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Sharkey's Karate Studio's Newsletter May 2005

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In the News

Outstanding tournament results for Sharkey students

It seemed as though every weekend in April had some sort of tournament event scheduled. April 3rd started it all with the USTDKA 10th Annual All Chicago Open Karate Championships. Combined with the Momence school, Sharkey's Karate had 30 students competing at this event. It was a jammed pack day as many of the students took home 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winnings in all the divisions. The black belt run offs for the evenings Grand Champion was completely dominated



Caitie Koonce performing Go Pai Sho form at Quebec tournament

by the black belts from Sharkey's Karate Studio. Next stop was Quebec Open where Caitie Koonce went on to win her first NASKA Grand Champion in the girls 14-17 creative/extreme weapons division. While great things were happening up north, there were some great things happening locally.



Matt Koonce, Sebastian Talbott and Elijah Talbott posing at the FLAMA tournament

Kicking it up a notch

May 3rd was a great turn out for the sparring seminar for kids. Sensei Chris held a 45 minute seminar introducing kids to the fundamentals for point sparring. 15 participants showed ready to learn new techniques and philosophies to improve their sparring skills. Sensei Chris emphasized many of the basic combination and drills used by some of the top players of the NASKA and AKA tournament circuits.

This seminar was to introduce the sparring class that is held every Thursday night from 7:15pm—8pm. It is opened to all ranks. Temporary sparring gear is available to those wishing to try out the class, but those who would like to continue participating in this class must purchase their own sparring gear by the third class. Mouth guards are required for all participants as well as groin cups are required for all male participants. These items can be purchased at the pro-shop.



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4 members of Team Sharkey, Sensei Jeremy, Sebastian Talbott, Elijah Talbott and Matt Koonce, took part in the Federation of Latino American Martial Artists tournament held in Cicero, Illinois. Matt, Sebastian and Elijah had the crowds literally on their feet cheering as they performed in their weapons division bringing home 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, in the 12-under weapons division. They then kept the crowd going as they performed in their separate forms division, each capturing first place.



Brendan Huor performing his Wushu sword form at Charlie Lee's Tournament

Finally we ended the month at Charlie Lee's World Series of Martial Arts in Virginia. Once again

Sharkey students faired well with Brendon Huor making is first stage debut in the overall grands competition. Congratulations to all of the competitors on an outstanding performance at the tournaments this past month.



Will Greenburg performing his open form at Charlie Lee's tournament

For those wishing to become involved in tournaments, please contact one of the staff members on upcoming events .

Private Lessons

For those students wishing to sign up for private lessons, there will be a sign up sheet at the pro-shop. Private lessons can cover such topics like working on requirements for your next belt to getting ready for a tournament. Contact a staff member for more details.

Membership Drive Contest

This summer, starting on June 1st and running until August 1st, we will be hosting a membership drive contest at Sharkey's Karate Studio. Here is how it will be ran:

We will have flyers, that are good for 2 free lessons, available, beginning June 1st, that you can hand out to your acquaintances, co-workers, friends and family members. Just sign you name on the back of the flyer and have the people you give them to hand that flyer in when they come in for their first free lesson. If that person signs up we will give you 50 Sharkey Dollars. These dollars can be used at the pro-shop to go towards the purchasing of such items as drinks, equipment and Sharkey apparel. What if the person doesn't have a flyer from you? No problem. If someone comes in for lessons saying you referred them to us, when they first come in, you will receive the credit for the contest. Just remember, they have to mention that you referred them when they first come in. Afterwards it will not count.

Ready for the grand prize? The person who refers the most people during the contest will receive a free entrance into the Sharkey Summer Camp. So don't delay and start thinking of those references. This contest is a great way to help the school while earning rewards and prizes. Please see a staff member if you need more details. Good luck to everyone.

T-Shirt season is upon us

Once again, for the summer months of June 1st—August 31st, we will be allowing students to wear Sharkey T-shirts in lieu of their regular gi tops. Remember, ONLY Sharkey t-shirts will be allowed as a substitute, and only during regular classes. Stripe tests and belt tests still require the student to be dressed in a full traditional school gi.

Announcements

Work out in the park

We invite you and your friends to a day of fun in the park Saturday June 4th. What better way to spend a day than with a fun martial arts workout outside followed by picnic and games. Sign up on the activities board today.

Would you like to receive a copy of this newsletter electronically?

Then send and email to sharkeynews@sbcglobal.net with the subject line saying newsletter. Let us know which email address you would like to have it sent to and if you prefer Publisher format or Adobe Acrobat format.

Special Apparel Orders

For those who did not get their special orders in on time for the April order, we will be placing our next special order on May 25th. Special orders include hooded sweatshirts, jackets, different color t-shirts or sizes not available at the pro-shop. See Sensei Jeremy for more details or to place your order.

Stripe Testing

The next stripe testing will be held Wednesday May 25th and Thursday May 26th. See a staff member if you have any questions.

May Birthdays

Mary Stolz	05/01
Tler Panilio	05/02
Jessica Luviano	05/02
Jenice Kho	05/03
Tom Green	05/06
Cameron Chaleston	05/08
Sidone Stolz	05/08
Nicolette Bruno	05/10
Kyle Panilio	05/10
Gianna Salerno	05/14
Mike Carpinelli	05/20
Matthew Mecaskey	05/20
Joe Sener	05/20
Tom Stukle	05/23
Jake Greenberg	05/24
Jim Koonce	05/26
Robell McMiller	05/22
Alessandro Vazquez	05/27



Happy Birthday everyone!