



KIM'S ACADEMY OF TAEKWONDO BLACKBELT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 17 Topeka Kansas
Tournament
23 214th Belt Promotion
Test
6:00 PM
24 214th Belt Promotion
Test
12:00 Noon
4:00 PM Cookout

June 18 215th Belt Promotion
Test 6:00 PM
19 215th Belt Promotion
Test 12:00 Noon

August 13 216th Belt Promotion
Test 6:00 PM
14 216th Belt Promotion
Test 12:00 Noon
14 Black Belt Pre-test
for October

September Taekwondo
Camping Girl Scout

October 16 KS City, KS
Tournament

22 217th Belt
Promotion Test
6:00 PM
23 217th Belt
Promotion Test
12:00 Noon
23 4:00 PM Cookout

December 17 218th Belt
Promotion
6:00 PM
18 218th Belt
Promotion
Test 12:00 Noon
18 Christmas
Banquet

Etiquette at belt tests

I would like to encourage instructors to remind their students of the importance of courtesy during belt tests. When students, family members and friends are in the dojon cell phones should be on vibrate if not turned off.

It would also be nice if we limited the people in the hall outside the dojon to those who have small children who may have become restless during testing. This would allow them to continue to observe the proceedings without disturbing the testers. It may also help with being able to move in and out of the

dojo when necessary especially if people leave the doorway clear.

Lastly I must address an issue that seems crystal clear and I cannot believe I actually have to say this but, **no one out of uniform should be on the test floor during a test.** The fact that we had a student's brother standing in the middle of the floor during board breaking, in his street cloths, a black belt no less, boggles my mind. So please instructors pass on this information to your students and let's try a little more courtesy and respect.

Master Bonnie Bowman
NW YMCA

Coaching

I believe coaches can do more for a student by allowing the student to fight a match without the constant bombardment of instructions. The student needs the chance to take what they have learned and apply it. If they are constantly being told by someone on the sidelines what they should be doing, when do they think for themselves?

On Saturday we had a fighter whose coach yelled "get aggressive, kick" constantly through the match. I watched him get more frustrated as the match continued until in sheer frustration in the second round this young man decided he had taken enough "valuable advice and instruction". Stepping out of the ring this he declared loudly "I am done" ripped off his head gear and left.

By all means give tips to your fighters before the match or between rounds, just give them the opportunity to fight the fight themselves. In the long run they will

learn more and possibly enjoy the experience more.

Master Bonnie Bowman
YMCA

Notes from the Kansas City tournament:

Kim's Academy was well represented qualifying 9 for nationals.

Kyle Hsiao took 1st in forms against about 20 competitors. He then won both of his fights for 1st place.

Ethan Hsiao had as much competition and placed 3rd in forms and 1st in fighting.

Anna Solic placed 1st in both forms and fighting in her Blue Belt division

Saria Castillo took 2nd in forms and fighting in the Red Belt division.

Leslie May competed as a Red Belt (rules) placing 2nd in forms and 1st in fighting

Lewis May also competed as a Red Belt placing 3rd in forms and 1st in fighting.

Syed 'Bubba' Jaffri 2nd in fighting
Red Belt 18-32

Titus Farley 1st fighting. Green Belt 18-32

Bruno Golic competed in forms and fighting taking 2nd sparring, Black Belt.

It was an honor to help coach our students. They all fought hard and represented our school very well. I would like to thank Robert Hsiao for coaching Bubba's fight. Of course Robert coached Kyle and Ethan during their competition.

Ko's Black Belt Academy was the host school. This was their first large

tournament and they did a fairly good job of running it. Of course there were some issues...

The tournament was held at the Johnson County Community College Gymnasium. They ran 5 rings and that is all they had room for. Flat out they did not have enough room for this size of tournament. I overheard a JCCC employee complaining to one of the tournament directors that *"People are exercising in the hallway. They can't do that! You've got to stop them"*.

Weigh in was at 7:30. Forms started at 9:30. I arrived at 10am and forms were underway so they got it started on time. Unfortunately it got a little slower after that. They used a 'Holding' area for the competitors where they would be grouped, held, and eventually sent to their ring. 'Pam' was in charge of this so every competitor had to be put in a line by her. After fighting began I would look around. Of the five rings maybe a fight was actually happening in three of them. There was a lot of standing around and talking by the judges and ring workers. I left at 6pm after Leslie May's fight. They still had to tear down and clean up. It was a long day for all.

