



# ELORA GORGE KARATE DOJO

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## November Newsletter

### **Brantford Tournament**

On Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> many of our students travelled to Brantford for the 2013 Budokan Goju-Ryu Karate Tournament hosted by Budokan Karate Brantford. Thank to all students and families for taking part in this event, you should all be proud of yourselves as you are all winners for your participation. Some of you even had the opportunity to chat with Akihito Yagi Sensei who appeared as a special guest!

### **Guelph Budokan Seminar**

A few students were able to attend a seminar with Akihito Yagi Sensei on Monday November 4<sup>th</sup>. This seminar was hosted by Sensei Mark at Guelph Budokan Centre Of Martial Arts and focused on some of the higher level Katas. Thank to those who were able to attend.

### **Holiday Gift Ideas**

As the holidays approach, many of you may be looking for gift ideas. We will be placing a weapons order in Early December (Bo, Sai, Tonfa) and also have other items available, T-shirts, Gis and Gorge Karate Bags. Please see Sensei for more information.

### **Grading Day**

The Dojo will have its Grading Day on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>, with Kids in the morning and Adults in the afternoon. Sensei will provide you with your grading time prior grading day. Your requirements for your next level are on Sensei's desk, please READ CAREFULLY. If you do not understand any of the requirements, please ask us. Your Grading fee must be paid before you grade, Fees will be posted soon in the Dojo. Grading Day is for students only, no spectators. If you cannot attend on the 7<sup>th</sup>, please SEE SENSEI to make alternate arrangements.

### **Belt Presentation and Christmas Break**

The new belts for all Kids who have graded will be presented in class on Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to approximately 7:00pm, all students and parents are welcome for some Christmas Cheer. This will be the last class of the year. Adults, your last class will be Thursday December 19<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The Dojo will re-open and classes will resume on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup>, all Students will be advised of your new class times.

### **January Fee**

We would ask that you pay for January in advance; this makes January an easier month for collection as it is often a busy month after the holidays. Thank you.

### **Black Belts**

Your annual IMGKA fee is due before January 15th. Please pay Sensei before our last class if possible.

### **Gorge Karate Tournament**

We will be hosting a tournament on Sunday March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014. This is our tournament so ALL our students are expected to attend. Volunteers will also be needed; more info will follow in the New Year.

### **Merry Christmas**

I would like to take this time to wish all of my students and their families a Very Merry Christmas!

Thank You,

Sensei Bill Stimpson