



DOJO NEWS

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Welcome to Spring. Spring is a time of growth and change. Be sure you change for the better! Kids, keep the grades up. Don't let spring fever get you into trouble. Keep focused and keep coming to class!

Flyer Handout – Over the next few weeks the Dojo will be handing out flyers in the neighborhoods around the Dojo. We need your help. Flyer Handouts are the best way to help the Dojo grow. The Flyer Handouts will be done Saturday afternoon starting at 1 PM. It normally takes about 2 hours. Leadership Team members earn service hours. Everyone earns Sensei's appreciation. There will be a sign-up list each week.

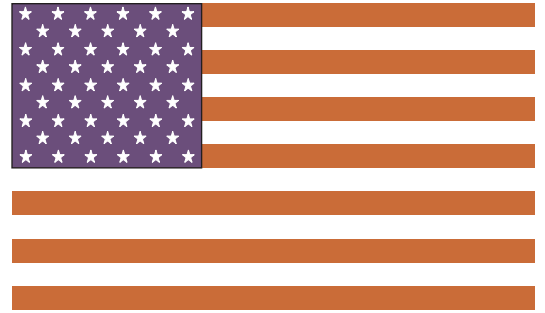
The Mini-Camps were great! I want to thank Jessica, Vanessa, and Max for helping out with the Dragon and Little Dragon Mini-Camp. Thank you Anita, Glenn, and Nancy with the food for the Teen & Adult Mini-Camp. From now on, we will have two mini-camps each time: 1) Little Dragons & Dragons 2) Adults & Teens. It worked fantastic this time; Let's do it again!

NO WHINERS CAMP III – NWC III will be early this year. Due to a busy Summer Schedule the No Whiners Camp will be May 21-23 in Virginia Beach. It will be held at the same location as last year. A flyer will be out the beginning of this month. The NWC is held at a camp ground. We sleep in cabins and train outside. It's fun. It's a lot of work. Think you can handle it?

Renshi Tucker Returns! – Renshi Tucker from Bermuda is scheduled to be in town the week of June 14 for several days. Last year he stayed a week. Remember, Renshi Tucker is a nice guy, just like Sensei ☺

Students of the Month

Little Dragons - TBA
Dragons - TBA
Teens - TBA



Schedule

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April 2

Leadership Team 8:00

April 9

Black Belt Club 8:00

May 7

Leadership Team 8:00

May 14

Black Belt Club 8:00

May 21-23

No Whiners Camp

June 4

Leadership Team 8:00

Black Belt Club 8:00

June 11-12-13

Little Dragon &
Dragon Mini Camp

June 18-19-20

Adult & Teen
Mini Camp

July 9

Leadership Team 8:00 &
Black Belt Club 8:00

Summer Camp, Newport News

Fall Camp, Canada,

September 17-18-19

Let Black Belt Be Your Goal

BIRTHDAYS

April

Vanessa Menendez 4/12
Will Leet 4/16
Marcus Brown 4/25



See the front desk to make sure we have your correct birth date (Don't panic adults we only need the day and month — not the year). We have left a few people out of the birthday list in the newsletter because we did not have this information. Help us recognize your special day!

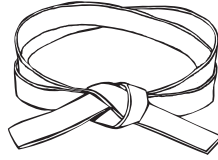
BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Have your birthday party at the Dojo. These parties are very flexible and we can easily accommodate your birthday wishes. Talk to Shihan Scott or the front office, and we'll do our best to be sure this birthday party is one you won't soon forget.

NEW STUDENTS – WELCOME TO THE DOJO!

The Dojo wants your friends! Tell your friends about the Dojo. Tell them how much you like doing karate. Bring your friends to the Dojo. Go to the front desk and ask for a week pass for your friend!

Connor McCarthy-Cruse	Aaron Parsons	Eric Noel	Michael Pratt
Victoria McCarthy-Cruse	Rebecca Harbin	Marcus Brown	



Brittany Browne - Shodan *
Antuan Byalik - Shodan-Ho *
Richard Hudnall - Shodan-Ho *
Shaun Brest - Nikkyu Brown Belt
Alex Browne - Dragon Brown Belt 2 *
Antjuan Walker - Dragon Brown Belt 2 *
Carol Scovotti - Yonkyu Green Belt
Cheryl Browne - Yonkyu Green Belt
Bob Brest - Goku Green Belt *
Zach Hudnall - Goku Green Belt *
Clint LaFrance - Goku Green Belt
Alexander Allen - Dragon Green Belt 3
Stephanie Adams - Dragon Green Belt 2 *
Steven Bateman - Rokkyu Green Belt *
Michelle Washington - Rokkyu Green Belt *
Jessica Myers - Rokkyu Green Belt *
Jake LaFrance - Dragon Green Belt 1 *
Kevin Hutchinson - Dragon Green Belt 1 *
Ryan Salnoske - Nanahikyu Blue Belt
Vanessa Menendez - Nanahikyu Blue Belt

