

SKIF-USA Newsletter

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SKIF-USA NATIONAL KARATE TOURNAMENT

September 22, 2005 signaled the beginning of three days of training, competition and fun! I'm talking about the SKIF-USA National Open Karate Tournament of course. The three day event started with a general training seminar on Thursday and a Judges/Referee Clinic on Friday. Both were conducted by Murakami Sensei and enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Saturday, September 24 was the big day! This year's tournament brought 75 competitors and visitors from 12 states (California, Hawaii, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Mississippi, New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maine, Florida, and New Mexico). The ages of our competitors were as varied as the states they came from. The youngest was age 7 and the oldest was age 60! We saw wonderful performances from all age groups. But my favorite is always the Youth Division. Their spirit and enthusiasm is contagious!

This tournament was also used to pick members of the National Team, Senior Division (age 18-39). As many know, the 9th SKIF World

Championships will be held in Tokyo Japan in 2006. What many people may not know is, the facility being used is the same one where Kancho won his first tournament in 1952! For this special event, SKIF-USA would like to attend with the largest team we have ever sent to the World Championships. With the attendance at this tournament and interest expressed from the Youth (under age 17) and Veterans (40 plus), we should a very nice team representing SKIF-USA!

The Tournament Committee (Glenna & Glenn Burluson, Chris Johnson, and Lynda Crimmins) would like to thank the following groups:

To all of the volunteers for your willingness to give of your time and expertise to help with judging and the multitude of behind the scenes tasks necessary to run a tournament.

To the parents and guests who attended to support their children, spouses, and friends with their karate endeavors.

Finally, to all of the competitors, who are the heart and soul of any event!

Thanks to everyone who

made our recent tournament such a success! We look forward to seeing old friends and new acquaintances at the next SKIF-USA event.

Lynda Crimmins

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Igor Dyachenko
Men's Kumite
Grand Champion



SKIF-USA OPEN NATIONAL TOURNAMENT SEPTEMBER 25, 2005

YOUTH KATA

Individual

Kyu levels Age 7 to 9

1. Harrison Pham: Rochester Shotokan
2. Monroe Maher: Peak Performance
3. Joseph Medrano: Shockness Shotokan

Kyu levels and Shodan Age 11 to 14

1. Megan Tshida: Central MN Karate Brainerd
2. Bryan Dandeneau: Rochester Shotokan
3. Shawn Youngblood: Shockness Shotokan

Kyu levels Age 15 to 17

1. Angela Shockness: Shockness Shotokan
2. Allana Marshik: Peak Performance
3. Kevin Kubik: Peak Performance

Team

1. Allana Marshik: Peak Performance
Ryan Volna
Erica Visness
2. Jordan Hoffman: Central MN Karate Brainerd
Toni Terwilliger
Megan Tschida
3. Vincent Liang: Rochester Shotokan
Harrison Pham
Bryan Dandeneau

KUMITE

Individual

9 – 8 Kyu Age 7 - 9

1. Joseph Medrano: Shockness Shotokan
2. Idalis Williams: Shockness Shotokan
3. Michael Maher: Peak Performance
Monroe Maher: Peak Performance

7 – 1 Kyu Age 7 - 9

1. Harrison Pham: Rochester Shotokan
2. David Thelen: Peak Performance
3. Connor Thies: Peak Performance
Matthew Majerie: Central MN Karate Brainerd

Age 11- 14

1. Shawn Youngblood: Shockness Shotokan
2. Max Maher: Peak Performance
3. Sarah Alvarado: Shockness Shotokan
Ciara Pritschet: Central MN Karate Brainerd

Age 15 – 17

1. George Vuoung: Shockness Shotokan
2. Carlo Yang: Shockness Shotokan
3. Ryan Volna: Peak Performance
Vincent Liang: Rochester Shotokan

SENIOR

KATA

Individual

10 – 6 Kyu

1. Adam McLearn: Shockness Shotokan
2. Amy McCaskie: MSU Shotokan Club
3. Natalie Roberts: MSU Shotokan Club

5 – 1 Kyu

1. Anthony Lapiana: Rochester Shotokan
2. Pallavi Mittal: Rochester Shotokan
3. Anthony Vorderbruggen: Central MN Karate

Black Belt Women

1. Jennifer Kiel: Central MN Karate
2. Michele Farwell: Maine Shotokan Karate
3. Lisa Mazzochi: Rochester Shotokan

Black Belt Men

1. Clayton Morton: Peak Performance
2. Igor Dyachenko: D-Dojo
3. Richard Theis: Central MN Karate

Team

1. Josh Theis: Central MN Karate
Steven Theis
Richard Theis
2. Alexander Vapirev: Rochester
Clifford Russel
Chris Lapiana
3. Richard Rohfling: MSU Shotokan
Amy McCaskie
Natalie Roberts

