



KIM'S ACADEMY OF TAEKWONDO BLACKBELT ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

Advancement of Blackbelts

6th Dan – Joan Bahm

5th Dan – Steven Hilburn,
Steven Peschka,
Ali Tarhini, Kraig
Seglem

4th Dan – Bart Grelinger

2nd Dan – Curtis Engelbrecht,
Robert Hsiao,
Mason Mines
Cindy Hawkins
Joyce Koester
Sharon Elwell
Deion Burton,
Kyle Hsiao,
Brett Hawkins
Tate Shelton
Stanley Tran
Robert Swope

1st Dan – Ellen Mines
Lewis May
Glenn Long
Daniel Klima
Jacqueline
Engelbrecht
Mason Gibson
Leslie May
Christian Nguyen

Danbo- Christian Nassif
Antony Trigo
Thaison Ninh
Andrea West
Troy Wiltse
Rebecca Kopper
Jacob Carlo
Daisy Garcia
Austin Nguyen
Justin Elwell –
Eggerberger
Christelle Nassif
Zachary Vilaythong
Julian Kincaid
Tom Quillen
Alec Wiltse
Bryce Griggs
Toby Khovnsavathy
Ethan Ward
Syed Jaffri

Report by Master Steve Hilburn

2010 Kim's Academy Invitational Tournament

The 2010 Kim's Academy of
TaeKwonDo Invitational tournament
was held Saturday March 27th at the
Farha Sports Center. This year the
tournament offered many challenges
largely due to the state of the economy

and a competing event (USA
TaeKwonDo state qualifying
tournament) held in Johnson County.
This year we had 230 registered
competitors. While certainly not our
largest attendance, it was better than
what we expected based on early
registration.

In addition, the number of Kim's
Academy students that competed in both
the Friendship tournament (held in Bel
Aire) and the Invitational tournament
was smaller than expected. This
may indicate a need to adjust the dates
between the Friendship tournament and
the Invitational tournament so that the
former does not become a competitive
canceling effect to the latter. Something
for the KABBA to think about.

The process of tournament preparation
went very well in my opinion. Several
students stepped outside of their comfort
zones and solicited new sponsors or
made the initial contact and offer to
prospective businesses. I certainly
appreciate your efforts and applaud your
successes. I also want to thank both
business and individual sponsors for
their contributions. This greatly helps
Grandmaster Kim and the Kim's
Academy to afford and bear the costs
associated with an event of this
magnitude. Especially, given the
challenges and uncertainty of our current
economic climate.

The tasks required to host a tournament
is essentially the same whether there are
5 or 500 competitors. With the possible
exception of registration, as 5
competitors would be much easier to
manage compared to 500. The planning
began months in advance and was hosted
by the KABBA. Task categories were

identified and assignments made in order to distribute the work load.

The pre-setup scheduled on Friday evening March 26th turned into a surprise event. We were able to perform a lot of the set-up tasks Friday evening because there were no scheduled events that evening at the Farha center. We were able to unload mats and open them up, hang banners, transport tables and chairs from the South YMCA, unload trophies. These are many of the tasks that have to be performed the morning of the tournament. We could have taped down rings if I had brought a tape measure and the mat tape. In any event, what we were able to accomplish Friday evening gave us a great jump on the Saturday morning setup. I would like to thank the Friday evening set-up team for their dedication and efforts. It was a smaller group than in the past but they did a great job getting more accomplished in less time than years past.

The Saturday morning set-up started an hour later (7AM) than last year and because of the efforts Friday evening, finished in an hour and a half. Amazing.

The following people and teams did an outstanding job in getting resources marshaled and working their tasks through to full completion.

Sponsorship banner placement – Master Robert Stankey and Jr. Master Kraig Seglem.

Ring installation and configuration – Ron Hawkins, John Raab, and a very skilled and seasoned team .

T-Shirt booth – Terese Lewis and family.

Referee lunch room – Terese Lewis and team of parents/students. Very good job. We also hosted the lunch for the visiting Grandmasters as well.

Security – Bryan Crownover and team

Registration – Jr. Master Diana Hilburn, Nicole Vanetta, Lisa Moore, Cyndy Mundt. Special recognition to Chelsea Waller for working the registration table and maintaining excellent composure among the chaos. Chelsea also stayed and helped operate a ring. I had not seen her since she trained at the Goddard branch a decade ago.

Admissions – Jr. Master Carl Beck, and Jr. Master Kerry Atchinson.

Head Referee Team – Master Alan Elcrat and Master Ray Gans.

Opening Ceremonies and Master of Ceremonies – Master Bob Cowdery and Master Charlie Weaver.

There are many tasks that emerge and many problems that present themselves for solution during the course of the tournament. No amount of planning will anticipate or prevent. However, planning allows the tasks and problems that tend to become show stoppers or deal breakers to be avoided or mitigated. I am sure that, as always there are many who step up to the occasion, embrace the challenge and generate success from certain failure. I apologize to all that I failed to give specific recognition or credit.