The tournament used electronic scoring at every ring. However; only one ring used the sensor sock and Hogu combination. An average score with the sensor socks was 3 to 1 or 4 to 2. The other rings used handheld pads with the judges doing the scoring. 12 to 10, 24 to 12, etc... Obviously the 'human' judges were much quicker to award points than the 'sensor' judges. The scores

were displayed on a computer monitor so you always knew the status of the fight. Of course they had problems with them and I heard people complaining that they really should have 'checked them out first'. If we ever get this equipment we better have at least one friendship tournament utilizing them before the invitational.

All the judges were dressed EXACTLY the same. I think someone bought 20 of the same tie and shirt combination in various sizes. Everyone had black shoes, black slacks, white shirt, and red tie. That was impressive.

The only fight I had issue with was Bruno's. The center judge in this ring had a habit of awarding points at the beginning of a round to whichever fighter he felt deserved them. In Bruno's first fight he gave Bruno 3 points at the beginning of the second round. I did not complain as he obviously won the first round. Bruno countered a round kick with a back kick, hit the kid in the ribs, and knocked him down. His opponent laid there for a moment wondering what hit him. I'll give the kid credit; he got up and finished the fight. But Bruno won the fight with that one kick.

So Bruno won his first fight. For his second fight his opponent had a bye. He is fresh; Bruno just fought 3 one minute rounds. They put one fight in between so Bruno gets a 10 minute break.

Me: What do you have left?
Bruno: A quarter

Me: Back off the first round, fight defensive unless you get behind. Let him get winded. If you get Behind I will yell "Go Bruno, Go." Then take it too him rounds two and three.
Bruno:Ok.

So they fight. Nothing happens. This kid won't come at him. Score at the end of round 1, 0 to 0. Between rounds I tell Bruno to take it too him.

Start of round two. Center Judge gives other kid two points. What the @#!&. He did not deserve two points. He didn't do anything. I wanted to complain but we took three points in fight one from the judge. Crud. Bruno loses the fight 6 to 5. Without those 2 points he wins 5 to 4. He is already qualified for nationals as 2nd place but it was still a bum rap.

I'm afraid I jinxed Lewis just before his form competition:

Me: What form are you going to do?

Lewis: I don't know.

Me: Well you better decide.

Judge: LEWIS MAY

So he went out there unsure of himself. He did OK but if I had kept my mouth shut he would not have thought about it and just done his form and probably won. As a DanBo he really should know the names of all his forms and what he is going to do at tournament. He is my student so I can bag on him.

Again I want to say how well everyone competed. Kim's Academy was well represented at

the tournament and we can be proud of our students.

Jr. Master Steven Peschka

News from the Dojangs

Great Bend Dojang – Master Joe Felke

Report by David Weller

Here is News from the Great Bend Dojang.

Master Felke has been leading sparring classes on Mondays @ 7 and after my thursday class at 8.

The hard work that Master Felke demands during these classes paid off nicely as the students from Great Bend who attended the tournament all did a terrific job. There was a mix of firsts and seconds and thirds, but all the students did their best, and took their victories as well as their disappointments in stride. First place is always nice, but the real prize of tournaments is the friendship and camaraderie that develops. You cheer on your training partners and congratulate them for a job well done, regardless of a win or loss. You cheer on other Kim's students, but show respect and courtesy to the other schools who attend. There is always something to learn, always a new way to see things, but if you never participate in a tournament, you never get the chance to see that.

The students from Great Bend all did a great job! Thanks to Master Felke and the students (some like myself who did not compete but showed for

the work-outs anyway): Dallas Felke, David Yager, David Keil, myself, (When Master Felke hollers out, "Dave, up front!" it's like a stampede), Daniel Klima, Jeremy Weller, Charles Santy, and Kelsey Couture. To all of you, and especially Master Felke, thank you for showing up, training hard and making your teachers very proud!!! Once again, the tournament was well organized and HUGE thanks go out to all the folks that made this possible. I know the Hilburn family spent an inordinate amount of time on this, but they were not alone and everyone who helped in any way deserves a big shout out! You guys are awesome!

Great Bend classes are being well attended and we are making sure all the students get their moneys worth in sweat!

I am very pleased to see some gentlemen I have tested with many times testing for Master in April. You guys are an inspiration to me! It will be my honor and pleasure to refer to you as "Master." Good luck!

Thanks,

Dave Weller

Cheney Branch – Jr. Master Kraig Segem, Instructor

News from Kim's Academy Cheney Branch

Classes at Cheney have been in good attendance averaging around 15-20 and some new students joining class.

