

## Task Karate March 2007 Newsletter



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### California Trip!

I had fun on my trip! Here I am on Saturday, February 24th,  
the day of the big snowstorm!

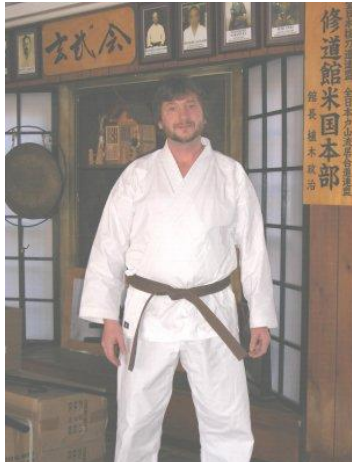


Newport Beach!

Don't worry, I didn't have too much fun, we only got to stay  
for a quick lunch between seminars.

I arrived on Thursday afternoon. We went to Sensei Demuras Dojo

in Santa Anna for two workouts that evening.



The Dojos Shinzen or Shrine

On Friday we saw Mochitsuki, or Rice pounding. The rice is steamed and pounded into a dough! After that it was off to a referee seminar where I was a volunteer fighter. We would spar matches and the judges practiced making their calls. The rest of the day was spent in weapons, sword, and forms seminars.

Saturday was the weapons tournament. I did my tonfa form in a group of 25 competitors. Although I didn't place, I was pleased with my kata, and got respectable scores! In weapons fighting I lost my first round, but scored a few points.

After the tournament there was a sparring seminar. We divided into 4 groups and did 15 minutes sessions, rotating between four of their top instructors. One was from Japan, and another was from Venezuela and taught in Spanish (I think) through a translator. I

got to see part of a batto-do, or sword tournament where they compete in katas and cutting. Sunday was the big international tournament! I really enjoyed watching all the forms and fighting. Again, I lost in my first sparring match. I got myself in a little trouble with head contact. (Oops)! I made a decision to work very hard for one year to be better prepared next year!

Thanks to Mr. Lopez, Mr. Rudy, Mr. Daily, Moriah, and any other students that helped cover the classes while I was away. I'm not sure if these links will work, but many photos were posted on the Genbukai group website. If you would like to see photos of these events, follow these links. I haven't had time to look at all of the photos, but I found myself in a few!

**Mochitsuki** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/februarymochitsuki.msnw>

**Referee Seminar** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/february23rdrefereeseminar.msnw>

**Kobudo Seminar** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/february23rdkobudoseminar.msnw>

**Batto Seminar** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/february23rdbattoseminar.msnw>

**Kata Seminar** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/february23rdkataseminar.msnw>

**Kobudo Tournament** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/02242007kobudotournament.msnw>

**Karate-Do Seminar** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/02242007karatedoseminar.msnw>

**Batto-Do Tournament** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/02242007battodotournament.msnw>

**36th Goodwill Championships** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/36thgoodwillchampionships.msnw>

To me the highlight of the trip was Sensei Demuras self-defense skit!

**Sensei Demura Goodwill Demo** <http://groups.msn.com/GenbuKai/senseidemuragoodwilldemo.msnw>



Saturday the 3rd! We will have our half day schedule this day;

9AM; Advanced Kids and all Adults

9:45: Kids and Adults Sparring

10:30; White, Gold, Orange, Green, Purple and Blue kids

11:15; Lil' Dragons

No Weapons.

Our scheduled plunge time is at 1:30. All plungers please be at the bathhouse at 1:15 so you can get in the group photo! (Be a little early if possible). We will go over our skit and figure out how many in the front and the back line at that time. I am totally blown away by the funds we have raised. More than 30 plungers collected \$5,507 so far!!! Thanks so much to all who were able to donate or plunge. Here is the team page;

[http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/pp07/team.asp?id\\_t=181](http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/pp07/team.asp?id_t=181)

A few of the plungers could still use a little help if you haven't had a chance to donate yet!

Save time by pre-registering! Bring your pledges and pick up your incentives on the following dates and times:

**Thursday, March 1, 2007**

- UW-La Crosse, Valhalla A, 10am-2pm, Cartwright Center, 1741 State St.
- Onalaska Center for Commerce & Tourism 4pm-7pm, 1101 Main St. (at 11th St.)
- Boys & Girls Club of Sparta 5pm-7pm, 1000 East Montgomery St.

**Friday, March 2, 2007**

- Loons on La Crosse (with Howie's), 1128 La Crosse Street; 10am - 7pm

Everyone must have one of these waivers signed! [http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/pdf/plunge\\_waiver\\_06.pdf](http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org/pdf/plunge_waiver_06.pdf)

After the plunge we will meet back at the school for a little pizza and hot chocolate!

**Eau Claire Open Karate Tournament**

I had fun This tournament is a little closer to home than most, and has had good turnout from the Task students in the past! You can pre-register at our school and save a few dollars. Here is the flyer for the event.

<http://www.nckaratings.com/tmntflyer/ecopen07.pdf>



March Birthdays

2nd **Ambrose Metz Beard**

3rd **Lauren Gerke ~ Bryce Barrett**

8th **Dylan Adams ~Tony Smith**

9th **Matt Schultz**

11th **Amy Jo Haefs**

12th **Michael Abraham**

13th **Trevor Theurer**

15th **Michael Rudy**

20th **Alexis Hanson ~ Julie Plath**

22nd **Lucas Fater**

27th **Justin Anno**

31st Colin Smith



## Rank Promotions!

Dragon Orange

**Jaron Skifton**

Dragon Green

**Kaden Airt**

Gold Belt

**Jordan Wilkins**

**Austin Thompson**

**Jordan Hyzer**

**Samuel Mayer**

**Zachariah Mayer**

Orange Belt

**Avery Laffey**

**Josh Fisher**

**Cole Alberts**

Green Belt

**Evan Pericak**

Purple Belt

**Jamison Johnson**

**Alana Gruntzel**

**Calla Harter**

Blue Belt

**Michael Kelbel**

**Diane Kelbel**

**Alex Cassem**

**Pat Judkins**

Red Belt

**Erik Snyder**

**Trevin Thomson**



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