

# DEE WHY SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

September 2015



Is it really the beginning of Term 4 already? Another year has just about shot by and in January 2016 D.Y.S.K.C. will celebrate its 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

From that first class of just three of us, we now have almost twenty members and most sessions see 12 – 14 people turn up. This makes for great atmosphere and everyone seems to enjoy the culture that has developed, namely, training hard while still having fun and making new friends.

My plan is to grow the club to around thirty members and then to close it to new members.

The highlight of the term for me personally, was seeing our little club initiate its profile within S.K.I.A. when three of our members competed at the NSW State Champs on 12 September, while another four of us either judged, marshalled or kept score.

Competitions generally provide a good yardstick against which to measure a club's standard of karate, and it's not just that all three of our competitors won gold medals, but it also proved that we are on the right track. I think that this was noticed too by instructors from some of the other dojos, which made me very proud.

The next big event will be Shotokan Week 2016 to be held in Melbourne in July and I am told that unlike previous events, will actually run over four and not seven days. Murakami Shihan will be in attendance and I definitely plan on being there. How nice would it be if a few of us went in a group? Its huge fun so let's talk!

**Osu!..... Sensei Jon**

## Term 3 Events

- **Grading** success again for Millie and Iraklis who after special permission from the T&D Committee were able to grade from 8<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> kyu. Well done a



nd well deserved!

- **As** the above picture depicts, we hosted **Isobe Shihan** along with members from several other dojos for a two hour session. Shihan told me that he very much enjoyed training us and looks forward to coming back!

## Term 4 - 2015

- **Grading** is coming up again on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October and I will let you know who is eligible.
- **Dinner at Dee Why Grand** on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> October.... partners welcome as usual.
- **Sensei Brian Cox** will be taking us for a two hour session on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December, something to look forward to.
- **Sensei Eike** has resumed his Sunday morning class at Warriewood Beach starting at 8am for which we say thank you.