Having made my apologies, I want to recognize a couple of black belts that I felt went above and beyond. Again, this is solely from my perspective and

geographic vantage point throughout the course of the tournament.

When the Derby, Haysville, and Rose Hill branches elected to “go rogue and leave the reservation”, this created a void in certain areas. Typically, Derby had been responsible for equipment sales (less so in the past couple of years), security, and head referee officials. The task for organizing and briefing the local and visiting black belt instructors, coaches, and referees fell to Master Alan Elcrat. Master Elcrat did what I thought was an excellent job in presenting the rules and updates to the rules that created consensus for all that participated. He also functioned as center referee/judge for a ring (#7) while fulfilling the role as tournament head referee. In addition Master Elcrat was present Friday evening and he came to work. He helped unload mats, trophies, gear, and equipment. He was deeply embedded with the team tasked to extract tables and chairs from the South YMCA and transport to the Farha center and unload. And, certainly beyond my expectation of a senior ranking black belt, he stayed after the tournament and loaded mats onto the trailer, hauled gear and equipment to waiting trucks, and transported the tables and chairs back to the South YMCA and stored them away for our use next year. I was impressed then and I still am now. Kamsa Hamni Da.

Another black belt that I felt went above and beyond was Craig Mundt (3rd Dan). While judging in ring #6, I looked over to ring #7 (between matches) and noticed Craig serving as a ring judge and as a center referee. Earlier, he had competed in forms and earned a silver medal. During sparing, I look over and see him geared up and sparing. Then I

started thinking, Craig was present at all the KABBA meetings that focused on the planning of the tournament, he was present Friday evening during pre-setup. He helped unload mats, trophies, gear, and equipment. He was deeply embedded with the team tasked to extract tables and chairs from the South YMCA and transport to the Farha center and unload. Saturday morning during setup he served on one of the two ring mat teams. Saturday evening during tear down and cleanup he loaded mats onto the trailer, hauled gear and equipment to waiting trucks, and transported the tables and chairs back to the South YMCA. What a full day load. I’m impressed and appreciative of the effort and sacrifice that he made.

Thank you again to everyone that made this year’s tournament a success.

Derby, Haysville, Rose Hill Branches

I already mentioned the effect that this decision had on our tournament. However, I was surprised that the impact was actually minor, at least from my perspective.

There are many emotions in play when something on this order occurs. I can’t begin to understand the logic that went into this decision.

It must be tough operating a TaeKwonDo school with only three of the five Tenets of TaeKwonDo.

April Belt Promotion Test

The April belt promotion test on Saturday April 24th was a small test group, but it compensated by using all the allotted time for a typically much larger groups and then some. It looked to be the typical mixture of colored belts,

where some came very prepared and others just came.

I always enjoy watching the black belt tests from red belt black tip (promoting to Danbo) and up. It is interesting to see the point where consistency and synchronization starts to show. No single group is perfect, but there is a definite improvement (present company excepted) that is evident between the levels.

My greatest disappointment was that I had to bring home so much chili.

Congratulations to everyone that sacrificed and trained hard to prepare for your promotion. Only you know if the result was proportional to the investment that you made.

Spring Self-Defense Seminar @ Goddard Middle Schools

This past Friday April 30th, four black belts from Kim's Academy sacrificed their Friday and donated their time to teach 5 classes in basic TaeKwonDo and self-defense. Each semester for the past 10 years, Kim's Academy has been teaching these classes/seminars for both the Robert Goddard Middle School and the Eisenhower Middle School.

I have always enjoyed these sessions and it is great to watch the girls get excited and involved in their personal self-defense. For them it is a fun diversion from typical gym but at the same time it forces them to think about how they would react when faced with an attacker.

The team that worked the Eisenhower Middle School had unique challenges this year. Overnight, someone had broken into the girls locker room and vandalized lockers and contents. This

forced the girls to kick and practice self-defense in their street clothes. Certainly made it more realistic. My partner, Caroline Park (3rd Dan) had 3 wisdom teeth removed on Thursday. She arrived with a very swollen jaw, stayed the full day through all 5 classes. By the end of the day, her jaw was even more swollen and turning black and blue.

Next Fall semester, the boys P.E. coach has asked us to add a session for the boys as well. This class would be much more kicking, blocking, controlled sparing. No self-defense. Don't want to give them an excuse to play "touch me" games. The objective is to drive them hard and send them to the locker room wet.

I want to recognize and thank the following black belts that helped to make this event a success.

Master Dwayne Wentworth
Jr. Master Steve Hilburn
Cyndy Mundt (3rd Dan)
Caroline Park (3rd Dan)

Kamsa Hamni Da

Master Steve Hilburn

KABBA – Calling all new Black Belts!

Have you ever wondered how the Kim's Academy Invitational Tournament comes together so easily or who brings in all the boards for testing? How many times have you drank a soda at the April or October picnic and not given a second thought to how it got there? These things, and many others, wouldn't be possible without

dedicated Kim's Academy black belts. Every black belt has the chance to help by joining Kim's Academy Black Belt Association (KABBA).

