

SHUKOKAI KARATE
CLUB NEWSLETTER

- DATES TO REMEMBER**
1. 25th September 2005 – Grading
 2. 16th October 2005 – Martial Arts Expo
 3. 28th to 31st October – Sensei Allan Murdoch.

WE ARE THE QUEENSLAND STATE CHAMPIONS:

As a consequence of our competitors placings in all three rounds of the QLD State Championships; our club has scored the highest aggregate score based on individual results at these events; and therefore, we are the 2005 Queensland State Club Champions. This is a tremendous result as I am not aware of a regional club taking the State title in the past. I would like to thank ALL of students who chose to represent the club at these tournaments, your efforts during training to ready yourselves and also whilst on the competition arena have been of the highest order. I now look forward to the progress we can make over the coming months in our level of competition karate in readiness for the 2006 competition season.

OLD SCHOOLS COMPETITION.

We had a fantastic day in Brisbane on Sunday the 11th of September at the QLD Schools Championships. Again our competitors competed very well indeed and this is reflected in our overall club result. Congratulations to Kieran Brown, Jayde Alexander (both in pee wee class) and Dion Stewart for taking the plunge and entering their first competition. During the lunch time break both Vincent Usher and Jayde Parsons performed a Bo Staff demonstration that went over very well with the audience, great job guys. Our Club results will be posted on the notice board.

GRADING.

The grading times for Sunday the 25th of September 2005, are; **Pee Wees 10.00AM** and for **juniors and seniors your grading commences at 11.00 AM**. Please ensure that you arrive at the dojo with sufficient time to ready yourself; our normal warm-ups do NOT form a part of the grading. Gradings are conducted in "CLOSED" session.

SENSEI ALAN MURDOCH.

I am able to officially confirm that Sensei Alan Murdoch will be visiting Hervey Bay over the last weekend in October – Friday 28 October 2005 to Sunday 30 October 2005. During this weekend Sensei will be conducting classes and therefore it is expected that during a "Head of Style" visit ALL students will attend classes to receive instruction from Sensei. Training times will be posted on the notice board. Students are to attend the same level classes they currently attend for both kata and basics classes. Classes will commence strictly on time, late arrivals will not be permitted entry to the dojo. During Sensei's visit taking video and/or still pictures is NOT permitted within the Dojo without my expressed prior consent.

MARTIAL ARTS EXPO.

I will be finalising our EXPO squad in the next few days with the focus of our demonstration to be on our competitive achievements for 2005. Given the EXPO Committee has restricted the amount of demonstrators per club this year (safety reasons etc) I am limited to the number of students I can involve in the actual demonstration. I would however appreciate all of our student's assistance with the setting up and running of our club information booth, catering (sausage sizzle etc), cake stall, raffle tickets and an array of other jobs. Please volunteer yourself; without the assistance of volunteers these worthwhile events simply would not go ahead. Proceeds raised from the day go directly towards our students sponsorship fund and therefore directly to the support of our students.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH.

Congratulations to our latest student of the month; Fred Richters. Thank you Fred for your valued support of the club during my absence in August, Well done.

Please feel free to speak to me about any aspect of your participation with this dojo. Your contributions and thoughts are always welcomed and appreciated.

Yours in Karate
Sensei G Smith
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14 September 2005.