, Ken Corrigan,  
Sam Shafiee, Marsha Ham, Bert Van Vliet, Dragos Rotundu,  
Monika Riedler.

On Sunday January 13, WIKF Ontario got 5 new Shodans. Ken Corrigan, Chief Instructor of Canada came out from the west coast of Canada to conduct the grading.

Congratulations to:

Mayo Barrett (*All Members Wado International School of Karate*)  
Marsha Ham (*Ham's Martial Arts*)  
Bert Van Vliet (*Ham's Martial Arts*)  
Dragos Rotundu (*Ham's Martial Arts*)  
Monika Riedler (*Ham's Martial Arts*)

## EASTERN CANADA WIKF LAUNCHES NEW WEBSITE

Ontario and the Maritime provinces now have a website. To find out more information about things that are going on in eastern Canada, you can go to:

[www.wadocanada.ca](http://www.wadocanada.ca)

## Kyu Gradings

### Ham's Martial Arts – Oakville Club, Canada

2<sup>nd</sup> kyu

- Andrew Cervin-Lawry
- Carli McDonald

6<sup>th</sup> kyu – advance

- Jeremy Li

7<sup>th</sup> kyu – advance

- Traci Morson
- Kirstyn Pierog
- Michelle Turenne
- Elica Eframova

7<sup>th</sup> kyu

- Alexandra DaCosta
- Justin Min

8<sup>th</sup> kyu

- Kevin Booth
- Jason Bratu
- Adam Dietrich
- Easton Lindsay
- James Lindsay
- Kiera Lyne
- Karim Millan
- Abby Smith
- Sabrina Volkens

- Kimberly Watada
- 9<sup>th</sup> kyu
- Cecelia Dietrich
  - Genevieve Dietrich
  - Kate Dietrich
  - Tom Dietrich
  - Kay-Lombard Dianne
  - Abbey McCay
  - Jack McCay
  - Paris Trebell
  - Scott Trebel
  - Zoe Trebell

### **Ham's Martial Arts – Stouffville Club, Canada**

- 7<sup>th</sup> kyu
- Ryland Burger
  - Thomas Burger
  - Breanne McCart

- 8<sup>th</sup> kyu
- Melissa Brown
  - Joseph Gallo
  - Katrina Kovacic
  - Caroline Kwok
  - Gordon Plumb
  - Jasmine Plumb

- 9<sup>th</sup> kyu
- Michael Kleiman

### **Newnan Karate Center, Georgia**

- 8<sup>th</sup> Kyu
- Chris Chamaneau
  - Amy Chamaneau
  - Julia Shamaneau
  - Morgan Chamaneau
  - Anna Cox
  - Drew Cox
  - Sabrina Gaitan

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyu
- JF Charette (Nova Scotia)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Kyu
- Andrea Knoll

### **Scotts Karate America, Tennessee**

- 8<sup>th</sup> kyu
- Samuel Dellinger
  - Tristan Moore

- 7<sup>th</sup> Kyu
- Garrett Cagle
  - Ethan Edwards
  - Leanne Moore
  - Nicole Dotson
  - Nicholas Dotson
  - Maggie Cotton
  - Savannah Cotton

- 6<sup>th</sup> kyu
- Scott Shephard
  - Brenda Davis

### **Leaders Course – Nov 2007**

Michael Ham

After getting into London Sat morning and checking into my hotel, I quickly headed out the door to the training hall. This was the first time I had been to Europe, so even though I was tired from the over night flight, my excitement kept me energized.

It had been a couple of years since I've seen Suzuki Sensei, so I was looking forward to training with him again. I was certainly delighted to see that he is still looking strong and alert. I had heard he had a major operation not too long ago. From what I saw of his techniques, the operation didn't slow him down much.

On Saturday we covered some theory on "Noru", "Igashi", "Nagashi", the "5 Principles of Fighting", "Sen no Sen", "Go no Sen", and "Sen". We also reviewed of Pinan Nidan & Seishan kata, Kihon Kumite #5, and Tanto Dori #7.

On Sunday the training was even better. We reviewed Jion kata, all the Sanbon Jodan Kumite, and had a fantastic opportunity to practise all 5 Tachi Dori techniques.

It was a great trip, although pretty short as I had to leave the next morning. Met some old faces, and was able to meet some of the people I had heard about but had never met

I am certainly looking forward to the 2008 Leaders course.

### Group Training in Georgia



L-R: JF Charette, Scott Meek, Tom Kosslow, Kevin Jones, Michael Cimino-Hurt

Scott Meek and Michael Cimino-Hurt from Tennessee along with JF Charette and Kevin Jones from Nova Scotia and Andrea Knoll from Georgia gathered at the Newnan Karate Center in Georgia for two full days of training. The training covered all aspects of the WIKF curriculum but focused primarily on the Dan Grading syllabus.

On Sunday morning Sensei Kosslow, Sensei Meek, and Sensei Cimino-Hurt held Kyu grading for JF and Andrea Knoll. Both students were advanced in grade. They also conducted a “mock” Dan Grading for Kevin who will take his Shodan test sometime in 2008.

Besides good training we enjoyed good comradery each evening after training was completed. After hard training a good meal and a drink or two to ease the soreness is always a most welcome respite. I think all of us felt like we accomplished a lot during those two days and we look forward to training together again.

### WIKF GEORGIA Competition Team



The newly formed WIKF GEORGIA Competition Team entered their first tournament on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. They participated in the Georgia Karate League IKKU 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Traditional Tournament. For most of these students this was their first ever competition. Here are the results of that competition:

Andrea Knoll...	Kumite: Silver Kata: Bronze
Alex Gaitan...	Kumite: Gold Kata: Silver
Robbie Lytten ...	Kumite: Gold
Keith Bonner...	Kumite: Bronze Kata: Silver
Julia Charboneau...	Kumite: Bronze
Trevor Wright...	Kumite: Gold Kata: Silver
Joey Lytten	Kumite: Bronze
Elijah Caldwell..	Kata: Silver