KUMITE

Individual

10 – 7 Kyu Women

1. Natalie Roberts: MSU Shotokan Club
2. Colleen Noonan: Shockness Shotokan
3. Amy McCaskie: MSU Shotokan Club

5 Kyu – Black Belt Women

1. Jennifer Kiel: Central MN karate
2. Fayne Paulson: Shockness Shotokan
3. Lisa Mazzochi: Rochester Shotokan
Pallavi Mittal: Rochester Shotokan

Kyu levels Men

1. Pedro Perez: Shockness Shotokan
2. Adam McLearn: Shockness Shotokan
3. Anthony Lapiana: Rochester Shotokan

Black Belt Men 144 – 165 lbs

1. Chris Lapiana: Rochester Shotokan
2. Richard Theis: Central MN Karate

Black Belt Men 166 – up lbs

1. Igor Dyachenko: D-Dojo
2. Carlton Blackman: Shockness Shotokan
3. Steven Theis: Cental MN Shotokan
Jose Perez: Shockness Shotokan

Grand Championship Men

1. Igor Dyachenko: D-Dojo
2. Carlton Blackman: Shockness Shotokan
3. Chris Lapiana: Rochester Shotokan

**VETERAN
KATA**

Age 40 – 49

1. Jimmy Wong: SKIF-Miami
2. Ali Arsanjani: Fairfield Shotokan Keiko
3. Wayne Shockness: Shockness Shotokan

Age 50 – up

1. Mike Cook: Maine Shotokan Karate
2. Paul Nakanishi: Peak Performance

KUMITE

Black Belt Women Age 40 – 49

1. Alison Chakoumakos: Rocky Mountain Shotokan
2. Shannon Blanchard: Rocheste Shotokan

Black Belt Men Age 40 – 49

1. Ahcene Briguene: U.S.K.A.
2. Wayne Shockness: Shockness Shotokan
3. Steven Warren: Rochester Shotokan
Clifford Russell: Rochester Shotokan



Black Belt Men Kumite 166-up
1st: Igor Dyachenko; 2nd: Charlton Blackman
3rd: Steven Theis, Jose Perez



Veteran Black Belt Men Kumite
1st: Ahcene Briguene; 2nd: Wayne Shockness; 3rd: Steven Warren and Clifford Russell



Senior Black Belt Women Kata
1st: Jennifer Kiel; 2nd Michele Farwell
3rd: Lisa Mazzochi

Youth Kyu Level Kata

- 1st: Harrison Pham; 2nd: Monroe Maher; 3rd: Joseph Medrano



Youth Team Kata

- 1st: Peak Performance; 2nd: Central MN Karate-Brainard
- 3rd: Rochester Shotokan



Kumite: Kyu Levels Men
1st: Pedro Perez; 2nd: Adam McLearn;
3rd: Anthony Lapiana

Thank you to all who participated, officiated, sponsored, hosted and volunteered to make this tournament a success.



SKIF-USA National Team

Women

Individual Kata

1. Michele Farwell: Maine Shotokan Karate
2. Lisa Mazzochi: Rochester Shotokan
3. Open
4. Open

Team Kata

1. Open

Individual Kumite

Less than 132 lbs

1. Lisa Mazzochi: Rochester Shotokan
2. Open

132 lbs and greater

1. Open
2. Open

Team Kumite

1. Open

Individual Kumite

Less than 143 lbs

1. Open
2. Open

143 to 164 lbs

1. Chris Lapiana: Rochester Shotokan
2. Open

165 lbs and up

1. Igor Dyachenko: D-Dojo
2. Carlton Blackman: Shockness Shotokan

Team Kumite

1. Open

Kata Team (over 150 years with three)

1. Open

Yakusoku Kumite

1. Open

Anyone wishing to try out for open positions on the SKIF-USA National Team should contact SKIF-USA Headquarters. There is no limit for participants who are less than 18 years of age or who are more than 39 years of age, therefore all SKIF-USA members of these ages may participate and therefore there is no need for try outs for these groups. Plans are being made for team training in April 2006.