BELT TESTS MARCH PROMOTIONS

Nancy Brest - Hachikyu Blue Belt *
Kathy Adams - Hachikyu Blue Belt
Anne Myers - Hachikyu Blue Belt
Anita Leonard - Hachikyu Blue Belt
Max Devine - Hachikyu Blue Belt
Hunter Schmitz - Dragon Purple Belt †
Mason Leonard - Dragon Purple Belt †
Clarence Nguyen - Dragon Orange Belt
Aaron Stamps - Dragon Orange Belt
Trevor Tippet - Dragon Orange + White Belt
Ethan Berry - Dragon Orange + White Belt
Eric Workman - Dragon Orange + White Belt
Glenn Stamps - Mukyu Gold Belt †
Kayla Rupp - Mukyu Gold Belt †
Caitlin Wallace - Mukyu Gold Belt †
Lissy Menendez - Mukyu Gold Belt
Emmitt Necaie - Dragon Gold Belt
Alexis Couch - Dragon Gold Belt
Alex Menendez - Dragon Gold + White Belt
Trevor Jansen - Dragon Gold + White Belt

*Winter Camp Promotions †February Promotions

BLACK BELT CLUB

Justin Brooks	Richard Hudnall	Jessica Myers	Bob Brest
Jason Gargaro	Antjuan Walker	Gordon Weeks Jr.	Kevin Hutchinson
Matthew Abeyounis	Jeff Browne	Gordon Weeks III.	Zach Hudnall
Antuan Byalik	Clint LaFrance	Brittany Browne	Ryan Salnoske
Lev Feygelson	Jake LaFrance	Alex Browne	Max Devine
Emmanuel Feygelson	Stephanie Adams		Nancy Brest

LEADERSHIP TEAM

D.E.L.T.A Force	S.W.A.T.	S.W.A.T. Cont.	S.T.O.R.M.	S.T.O.R.M. Cont.
Matthew Abeyounis	Justin Brooks	Richard Hudnall	Carter-Gage Malpass	Kevin Hutchinson
Jeff Browne	Antuan Byalik	Clint LaFrance	Antjuan Walker	Alex Browne
S.W.A.T. II	Bob Brest	Zach Hudnall	Emmanuel Feygelson	Jake LaFrance
Jason Gargaro	Gordon Weeks	Lev Feygelson	Stephanie Adams	Max Devine
	Brittany Browne	Vanessa Menendez	Jessica Myers	

SENSEI'S CORNER

Chosin Chibana

First 10th Degree Black Belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate-Do

Chosin Chibana was born in Shuri on June 5, 1886, into a modest family. As a boy, he worked in the fields to help with his families livelihood. He attended Okinawa Prefectural Grammar School. In 1898, Chibana successfully met the requirements necessary to enter Okinawa Prefectural Daiichi Middle School, but left school in mid-course in 1900 to become a student of the widely known authority of Karate, Ankoh Itotsu. Chibana devoted his total life to the study of Karate under Itotsu Sensei for 13 years.

During this time, Chibana was a classmate to men like himself, who were to leave their mark on Karate across the world. Students studying under Itotsu Sensei with Chibana were Kenwa Mabuni, Choki Oshiro, and Masashige Shiromo, to just name a few. In 1920, Chibana Sensei opened two dojos, one in Shuri and one in Naha. Shortly before this time, Karate had been introduced to mainland Japan by several of Chibana's classmates, Kenwa Mabuni and Gichin Funakoshi. During this surge of interest in Karate, many Karate men sought ways of making what they knew more appealing, but Chibana Sensei maintained that it would take him a lifetime to understand thoroughly what he had been taught by Itotsu Sensei. He devoted his life to this principle. He could often be heard saying, "Karate is teaching Kata (form) we have taken from forefathers without changing it at all." When the many changes were taking place in Karate with the naming of different systems by Ryu names, Chibana Sensei named his system Shorin-Ryu to denote that he was teaching exactly as he had been taught by Itotsu Sensei. While training his students, he also coached students at three universities in mainland Japan; Takushoku University, Tyo University and Nihon University, through explanation of military exercise before the Pacific War.

After the war and Okinawa had recovered from the destitution, Chibana Sensei started to teach again to those students who had not been killed in the war. Many of his top students served and died for the Japanese Imperial Army.

Having devoted his total life to teaching Karate and never having another vocation, in 1956 at the age of 71, he organized the Okinawa Karate Federation and took office as its first president. This was a big step for Chibana Sensei because the Okinawa Karate Federation was made up of main Ryus that had developed in Okinawa. This was the beginning of the end of the quarreling between school and system as to whose system was the best.

In 1957, because of his efforts to unite Karate on Okinawa and his total dedication to Karate, he was given the degree of "Hanshi no Sogo" (Doctoral Master) by the Dainippon Butokukai. This was the highest rank ever given to any Karate instructor and no one has received this rank since. In 1960, he was awarded a special athletic prize by the Okinawa Times.

In 1961, he resigned from the presidency of the Okinawa Karate Federation to devote more time to his disciples. At this time, he organized the Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Karate Association made up of his disciples. From this time, although 76 years old, he devoted all his energies to his followers.

In February 1969, at the age of 84, Chibana Sensei passed away after a short illness, leaving behind him a life completely devoted to Karate and the almost impossible feat of having trained five of his disciples, Chozo Nakama, Katsuya Miyshira, Kensei Kinjo, Yucho Ku Higa, and Shugoro Nakazato, to the stage of Kyudan (9th Degree) Karate Master.



