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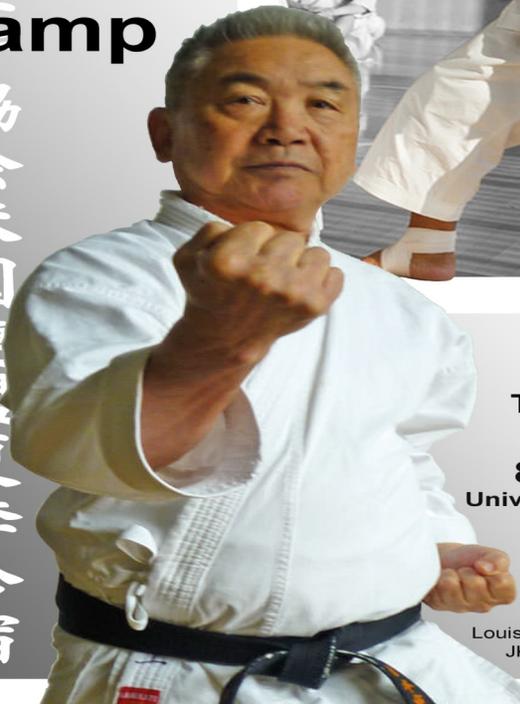
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2017 JKA/AF Summer Camp



Summer Camp

日本空手協会米国連盟夏季合宿



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Key dates of Interest

- April 22, USA JKA Team Trials—Boston, Ma
- June 8-11, Summer Camp—Sensei Imura
- June 28-July 1 AAU Nationals Raleigh North Carolina
- August 4-6 Lafayette Training Camp
- Aug 16-20 JKA World Championships – Ireland
- Sept. 30 ULL Collegiate tournament
- Nov 10-12 JKA AF Nationals

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The JKA AF is excited to announce that Sensei Imura Takenori from Japan will be our guest instructor. Sensei Imura is 8th Dan and Vice General Manager of Technical Division. We are looking for strong support. All proceeds from the camp after expenses will assist the Team Travel to 2017 World Championships in Ireland.

- 6th Shoto World Cup Karate Championship Tournament (Osaka, 1996) 1st Place Group *Kata*
- 5th Shoto World Cup Karate Championship Tournament (Philadelphia, 1994) 1st Place *Kata*
- 4th Shoto World Cup Karate Championship Tournament (Tokyo, 1992) 2nd Place *Kata*
- 2nd Shoto World Cup Karate Championship Tournament (Brisbane, 1987) 1st Place *Kata*/Group *Kata*





Winter Training Camp—Greenville, Mississippi

The Greenville YMCA Karate Club hosted the 2017 All South Winter Training Camp March 10, 2017. Greenville instructor Sam Franklin organized the event with local support from instructors Charles Henderson and Stephen Davenport. Chief Instructor of the JKA/AF Takayuki Mikami lead all training sessions. Sensei Mikami started each session with basic kihon leading into combinations. Several Sessions were used for Kata training. Sensei Mikami spent time explaining some of the principles and applications of the Kata training. It was explained that Kankudai was one of Master Funakoshi's favorite Katas. We performed Kankudi many times and reviewed its techniques and applications. Timing drills were also performed to develop kumite skills.

A special thank you to Sensei Mikami and the Greenville YMCA Karate Club for putting on a successful event.



Jimmy Blanns Five State Championship Results

Sensei Jimmy and Vick Blann hosted "Jimmy Blann's Five State Championships" March 4, 2017. Top regional USA NKF competitors competed in this event. The event was well organized with quality competition in all events. Several students went to Memphis Tn, to compete in this event. Rachel Kattawar took Gold in the Adult Female Kata. Cathy Jarushi took third in Adult female kata. Garrett Griffin took silver and bronze in advanced youth 9-10 year olds. Abdullah Jarushi took second in Men's Black Belt Kata and third in Men's Black Belt Kumite. The event was a good experience for our competitors, and they represented our organization favorably. The USANKF is currently the representing body in the United States affiliated with the WKF (WORLD KARATE FEDERATION). The WKF is charged with Karate entry into the 2020 Olympics.





2017 ALL SOUTH Championships

Judges' Corner By Kyriakos Papadopoulos Rokudan, Grade A official

Saying “Yame!” too early or too late can lead to the wrong and unfair outcome for sparring matches, and even to otherwise preventable injuries to the contestants.