Men

Individual Kata

1. Clayton Morton: Peak Performance
 2. Igor Dyachenko: D-Dojo
 3. Chris Lapiana: Rochester Shotokan
 4. Open
- Alternate Alexander Vapirev: Rochester Shotokan

Team Kata

- Open

FROM OUR GENERAL SECRETARY



Dear Members,

Overall, 2005 has been a good year for SKIF-USA. We had the privilege of having Kancho Kanazawa visit the United States to conduct training seminars in March and again in June. We also had Murakami Sensei visit to conduct seminars in March and again in September, for our National Tournament in Minnesota. Our recent SKIF-USA National Tournament was a huge success, with good participation from around the nation and strong competitors in all divisions. Again, I want to thank the organizers and all of those who participated in our National Tournament!

During 2005, Kancho Kanazawa also returned to the Ozawa Cup Tournament in Las Vegas in March, where he taught an excellent seminar that was well attended by SKIF members and other karateka. Additionally, Kancho, Murakami Sensei, Nobuaki Kanazawa Sensei, and Paul Walker Sensei, produced a new series of

outstanding karate-do training DVDs with Rising Sun Productions, in Los Angeles, California. These DVDs are now available from SKIF-USA, and they should be very helpful to all SKIF members.

As we look ahead to 2006 there is much to be excited about within SKIF-USA. The SKIF World Tournament will be held in November 2006 in Tokyo Japan, at the same gymnasium where Kancho Kanazawa won the First All Japan Karate Championships in 1957. The World Tournament will present a good opportunity for SKIF-USA members to travel to Japan for the special training seminars that will be held and to see top level competition, as well as to meet other SKIF members from around the world. We also have the makings of a very strong SKIF-USA national team, which will be competing at the world tournament. Based on the results of our recent SKIF-USA National Tournament and team selection process, we have some excellent new competitors who we hope will be able to compete in Japan next year.

SKIF-USA is also planning to have a team training and qualifying event in late April 2006, to help prepare the team and to fill any open positions. I will be acting as team coach, but I am counting on the SKIF-USA Technical Committee and each of the team members to help in the preparation for the World Tournament.

Kancho Kanazawa will again be touring the United States during June 2006. We are now in the process of accepting hosting requests for his tour. Our SKIF-USA Board of Directors will select appropriate locations from among the requests received, and we will make every effort to give SKIF-USA members in each region an opportunity to train under Kancho without having to travel across the country.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not mention that the world has faced many tragedies and challenges this past year. These include the devastating tsunami, hurricanes, earthquakes, terrorist attacks, wars, and environmental problems that have destroyed numerous communities and lives. In karate-do, we train ourselves to be strong and self-sufficient. But we know there are many people in the world who need extra help and support from others because of these events. Therefore, in addition to your own karate training and teaching, I encourage SKIF-USA members to do something extra this year to help those in need. In doing so, you will help promote peace and harmony around the world. Nothing could be more consistent with our SKIF philosophy.

Oss!

Glenn Stoddard
General Secretary, SKIF-USA

Kanazawa Kancho

New Hampshire Seminar-June 2005

Kanazawa Kancho put on a tremendous two day SKIF seminar in Rochester, New Hampshire which was co-hosted by Jim Shea, Mike Cook, and Steve Warren.

Kancho arrived at Logan Airport in Boston late Thursday afternoon and was courteously met and greeted by Jim Shea. After the 50 minute road trip to Portsmouth, New Hampshire (where all seminar participants stayed) Kancho was given an opportunity to take a short nap. Later that evening, dinner took place at a quaint Portsmouth seaside restaurant called the "Oar House" where we all tried a variety of fresh seafood dishes that delighted the palette! We talked about a variety of topics related to Karate-Do and the Budo, as well as events occurring around the world...and still managed to get to bed just before midnight!!!

After breakfast on Friday morning, Kancho, accompanied by Messrs. Shea, Cook, and Warren explored a dry docked U.S. Navy experimental submarine called "The Albacore"...Kancho displayed great flexibility in leaping and flying thru tiny hatch doors within the sub, while some of us others, occasionally stubbed a toe or banged our heads...after the tour we decided that being packed into a steel tube like sardines was not for us...or the meek at heart! We all gained great respect for the navy personnel that spend their time in such environments!!!

