

# THE OKAMI KAI HOWLER



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## Sat. Dec. 16

### Christmas Grading

*There will be only one grading at 9:30am.* White and yellow belt students will be given a letter from Sensei informing them when they have been put on the grading list. **Orange and higher belt students wishing to grade should submit a request to grade form A.S.A.P.** All grading fees must be submitted by December 12 in order for any student to be graded. We strongly recommend that any student posted on the grading list attend classes as often as possible in order to ensure a positive grading experience. *There will be no regular classes on this day.*

### Christmas Party – 7pm

This should be an excellent way to celebrate with all the students who will be graded to their next belt level but is by no means just for them. Everyone and anyone is welcome! This will be a potluck dinner and dance. Be sure to put your name on the sign up list with the number of people that will be attending as well as the food dish that will be brought to the party. Admission is an unwrapped toy that can be given to a needy child. Sensei is also looking for volunteers to help decorate the hall, organize the kitchen, and take down after the party is over. Be sure to also bring lots of money to pay for raffle tickets during the evening as there will be lots of prizes with all proceeds going to OPERATION: JAPAN.



## Do You Have The Right Book?

By the end of December all Karate students should be using the orange student handbooks (the second edition). Please request yours from Sensei if you have not received one yet. The first book is free. There is a \$10 replacement fee for anyone wishing another copy.

## “Blast” Class 2006

As we do every year, we will be shutting down for the Christmas holidays. Our last class on **Thurs. Dec. 21 at 8pm** will be our annual Christmas Workout. Sensei will be leading a class consisting of nothing but aerobics, strength training, and flexibility exercises. This class is open to all belt levels and ages. **There will be no children’s class that night.** We will then resume our class schedule on Tuesday January 2.

## Brown And Black Belt Classes At HBK

All Brown and Black Belts at Okami Kai have an open invitation to train at Hiryu Bushido Kai Martial Arts and Wellness Centre in Port Perry on the second Monday of each month for their Brown and Black Belt classes at 8pm.

Due to us being shut down on New Year’s Day, there will be no Brown and Black belt class here on Jan.1. Instead, we will be joining HBK for their class on **Jan. 8 at 8pm**. Please let Sensei know if you need a ride or are willing to provide one for those who do.

## “Warm Heart Attack”

Campsall Sensei is currently organizing a group that will accompany him to Toronto on **Fri. Dec. 22** to give out sleeping bags and warm drinks to some of the city’s homeless population. Please let him know if you would like to help him by joining him, donating money, or lending some other kind of support towards the cause.

## Kamakura Information

Okami Kai students are invited to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Hachiman Shrine. The trip is tentatively planned for May 13-June 2, 2007. We are hoping that 9<sup>th</sup> degree Aikido Black Belt Terada Kiyoyuki, Hanshi will be teaching.

Terada Hanshi, was born on March 20, 1922 in Nagasaki, Kyushu, Japan. Throughout his youth he studied several martial arts including Kendo, Karate, Sumo and Jujutsu. In 1937 at age 15 he won a Judo championship and received an award for best Judo practitioner of the year. In 1941 he entered Shidojuku University where he met Gozo Shioda founder of Yoshinkan Aikido.

Terada Hanshi moved to Tokyo at the age of 26, where he began training directly Ueshiba Morehei, O'Sensei and Ueshiba Kisshomaru Doshu at the Aikikai Hombu Dojo.

Terada Hanshi co-founded Yoshinkan Aikido with Gozo Shioda, in 1955. In 1990, Terada Hanshi received his 9th degree from Gozo Shioda Sensei. On June 18th, 2002 he received the title of Hanshi to Yoshinkan Aikido. He is currently the most senior Yoshinkan Aikido practitioner in the world today.

Terada Hanshi currently serves as the president of National Yoshinkan Renmei and the president of Aikido Yoshinkan Seiseikai.



## We Need Zehrs Tapes!

*With the Christmas season upon us, many will no doubt be making purchases at Uxbridge's only grocery store. Please remember that the OK Event Fund would like your receipts from even the smallest of purchases. All tapes can be placed in the drop off box located on the juice bar at the front of the gym.*

## Mark Your Calendar!

*For more information visit [www.okamikai.com](http://www.okamikai.com)!*

- Dec. 3 – On Guard Baton Course
- Dec. 4 – Knock Out Hunger Night 8 (no 5:30 class)
- Dec.15 – Demo Team Practice
- Dec. 16 – Christmas Grading and Party
- Dec. 18 – OK Event Fund Meeting
- Dec.21 – “Blast” Class (one all ages class at 8pm)
- Dec.22 – “Warm Heart Attack!”
- Jan. 2, 2007 – Classes Resume
- Jan.8 – Brown and Black Belt Class at HBK
- Feb. 24-25, 2007 – On Guard CDT Course

## Wolf Pack Report

Red Pack 997 points

Blue Pack Congratulations to Savannah Yule who was chosen as Ichiban for this month!

487 points

Green Pack 402 points

Yellow Pack 211 points

## Don't Forget Us At Christmas

We have lots of gift ideas for the special martial artist on your list this year. Talk to Sensei for some thoughts on stocking stuffers and larger presents that you may not be aware of that could be a great “HIT”.

We also have special holiday gift certificates that can be made for the denomination that suits you best. Ask about our Karate Start Up coupons too. What better gift than something that could change a person's life forever?



Congratulations to  
**Derek Wigglesworth!**

He won a free private class by clicking on the registration link on [okamikai.com](http://okamikai.com)!