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Big Martial Arts Events Happening In May!

Sensei is teaching at both of these amazing events happening in May. Some details are listed with more information to follow. Anyone interested should look into the mentioned websites below as well as check into www.okamikai.com where much of the pertinent information will also be provided.



Mixed Martial Arts Expo: May 13 & 14

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Hall, 255 Front St. W.

Over 65 martial arts instructors teach inside 70, 000 square feet of space on 16 padded mat areas. 200 seminars on such martial arts as Aikido, Karate, Jiu-Jitsu, Kung Fu, Tae Kwon Do, weapons, and more. Participants may register for the entire weekend of training or for one day. Spectators will also not be disappointed as there is plenty to see just by walking the trade show floor which surrounds the training area.

Visit the official website at www.mixedmartialartsexpo.com

World Kobudo Convention: May 19 - 22

Palais Des Congres, Hull Quebec.

Join participants from over 30 countries as the World Kobudo Federation pulls out all the stops for this incredible event that has not happened in Canada since 1999 when it took place in Quebec City. See instructors like Kyoshi Saily who visited us in February. Kyoshi Kevin Blok who taught at Warrior Weekend will also be there. Parents can leave their children while they tour the beautiful Ottawa region knowing their children are having a great time training with some of the best instructors in the world!

Visit the official website at www.worldkobudo.info/convention



Meetings, Practices, & Classes

Mon. Mar. 6 at 8pm – Brown Belt Class
Fri. Mar. 17 at 7pm – Demo Team Practice
Mon. Mar. 20 at 8pm – OK Event Fund Meeting
Mon. Mar. 27 at 8pm – Iaido - \$10 per person

Spring Grading

Our next all kyu belt grading will take place at our Uxbridge dojo on **March 25 at 9:30am**. All students who are orange belt or higher and wishing to grade should fill out a request to grade form and hand it in to our office no later than March 14. All payments should be in by March 21. White and yellow belts will be given a letter from Sensei telling them when they are ready to be tested.

There will be no regular classes on this day.

HBK Anniversary Party

Port Perry will be the place to be on the evening of **Saturday**

April 8 as Hiryu Bushido Kai

Celebrates it's club anniversary.



This year Okami Kai will take up a large part of the focus of the get together as our two first ever black belt nominations will hopefully be celebrating their new promotions to the Shodan (first degree) level. This will be an excellent opportunity to give a pat on the back to Senpai Dave Boudreau and Senpai Garrett Clifford. It would be helpful if you can let Sensei know that you will be attending so we know how many people to expect. Details as to time and place will be on okamikai.com and April's Howler.

MS Walk-A-Thon

Okami Kai is once again recruiting a team for this year's walk happening on Sun. Apr. 23. We were the top fundraising Team in Uxbridge last year by raising \$5352.25 for the cause.



We would like to break that record this year and prove once again how much our little Karate club cares about the community.

Wolf Pack members should note that as we have in the past two years, any person who registers for the walk will be given 100 points for their pack. They will then be given an additional 50 points for every person they can convince to walk with them. Plus, anyone who beats Sensei's total will be given a point for each dollar over and above his amount. Full pledge sheets should also be shown to Sensei as he will match points for dollars on each full sheet too. This is a great opportunity to make some changes to this year's scores. Red Pack should definitely think about making an effort for this event.

Don't forget that the person who beats Sensei by the highest amount will become Ichiban for the month of May. This includes adults!

If you would like to be a sponsor or a member of Team Okami Kai at the walk-a-thon you can visit the official website at

www.supercitieswalk.com

Or, visit Sensei' personal support page at

<https://msors.mssociety.ca/WALK2006/Sponsor.aspx?&PID=804182&L=2>

Dress Down Days!

Okami Kai will have our first ever Dress Down Days on **Sat. Mar. 18 and Sat. Apr. 22**. Students do not have to wear their uniforms on this day providing they bring \$2 for each class they attend. All money will be added to the team total and donated to the M.S. Society. All regular weapons fees are still required. **This is an optional event. No student should feel that they have to supply the extra fee or not be able to wear their gi.**

*“Kino wa ware kyo wa katsu beshi.”
“The Person I was yesterday, I must beat today.”*

- Yagyū Kaken

Wolf Pack Report

Green Pack Congratulations to Brad Woods who was chosen as Ichiban for this month! Seth Harvey received 100 points for registering for the MS Walk-A-Thon. He also received 150 points for encouraging his mom and two sisters to join him. This moved this Pack into first place!
2637 points

Blue Pack **2349 points**

Yellow Pack Congratulations to Soupai Rob Rilling for submitting a straight A report card!
1092 points

Red Pack Welcome Hayley McQueen, and Kieran Yee! Terran Comer gets 100 points for bringing Kieran in. He will also receive a \$50 discount on his annual renewal if Kieran signs up for a year membership!
584points



Be the best at your grading!
PRIVATE CLASSES ARE AVAILABLE!
Book yours today!

Compliment That Spring/Summer Wardrobe!

We have a variety of Okami Kai merchandise ranging from T-shirts, sweatshirts, baseball caps, and ladies tank tops. Show your club pride and look fashionable at the same time!

Summer Plans

With the cold weather, it sure is nice to think about summer. Please keep these dates in mind while working out details for your summer holidays...

Karate Day Camp – Week of July 11-15. Sensei as well as other black belts will be teaching kids 6 years and older in the mornings. Afternoon activities will include swimming and archery.

Warrior Weekend – Aug. 18-20. The video trailer on okamikai.com says it all! Don't miss out on this fantastic weekend!