

Newsletter, November 2014

Thanks for an amazing 2014!

Parents supported a very active year, instructors led the way, the admin office encouraged the process and students trusted the Karate Way!

It had been a year filled with exciting events and achievements. The new beginners group was larger than expected and a number of "lost students" returned to take their positions in the line-up!

JSKA South Africa hosted the annual Berg-Gashuku at Injasuti early February with perfect weather for training. Our group of seniors seemed to enjoy the hard training and set the standard for the year.

In May a huge delegation departed to compete in the 7th JSKA World Championships hosted in Terni, Italy. Our team was well trained and prepared to conquer the world.

We returned to South Africa with no less than 46 medals!

The 30th JSKA South Africa National Championships drew a huge crowd and included a practical evaluation of Judges to be used with the National Qualifications Examination.

Team preparation for our national and international events seem to have become a fine art. The biggest challenge is to stop training at the right time and peak on the day of the event.

The past year included much traveling and teaching abroad. Seminars were presented in England, Scotland and Germany requesting such teaching to become annual events. Visits to Italy and the JSKA WC venue proved a valuable investment for the smooth running of the Italy tour.

The 19th JSKA South Africa Development Championships hosted in Swakopmund was indeed a highlight of 2014 with a strong group of parents supporting our team in Namibia.

Our Kyu and Dan grading had been successful receiving complements for especially the high technical level and well-presented Kata. Our focus in 2015 must also include the various forms of kumite.

The JSKA South Africa Dan Examinations tested 46 students combined with National Qualifications awarded to more than one hundred applicants.

Exciting 2015

A number of very exciting events are planned for 2015 which include the 2nd JSKA Europe Tour and Championships, the 20th JSKA National Development Championships to be hosted in Magaliesburg and the 31st JSKA National Championships presented in Pretoria.

JSKA South Africa will support an additional four tournaments in South Africa in 2015 primarily to prepare our team for the 8th JSKA World Championships to be hosted in Swakopmund in 2016.

New schools are welcomed under the auspices of Roelf Smith in Nelspruit and Danie du Plessis in Mafikeng.

2015 Training Fees

After numerous requests, we have decided to revert to the old system of training fees which especially accommodated the training families. Unfortunately a small increase is inevitable but a reduction to more than one member of a family training will be offered.

Debit orders will still be advised as well as an annual payment by credit card with special discounts given to families.

We do believe that this incentive will motivate families to train together in our new Open Class facility!

OPEN CLASSES

The Academy schools in Pretoria will in future present an "Open Class" at the various dojo's. All grades and all ages are welcome to train in these classes!

Many reasons motivated this new idea including parents wishing to train at the same time as their children, students of any level wishing to have additional basic training at a convenient time and more cardio-focused training.

The following times will be Open Classes:

Hatfield Dojo: Tuesday / Thursday at 18:30

Wonderboom Dojo: Monday / Wednesday at 17:45

Moreleta Dojo: Monday / Wednesday at 18:30

Centurion Dojo: Tuesday / Thursday at 18:15

REAL KARATE

Every facet of life is filled with phonies and fakes! We read about medical practitioners and legal representatives and politicians practicing with fake qualifications. This phynominum is unfortunately also found in our ancient art of weaponless combat!

JSKA South Africa and the Karate Academy will teach traditional karate-do as taught and practiced in schools across the world. Our foundation will stay Japan and recognition accepted from our world leader Keigo Abe sensei.

Our primary objective is not to achieve in sport-karate or to focus on development of self-defense combinations (we do however have an unbeatable record in international participation and have proofed our technique in practical situations) but we firstly focus on

the development of character.

Injuries will happen and medals will be won but that is secondary to hard training of REAL KARATE!

Last Word

On a personal note – never have I in my many years of teaching and training Karate experienced such excitement about the future of our schools and organization! Our leadership is strong and formidable in setting the pace and example, our administrative office excels in going the extra mile and our students grow in trust and character!

May you have a Blessed Festive Season filled with fun and smiles and rest!

Regards,
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