We had three students compete at the Invitational tournament and did

very well. Paul Frank Sr. blue belt placed 2nd in forms, his son Paul Jr. blue belt placed 1st in forms and 2nd in sparring, Chase Sturchio, blue belt red tip placed 3rd in forms and 3rd in sparring. Congradualations to all that competed in the tournament.

Even with the numbers down this year probably due in some part by the economy I think the tournament was an overall sucess. We actually got more done this year on Friday night than last year because there wasn't any activities going on at the YMCA. By 8:00 pm we had all the banners up, tables and chairs transfered over to the Farah Center, and unrolled all the mats, which was a big help as they were able to relax overnight. By 8:30 am Saturday we were finished taping the mats and everything was almost complete.

Special thanks to Grandmaster Kim for a great tournament as always, and thanks to Steve and Diana Hilburn for there planning and organizational skills, and Mr. Hawkins for transporting the mats. Thank you to all who helped out Friday and Saturday to make this the best tournament of the year.

The Watson family recently joined the Cheney Branch a few weeks ago, and they were there Saturday helping as time keepers and trophy runners. I really appreciate Kris and Jennie Watson for there efforts Saturday.

With the pre-test behind us we can now look forward testing just a few weeks away. I would like to wish everyone testing the best of luck.

It was good to see alot of familiar faces at the tournament.

I'm sure you all have seen pictures of the race car in front of Master Kim's office. The car is drivin by 16 yr. old Austin Allen. He races at 81 speedway, and last year won 8 Feature Events. Austin has a new car this year and will race in the NCRA Modified class. This year the Kims Academy logo is on the from of the car, see picture. If any school would like there school name under the logo we are asking for a 30.00 to have it on the car for Kims Academy sponsership. I know times are tough, but this car will be seen in front of alot of people at the track and showings. I'm sure Austin would love to have you come meet him and watch him race. We are planning to have the car at the Academy in the future.

Hope everyone has a good test on the 23rd and 24th.

Kraig Seglem, Jr. Master.

Cheney Branch Instructor.

News from the South YMCA Branch: - Master Bonnie Bowman and Jr. Master Ron Smith, Instructora

I'll start out with a sad note, we lost our executive director for the South YMCA in the middle of March. Kevin Padrnos was only 49 when he passed. Kevin was a big promoter of martial arts in the Y's. He was a black belt in karate and was very active in trying to help improve our

programs at all the Y's. He will be missed. We also lost a Kim's Academy family in a car accident. The Choi family lost three members over spring break. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the familys and thier friends.

On March 6th, we held a self-defense for women seminar at the South Y. We had 13 ladies sign up and went through some very basic techniques that hopefully will benefit them should they ever need them. I would like to thank the following Kim's Academy black belts that gave thier Sat. morning up.

Master Robert Stankey
Jr. Master Ron Smith
Jr. Master Susan Zurowski
3rd Dan Terese Lewis
3rd Dan Jessie Bell
3rd Dan Nicole Vanatta
2nd Dan Ted Ibara
Danbo Terry McGuire
(Hopefully I didn't leave anyone out)

On March 23rd we put on a short demonstration for a boy scout troop for one of Ms. Terese Lewis's students. We showed them some kicks, forms and broke some boards. Then we got them all up and had them join us for a while and got them kicking and kihoping. I think they really enjoyed it. I would like to thank the following Kim's black belts and students who helped out.

Master Bonnie Bowman
Jr. Master Ron Smith
3rd Dan Craig Mundt
3rd Dan Terese Lewis
3rd Dan Ron Hawkins
1st Dan Cindy Hawkins
Itza Hacker

Ethan Hacke
Rhianna Hacker
Kyle Hacker
Don Davis

Kamsahamnida,

Ron Smith

Andover YMCA – Master Joan Bahm, Instructor

As of April 1st, we finally have two classes going at the Andover YMCA. Every Tuesday and Thursday night we have a 6:30 to 7:30 beginners class and as of April 1st, we finally have our advanced class which is from 7:30 to 8:30 and is taught by Master David Holding. The beginner class (which I teach) has turned out to be a children's class. We range from about ten students to about 15 students, but 9 or ten seem to be fairly consistent. I would like to have adult beginners in there, too, but I think all the kids are scaring the adults off. I believe Master Holding has 5 or 6 students in his class (thank you, Park family) which is a great start. I am going to need a substitute at the end of May, so if any black belts are interested, please contact me. My phone numbers are 634-1642 (home) or 371-1934 (cell). Any black belt who would ever like to assist, you're welcome to come out and join us. I can always use help with the kids.
Master Joan Bahm

