

DEE WHY SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

June 2015



Term 2 is behind us and our little karate club is thriving as we head towards our 3rd anniversary.

We now have 19 members, 16 of which are members of SKIA and most nights we average around a dozen karateka. This creates a really nice atmosphere and also generates excellent spirit, which seems to encourage everyone to give of their best. I remember our very first class, which comprised just Rod, Phil and myself!

One thing I like is how we don't advertise and how every single member has sought us out rather than the other way around. This means that everyone who trains is self-motivated and wants to be there.

But what I really LOVE about our club is the interaction between everyone, both in a karate as well as a social sense and especially the kindness and caring that seems to permeate the club. Not all clubs are like this!

Up until now we have held gradings twice a year, but with the membership growing I plan to do so more frequently as and when you get 36 classes under your belt up to 4th kyu and 72 classes thereafter. Assuming the required standard has been met of course.

As always I totally understand how work, family and other stuff needs to be juggled which means you can't make every single class, but try and train as regularly as you can.

Meanwhile... KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!

Osui!..... Sensei Jon

Term 2 Events

- **A** warm welcome to three new members:
 - **Karen Ledbury** formerly a shodan in Rembukan, a branch of Shotokan;
 - **Charlie Creagh**, who is returning to training after a 20 year break; and
 - **Miyuki Kushibiki**, who has a shodan in a hybrid karate/kung fu style from Japan.
- **I** am delighted to announce the official appointment of **Eike Luethgens** our JKA Nidan as an Assistant Instructor. Eike joins Sense Rod, who is taking a break, in this capacity.
- **Great** to have our much loved President back at training... ONYA Jimmy!!!
- **Hooray!!** Grading success for:
 - **Millie & Iraklis** - 8th Kyu
 - **Karana** – 7th Kyu confirmed
 - **Scott & Stuart** – 4th kyu

Very well done to all and the standard of the grading was excellent.

Term 3 - 2015

DINNER... We kicked off the term with a really nice evening at the Dee Why Grand. Thanks to all who were able to come and we'll do it again soon! Always nice to catch-up with partners too.

GRADING... The next grading is planned for Thursday 1st October. There are **26** classes until then so try not to miss any!

KUMITE!!! ... The mitts have arrived at last and we will shortly commence dojo kumite. They cost \$30 a pair.

SKIA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ... to be held sometime in the 2nd half of 2015. Just putting it out there because if you want to compete we need to put in some practice.

SOCIAL STUFF ... hey, lets have a picnic or go to a movie or something?