KABBA membership is open to all black belts from any Kim's Academy school. By joining, and paying your \$20 yearly membership, you are showing support for Grandmaster Kim, Kim's Academy, and your fellow black belts. Danbos receive a complimentary membership for 6 months after your test so now is the perfect time to get involved and embrace your new responsibility as a blackbelt.

KABBA plans yearly Kim's Academy events including tests, picnics, Christmas party, and the Invitational tournament, as well as demos throughout the year. They also help facilitate renovations around the dojang. The next KABBA meeting is Saturday, May 15 at 12:15pm at Kim's Academy Main School. More information will be available for new members at the meeting, and is also available on the website at www.kimsacademy.net, click KABBA at the top of the page.

Annual dues are collected in October through December for the following year. Contact any officer to become a KABBA member, and pay your dues.

President Alicia Looney
Vice President Nicole VanNatta
Secretary Terese Lewis
Treasurer Jessica Mallard

Or contact KABBA by email:
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Report by Master Bonnie Bowman

Jackson Elementary Demo

I had the pleasure of leading Robert Stankey, Janice Meinhardt, Cindy Mundt, Ted Ibarra, Ron Hawkins and Sharon E. at Jackson Elementary on Thursday May 6. The students were enjoying a reward for surviving state testing and had the chance to choose from several activities. We had about sixty students in three sessions and after showing some of our skills we encouraged the kids to try their skills in board breaking and kicking. I think we had about as much fun as the kids. They were really interested in what we were doing and enthusiastic about joining in. Some may have been a little to excited, just ask Ted about his hand.

We even had one student who wanted to sign up for class. So hopefully Ken Louis will soon have a new student.

Master Bonnie Bowman

News from the Dojangs

Great Bend Dojang – Master Joe Felke

Report by David Weller

Here is the news from the Great Bend Dojang...

The black belt test went quite well!!
Thanks are always in order for the fine folks who make things run so smoothly, cook such great food, and make the Dojang smell absolutely

delectable during the tests.. My only complaint is the stomach rumblings I have when the odor of the Korean Beef wafts in ... yummmmmmmmmmm!
From the looks of things, we'll be needing to find Master Kim some bleacher seating for all the masters that will be sitting with him!!

Master Felke had three students who tested for blackbelt. They are also students of Master Manweiler but have been coming to the great bend school for some additional training. Joyce, Tate and Daniel, you all did a fabulous job!!!

Now as blackbelts you need to start contributing to the newsletter!!!!

I was very impressed with the Masters test, and was honored to hold boards for them... They all did a great job, and give pride to the people they train with as well as their instructors. Good job!!!!!!
Thankfully I will not have to subject myself to that stress for many years... :-)

Important Class Times announcement for the Great Bend School (If the webmaster reads this, kindly update our schools page... THANKS!!)

Class time	Day	instructor
7:00 - 7:30	Monday	David Yager, 3rd dan
7:00 - 7:30	Tuesday	Master Joe Felke, 6th Dan
6:00 - 6:45	Thursday	QiGong Class (8 Brocades of Silk, and 18 Style QiGong) , Jr. Master Dave Weller 4th Dan
7:00 - 8:30	Thursday	Jr. Master Dave Weller, 4th Dan (this class goes to 8:30 whenever the instructor is in the mood and has the right students there)

7:00 - 8:30 Friday Master Joe Felke (this class goes until 8:30 no matter what!!)
Class fees are 25.00 per month for all the classes you can stand. This is a bargain, no matter how you calculate it!!!
Master Felke has been teaching for 30 Years.
I have been teaching for about 12 years. Mr. Yager has several years teaching, mostly in the military.
Another of Master Felke's Black Belt students teaches a TKD class at the local junior college. David Keil, 2nd Dan, does a great job for the college and he always has his final exams at Master Felke's Dojang. Gives us a chance to frighten some college students!!!

We invite ANY Kim's academy student from ANY branch to come and train with us!!! There will of course be no charge and we promise a good, sweaty workout. We might even work some adult beverages into the post training cool down!!

That's all for now,

Dave Weller

El Dorado Branch – Master George Walters, Instructor

I'd like to congratulate everyone who promoted at the last test including our first female 6th Dan. It's about time Joan! :)

We are doing very well at maintaining our class size. We currently have about 25-30 students in 4 classes. The largest is Monday at 6-7 PM where we have 21 students and 11 of the students are

related to one family. We promoted 15 people at the last test. Yellow Benny and Colby Jackson plus Steve Winzer, Yellow Green tip Glory and Hope Winzer and Phillip Duncan, Green Charity Winzer and Lindsey Nichols, Green Blue Tip Laurie Winzer, Blue Tip Cody, Candy, and Caleb Crawford, Red Belt Anna Solis, and Red Belt Yellow tip Logan and Tristen Rogers.

Anna Solis will be going to Orlando for Junior Olympics.

We intend to continue to teach through the summer without a break but usually the Y schedules some maintenance of the room so that may change. Also if our class gets much larger we may need to change rooms. Four rows is about all we can handle in the studio. We may have to go back to the gym.

Master George Walters
El Dorado Y

Photos by Kerry Atchison



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