Hoisington Branch – Master Gene Manweiler, Instructor

Last month, we were asked to participate in a USD 431 School

event featuring "Health and Fitness". There were many exhibitors that were present and they all represented different ways to stay healthy by eating and exercising. The school district gave us an area on the gymnasium floor to have mini demonstrations and allow students and parents to come talk to us about Taekwondo. We did include some board breaking and allowed participation from the crowd which went over real good as usual. But I think we attracted the biggest crowd when we had a couple of students, Austin Stout --2nd Dan Sophomore and Cody Price—Blue Belt 8th grader, put on sparring gear. This gave these students a chance to show their classmates and friends their Taekwondo abilities. Needless to say, the crowd was impressed and we hope that this will help us generate more new students when we start up another beginners class.

We had two of our students also compete in the annual Kim's Academy Invitational tournament. Cody Price received 2nd place in both sparring and forms in the blue belt division. This was Cody's first tournament and he did quite well considering we don't have a lot of class time to prepare for tournaments as we are limited to evenings that the Hoisington Recreation allow us to have Taekwondo classes. Anthony Martinez also competed in a younger blue belt division and he came home with 3rd place in both sparring and forms. We are very proud of our two students for representing our School.

Master Gene Manweiler

News from KABBA:

Next Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2010 at 12:15.p.m. Existing members, please plan to attend and encourage the newest Danbos from your classes to come as well. Remind them they have automatic membership for the first 6 months courtesy of KABBA. We would love to have some new folks participate.

Items currently on the docket for discussion pertain to the Christmas Fund: status of this year's spending, some new items that have come up for possible purchase by the fund, and the potential for the KABBA organization committing to a standard donation and if so the suggest dollar amount.

Any additional Agenda items may be submitted to the KABBA email site: KABBA.Board@gmail.com.

I wanted to take a brief moment to thank all the Black Belts, students, and parent volunteers involved in the tournament, another spectacular job by all, and truly the example of "many hands make a light load". In particular, thanks to Diana and Steve Hilburn for coordinating registration, the food purchase, and all the other many details they oversee.

I was asked who the volunteers were who ran the lunchroom and otherwise participated. Jenifer and her daughter Samantha Jimenez, from the South Branch Beginners class, ran the lunchroom and also worked at the T-Shirts / Memorial Fund and Kid Zone tables. Kayleigh Deaton (my grand-daughter) participated in the clean-up by vacuuming the whole room while the Samantha, Jennifer, and Marilyn tore down the buffet and tables/chairs.

In addition Marilyn Vasquez and her three kids, also South Branch Beginners class, Christian, Lilly, and Isaiah staffed the T-Shirt / Memorial Fund and Kid Zone tables along with my mother, Joyce Lewis who stayed at the T-Shirt area while we cleaned the lunchroom.

Students from the South Branch Advanced Class, Itza, Ethan and Reanna Hacker were there at 7:00 helping with the setup, and in particular making the Memorial Fund coffee cans. Terry McGuire, South Branch Assistant Instructor for Beginners Class, was recruited by Bryan Crownover as Security along with Jr. Master Smith. Angela (Advanced) her son Efren (Beginners) Benitez were there setting up both Friday night and at 7:00 on Sat.

We have many T-Shirts remaining, over 100, which we hope to sell at Belt Test. Hopefully, being a Black-Belt testing cycle we will have many people in attendance and can sell some big numbers -- either at the test or the picnic. Instructors from the outlying branches, you might consider making a bulk purchase to take back to have available for your students and families who didn't make the trip. As before, instead of marking up the original prices to an inflated amount, and thus penalizing those who purchase early, we elected to keep the price just barely over cost -- to cover our expenses and provide the best bargain we could for everyone. In addition to the contest costs (winner received admission to the tournament plus a t-shirt) we had the artwork expense. We need to sell many more at full price before we break even. We had many compliments on Dakota Spruil's winning design, by the way. I hope to have many more contestants with next year's contest. We will start it earlier this year, so keep that in the back of your mind, and be on the look-out for good design ideas and talk it up amongst your students.

Last I wanted to bring everyone up to date on the Memorial Fund efforts. We collected \$118 in the cans for the Choi family expenses and \$13 for the Padrnos/Strong Kids Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
Terese Lewis, KABBA Secretary

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