

DEE WHY SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB

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SHODAN SUCCESS!

A very special end to Term 3 for DYSKC, as our four very special karateka achieved the karate goals they all set themselves a long time ago.

Kat, Mark, Stuart and Scott not only lifted the standard of their individual karate to the required level, but also overcame the physical and mental challenges of doing so. In addition they endured 10 solid hours of hard training under **Kancho Nobuaki Kanazawa** in the two days leading up to the grading at Shotokan Week. It was brilliant!

It was also very gratifying to see that the standard of our shodan candidates was right up there with the best of them and DYSKC can hold its head high as a worthy member of SKIA!

A point I wish to emphasize is that the grading itself, while obviously necessary and important, was not the 'real' grading. It was merely the stamp in the little black book that took 30 minutes to satisfy. The actual grading commenced more than a year ago when our four candidates set themselves the goals and made the commitments that they did.

The other really special element to **Kat, Mark, Stuart** and **Scott's** grading is that the entire club went along for the ride! I truly believe that the overall enthusiasm with which the whole of DYSKC participated in the grading preparation added an enormous amount of positive energy to the grading group; and in return, they reflected much of the same to the club. A win for all!

Also, the success DYSKC achieved this week should **inspire each and every member** to set personal goals, both inside and outside of karate. There is nothing you cannot achieve if you have sufficient passion, desire and motivation!

As your instructor, I take this opportunity to congratulate and thank not just our four new black belts for their success, but **all of you** for supporting and playing a role in the growth and development of *Dee Why Shotokan Karate Club*!

Now who thinks they are ready to undertake the next shodan journey?

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Sensei Jon