In our JKA one-point matches, many times, and especially at higher competition levels, the competitors are waiting for the right time to initiate action. We see them strategizing, feigning, inviting their opponent to make a move, trying to create for themselves the best scenario to execute an effective technique. When action does take place, unless the first technique is effective and the judges call it, it is usually followed by a few more – even several – techniques by the initiator and/or by his or her opponent. If such continuous action does not take place, i.e., if the exchanges of techniques by the two contestants does not continue, the reason is many times found in the head judge’s calling “Yame!” too early, thus not allowing the competitors to use their techniques. This becomes too obvious when the competitors action has too much momentum to stop, the corner judges throw flags for a point scored, but after a judges conference it is announced that the technique took place after the head judge called “Yame!” So, the point is that the head judge should not be too impetuous in calling “Yame!” right after there was a first technique that might or might not have scored.

On totally different instances, dangerous action is initiated with the contestants grappling or exchanging techniques at a distance that is too close for points to be scored. In such instances, mostly encountered at lower-rank or lower-level matches, failure to call “Yame!” early enough can lead to accident.

And now the most important thing for this Judge’s Corner: we will be successful in raising our organization’s level of judging if more people offer their opinions and exchange ideas. So, please feel free to send Jerry-sensei your views, rebutting or reinforcing what has already appeared in this column, as well as your ideas on what you think are important tournament-judging issues for JKA AF to address.

All South—March 25, 2017 . The Annual All South Tournament hosted by the Louisiana Karate Association is one of the oldest running tournaments in the South. Once again Sensei Mikami and the LKA hosted a successful event. The competitors competed at a high level and displayed strong spirit. Sensei throughout the tournament offered invaluable information and teachings for both competitors and officials.



Ray Semana takes the Womens Kumite Division.



Damien Boldt took top honors as this year’s 2017 Grand Champion by defeating lightweight champion Abdullah Jarushi.





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Dear JKA AF instructors and karate friends,

As seen in the newsletter (attached), and as it was announced at the All-South, this year, our **June 8-11** National Camp's revenue (after expenses) will be dedicated to the US Team members representing us at the JKA Funakoshi Cup (Shotocup), August 18-20, in Ireland. This should provide an additional incentive for JKA AF members to promote this camp. Regarding the visiting instructor, Imura-sensei, I have taken several classes from him in my visits to JKA Honbu in Tokyo. Besides being impressive in demonstrating and applying technique, he also has a very pleasant and effective way of teaching and imparting knowledge on JKA-karate technique. And he is currently the second-most-senior instructor at the JKA headquarters <http://jka.or.jp/en/about/instructors-2.html>. Whether high-ranking karateka or beginners, I think that everyone who attends this camp will benefit greatly. Besides the technical part, the JKA AF National Camp – together with our National Championships – is the yearly event for all of us to get together and for our students to get acquainted with JKA AF and its members beyond the confines of our dojos and regions.

So, may I encourage all JKA AF instructors to please help publicize our camp via your social media so that karate people even outside JKA AF may also partake? One thing we could do is start inviting FB friends to the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1833389670258836/>

And please make an effort to bring as many of your students, primarily for their benefit, but also for helping to **support our Shotocup team**.

OSS!
Kyriakos
JKAAF Treasurer

DOJO Spotlight - Shreveport Karate Club by Glenn Taylor

Just a bunch of old dudes and, not so old, dudettes enjoying life, staying alive and still practicing karate. We are the Shreveport Karate Club (SKC).



Started in 1962 by Sensei Billy Golden (deceased) the SKC has endured through time. Our average age is 62, and we are still going strong like the energizer bunny. Training starts with jumping jacks, stretching, push ups and sit ups.



Then, on to kihon, just to keep our heart

rate up and to perfect our techniques. This is followed by Kata and jiu ippon kumite. We seldom practice jiu kumite anymore because none of us want to fight those young, faster than greased lightning karateka who are competition stars. However, we do highly respect those competitors and enjoy watching them do what they do. The old masters who started practicing karate in Okinawa were developing techniques practical for use in their world, their day and time. We, in the SKC, practice those same techniques but we strive to apply them for use in modern times.



Sensei Mikami has said many times that there are two ways to practice karate. Sport karate where one practices for com-

petition and karate where one practices for health, physical fitness and self defense. Both are important but both are not for everyone.



While we are a small group today, in the past the Shreveport Karate Club has had satellite clubs in Marshall, Texas; Nacogdoches, Texas; Minden, Louisiana; the Shreveport YMCA; Bossier City, Louisiana; Natchitoches, Louisiana and Mautelle, Arkansas. Today, we are one small club practicing our art and enjoying what we do. Don't be deceived, we work hard, we sweat, we are serious about our karate and we will be here. If you are ever in our area, we expect you to come train with us.