After that, we visited a Kittery, Maine Sporting Goods store and were able to show Kancho a full bodied stuffed Maine Moose weighing in just over 1,100 pounds!!! He looked at awe at such a majestic creature!!! This store is like a wildlife museum with full mounts of Whitetail Deer, Black Bear, Wolves, Coyotes, Foxes, Beaver, Mink, Muskrats, Ermine, Pheasants, Ducks, Turkeys, and Geese!

From there we drove along the scenic Maine coast and stopped off to view Nubble Light, a famous island light house, situated about 1,500 feet out from shore on a rocky island! For lunch we circled back to Portsmouth and enjoyed a nice seafood luncheon of Lobster rolls, clams and mussels, and New England Clam Chowder in "Old Portsmouth."

Friday night brought us all to Steve Warren's spacious Rochester Shotokan Karate International Federation Dojo where several kyu and 3 Dan candidates tested in front of Kancho. All three Dan candidates advanced to higher degrees; Bridget Connors (ME) and Paul Zegarra (NY) each advanced to SanDan. Michele Farwell (ME) advanced to NiDan. Upon completion of the testing, Kancho was taken to a nice restaurant Friday night and a nice time was had by all!

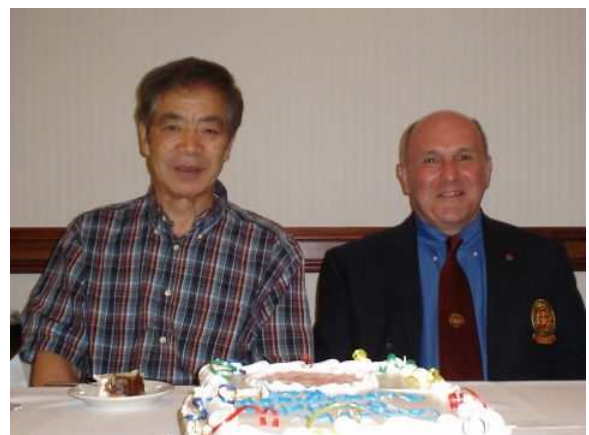
Saturday and Sunday brought a multitude of anxious Shotokan karateka from several U.S. States and three provinces in Canada together to train with the world famous Kanazawa Kancho! The inside and outside temperature reached close to 96 degrees and humidity peaked at almost 100%...everyone's gi was soaked in hard earned perspiration throughout the entire seminar! At the end of each day's training, a photo session was held and Kancho very graciously and patiently signed and autographed books, Gi's and T-shirts. Kancho taught with the spirit of a tiger!!! His energy level could certainly test that of someone only 19!!!

A sold out banquet was held Saturday night at the Holiday Inn in Portsmouth, where old and new friends bonded, stories were told, retold, and as the evening wore on, maybe even exaggerated somewhat! The "all you could eat buffet" was enjoyed by everyone...a surprise birthday cake was presented to Kancho, with Happy Birthday sung to Kancho in English and also sung

by Ms. Pallavi Mittal of India, in her native tongue!!! Kancho extinguished his sole, but huge candle with a lightning fast oi-zuki which amazed the entire group!!!

Mr. Steve Warren, Sensei, and his Rochester Shotokan Dojo did a wonderful job at organizing this event so that everything went off without a hitch. Jim Shea's tremendous effort at making sure every little detail of Kancho's visit to New England went smoothly should well be commended. ...and certainly a special thanks to everyone that attended and supported this event...Karateka and Sensei alike. Every individual that attended made this event possible and successful!!! Everyone went away from this seminar with harmony in their hearts, new friendships borne from hard work and sweat, and a greater overall understanding of the SKIF syllabus ...and most importantly, fostering Kancho's beliefs with regard to Budo and specifically Karate-Do! ...and remember...more is expected of a Shotokan person!!!

Peace and harmony to all!
 God Bless the USA!!!
 Oss!
 Mike Cook, Sensei
 Maine Shotokan Karate
 Association



WELCOME NEW DOJO TO SKIF-USA

D-Dojo

Igor Dyachenko, Chief Instructor
Brooklyn, New York

Shockness Shotokan Karate-Do

Wayne Shockness, Chief Instructor
San Francisco, California

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