

ASHINGTON SKC FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

February 2012 News

Well done to all Students who achieved 100% attendance on Saturday mornings and Thursday evenings in February.
(Please Note: Students that are not at Ashington YMCA due to karate competitions/training events elsewhere are classed as in attendance)

Sensei Randy Williams, 6th Dan (1956-2012)

Many of you were saddened at the recent death of Sensei Randy Williams, 6th Dan, who conducted our club gradings in March 2010 and 2011 at Willowburn Sports Center. Your Instructors have known Sensei Williams for over 25 years and there will be representation at his funeral and a donation made from the Ashington Karate club to his chosen charity. We will let you know what this was in our next newsletter. There is a tribute on the KUGB website (www.kugb.org) and all students are advised to look at it.

Training and Grading with Sensei Frank Brennan, 25th March

Sensei Frank Brennan, 7th Dan, will now be taking the grading due to take place on the 25th March. Please make sure that all students hoping to grade have their licenses in date (if you are unsure about the expiration date of your license, check with Sharon at the registration desk). The mock grading will be during the session on the 10th March with a 10:00 prompt start. Please make sure all students arrive for 09:50 at the latest. See the 'Forthcoming Events' section for the training/grading times.

There are currently four numbers available for the bonus ball. If anyone is interested in taking a number, please see Dawn Duddridge on Saturday mornings.

Please remember to check with Sharon at the registration desk that we hold an up to date telephone and e-mail address. In exceptional circumstances the class may have to be cancelled at very short notice, so a blanket text and/or email will be issued. For more information about the club news, events and photos please visit the club website at ashingtonshotokankarate.co.uk

Forthcoming Karate Events

Sunday 4th March

Northern Regions Course & AGM, Training with Sensei Frank Brennan & Sensei Jimmy Brennan

City Space Sunderland – SR1 3SD
Training Times: 10.30am – 11.45am
12.00 noon – 1.15pm

Sunday 25th March

Grading with Sensei Frank Brennan, 7th Dan

Willowburn Sports Centre, Alnwick
Training Time – 10.30am – 12.15pm (Green Belt & Above)
2.30pm – 4.00pm (White-Yellow Belts)
Both Gradings to follow shortly after training.

6th-10th August 2012

Lancaster Summer Camp, Lancaster University

Anyone wishing to attend the summer camp, please speak to any committee member.

Congratulations Dylan!

Congratulations Dylan Gibson for achieving a place on the KUGB England Kata Squad 2012 on the 4th February and competing at the Grand Slam in Chesterfield last weekend against Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and Italy. See our website (www.ashingtonshotokankarate.co.uk) for more information/pictures.



Easter Party, Saturday 31st March

Ashington Excelsior Social Club, 6:00-10:00pm
Tickets on sale 03/03/2012, £2.50. Parents have been asked to provide a food item for the buffet from a list that is on the registration desk on Saturdays. A treasure hunt/wordsearch sheet will go out on the tables. If children complete them, names will go into a draw to win an Easter Egg, 25p per entry. We are having a decorated boiled egg competition, £1 per entry, Sensei Jill to judge. A chocolate tombola and cake stall will also be available at the party.

Sensei Jill, Sensei Trish and Sensei Keith will be awarding a cup to the student that they believe has a good attitude to training with good overall attendance each month.
Can you please return it at the end of the month so it can be awarded to another student at the beginning of the following month?

The student to receive this award for February is:

**Male: Dylan Gibson
Female: Caitlin Birdsey**