



DESA NEWSLETTER

March 2010

IMPORTANT DATES

March 6	Leader I & II workshop from 1-2:00 pm
March 9	Assistant and Instructor meeting from 9-9:30 pm
Mar 17-18	Kyu Test – all classes cancelled
Apr 2-5	Dojo closed for Easter long weekend
April 9	Officials workshop 8-9 pm
April 17	Dojo School and Individual pictures
April 26-May 2	Spirit of the North
April 30	Black Belt Test
May 8	Kobudo test
May 12-13	Kyu Test Days – all classes cancelled

KATA TOURNAMENT

A big thank you to everyone who helped make the kata tournament run smoothly. Thanks to all the Black Belt officials, the people who did scorekeeping, registration desk and helped line up the children. Your time is very much appreciated! If anyone got a few good action shots or other “keeper” type photos, please feel free to send them to Sempai Janet as we are looking to update some of our pictures on the website. We have also had a few people ask if we have any of the Desa School of Karate “lollipop pens” that were given out at the event. The extra’s we have can be purchased for \$4 each.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Please make note of the workshop and meeting dates listed above. You also should have received your sign up form for the April to June session by March 9. Any brown or Black belts who are not currently in the Leadership program, but would like to join can pick up an information package at the office

SPIRIT OF THE NORTH 2010

The dates are April 26-May 2 if you don’t already have them marked off on your calendar. Brochures will be handed out in class the week of March 8 and any changes/updates will be on the website starting next week. If there are any families willing to open their homes to students travelling from the States or other countries for this year’s event, please let Sempai Janet know. We have 2 students from Texas billeted out already and we have a few others who have inquired about the possibility.

Also a reminder that you need to have your gi hemmed or tacked under for that event. Rolled up sleeves or pant legs are not permitted in the tournaments, so this gives you several weeks lead time to get it done!

JACKET/ HOODY ORDERS

Our annual spring order for jackets/hoodies/pants will be going in on April 6 so that we can ensure they are in time for Spirit of the North! Order forms can be picked up at the office.

PICTURE DAY

Every year we give you the opportunity to have individual karate photos taken as well as participate in the big group photo that is hung up in the dojo and appears on the website. Picture day this year is on Saturday, April 17 in the afternoon. Exact times will be given to you by the end of March. We usually start with individual shots of several belt levels, stop for the group shot so those people who have taken their individual shots can go home, and then continue with the rest of the individual shots. So you can kind of plan for at least an hour to hour and a half starting around the 12:30 mark. Once again we are trying to make this the biggest group shot taken yet, so I hope you can all be there!

HYPER CLOTHING LINE

A new clothing line is being introduced by martial arts schools across North America and we are the first in Canada to join in! The concept is similar to that for snowboarders, skateboarders, etc where moves that are what us old people used to call "cool" are now called "Hyper". The goal is to help promote the martial arts in the same way that the other extreme sports have taken off. We now have adult sizes in stock as well as hats and are taking orders for youth sizes. The company is currently adding to their website so you can view what their team of martial arts people are up to. Feel free to visit them at hypermartialarts.com

2011 KENYUKAI KOSHUKAI AND TOURNAMENT UPDATE

Thanks to everyone for participating in the "Portuguese" raffle which made a profit of approximately \$1100! Planning is currently underway for a Silent Auction in October 2010. You can expect to hear more about how you can help with this in early May, after Spirit of the North. The sponsorship committee is also almost ready to start approaching businesses for corporate sponsorship. If you think the company you work for or own is in a position to be a sponsor at some level and would be willing to speak with one of the committee members, please let us know! They are:

Don Breamult

Arlene Krueger

David Upright

Janet Vranas

We are also looking for someone who would be willing to discuss the possibility of letting us use their Mastercard/Visa system for our Silent Auction in October. Lastly, if there is anyone knowledgeable in setting up a Paypal account or something similar which is what we will need to do for registrations, please speak with Sempai Janet as we will need help in setting that up.

Together, the students of our dojo can make the 2011 event one that will be remembered by everyone who attends. The challenge is on, but we need your help and the first step is securing our finances. Let us know if you can help!

KOBUDO (WEAPONS) TRAINING DATES

Here are the Saturday dates for March/April:

March 6, 13, 20, 27 April 10, 17, 24

New students are welcome to join the kobudo program on April 10. Registration information is available at the office.

OFFICIALS WORKSHOP

In preparation for Spirit of the North and to debrief following last weeks kata tournament, we will be holding an officials workshop on Friday, April 9 starting at 8:00 pm. That night is also sparring for the kids classes, so any officials wanting to come in early during kid's classes to practice, are welcome to do so.

MISSING GROIN PROTECTORS

Several boys may be missing their brand new groin protectors as many are being left behind in the change room. Since no one has put their name on them, we don't know who to return them to, but if you would like to check out the lost and found, let Sempai Janet know.

SHUREIDO ORDER

We will be putting in the next Shureido order on May 6. If you are interested in ordering belts, uniforms or helmets, please find out what size you need and place your order by that date.

HISTORY/ INFORMATION PACKAGE

The complete history and information package (including all the terminology for the various techniques in hojo undo, the student creed, etc) can now be found on the website. Click on "About our School" and then click on "About our style". Feel free to print it or save it so you always have a copy. If you do not have access to a printer, please ask and we will give you a paper copy.

EXTRA JACKETS/ HOODIES

We have a few extra Desa School of Karate jackets, hoodies and sweats in stock from our last order. If you are interested in purchasing one check in with us. We will be taking orders again in early March for April 7th delivery.

BOOT RACKS

It would be greatly appreciated if all our students and visitors could please use the boot racks for their wet footwear. It will keep the entryway clear and also help to reduce the amount of water on the floor from snow.

JEWELRY/ HAIR

Just a reminder to all students that no jewelry of any kind can be worn during class. If you have a specific concern, please feel free to talk with Sensei Janet. Any students male or female who have long hair must have it tied back during class.