



# DECEMBER 08 GMA NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming events:

Dec 5 <sup>th</sup>	TTCA testing
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Stickfighting 9:00-11:30
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	Demo Team 1:00-2:30
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	TKD BB Prep class 2:30-4:00
Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>	TKD Movie/Buddy Night 6:30-9:00
Dec 7 <sup>th</sup>	Master Chen Tai chi seminar in Indianapolis
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	TKD black belt class 9:00-11:00
Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	Possible FAST class in Indy 1:00-4:00
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	GMA Xmas Party, Awards Banquet, and Dance: 5:30-9:00. Morgan Co Fairgrounds. No class
Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deadline to register for Winter Daycamps and ensure we have the gear or to order Xmas gifts
Dec 29 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Weapons daycamp 9:00-3:00
Dec 30 <sup>th</sup>	Winter Daycamp with Jason Winkle: Stickfighting 9:00-11:30 and stand up 12:30-3:00
Jan 24 <sup>th</sup>	BJJ blue belt pretest 9:00-12:00 (tentative)

## Xmas Party, Dance and Awards Banquet

This years Christmas party/awards banquet and dance has been scheduled for Dec 15<sup>th</sup> at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Arrival and set up will be from 5:30-6:00. The dinner and awards banquet will begin at 6:00. Following the awards, Santa will make an appearance and there will be a DJ for a dance that will continue till 8:30 or 9:00 pm. This is a chance to join in some fellowship, recognize some key students and parents, and give Santa any last minute list revisions. Signs ups for the pitch in dinner will be posted soon. We also need a very close idea of people attending for seating arrangements. No classes will meet that Mon. We hope everyone will be able to share in our annual event.

## Winter Camps Coming Up Fast

Rather than having the kids sitting around stuffing themselves with candy, we take the vacation time to offer something special. Don't forget you can also make it a X-mas present. Camp price includes lunch and all the weapons or gear needed for the seminar and you can put the gear under the tree! Deadline to register to ensure the gear is here for the camp is Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Winter Weapons camp, Dec 29<sup>th</sup>.** This years camp covers stick sparring. The weapon included is a training stick that allows us to safely train things normally "simulated" with rattan and also allows free sparring. Camp teaching will focus on those things the new training device allows us to do and the core movements for sparring.

**Daycamp with Jason Winkle on Dec 30<sup>th</sup>.** Our week of serious training perks continues on Tues with one of Mr. Sieg's primary instructors—Jason Winkle. Several have had the pleasure of doing stickwork or MMA with Sifu Winkle other places, as a perk to our students, we are bringing him back to GMA. There will be two sessions. Morning session will be stick and knife. Afternoon session will be stand up.

## And the NOMINEES are:

This year we are announcing those students who are nominated for our yearly awards:

### Student of the year:

Dan Wiggins  
Alex Hamilton  
Mike Dodge  
Morgan Williams

### Black Belt of the Year:

Logan Scott  
Jake Waltz  
Noah Lambert Adams  
Rob Snyder

### Most improved Student:

Carl Underwood  
Ethan Minton  
Abigail Farmen

### Competitor of the Year—BJJ:

Dan Wiggins  
Bryan Neal

### Competitor of the Year--TKD:

Miki White  
Jared Hamilton  
Greg Hamilton  
Haley Sieg

(Honorable mentions for competitor: Caleb Allen, Shae Brouse, Adam Hamilton, Logan Scott)



### **GMA Wishes a Happy Birthday to:**

John Mosby 12/01  
Brock Johnson 12/02  
Elijah Roberson 12/2  
Chris Grider 12/03  
Clayton Smith 12/03  
Austin Brummett 12/03  
Richie Long 12/07

Brenner Williams 12/09  
Drew Wilson 12/12  
Collyn Dodge 12/12  
Jacob Grider 12/14  
Frankie Williams 12/14  
Noah Crawford 12/15  
Chance White 12/15

Christian Marion 12/18  
Carl Underwood 12/26  
Mrs. Yoshida 12/26  
Trinity Britton 12/27  
Griffin Selch 12/30  
Brett Hopkins 12/30

### **Training Anniversaries**

Jesse Stuard (TKD, 5 yrs.)  
AJ Bottorff (TKD 2 yrs)  
Shelby Moler (HKD 1 yr)

Collyn Dodge (BJJ 1 yr)  
Gavin Porter (TKD 1 yr)

### **Please Plan ahead for Xmas Items**

If you have any last minute Christmas shopping to do (don't we all) or need that stocking stuffer or whatever, just a reminder to please plan ahead. Many of our suppliers go out of stock of seasonal items and we want to make sure we minimize the delays in getting any special orders to you! *The last day to order Xmas items to ensure shipping (assuming availability) is Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.*

### **Give another person the chance to “be more” this Christmas**

Don't forget that you can get a gift certificate for a uniform and month of classes –100.00 value, for only a 25.00 cost to you. If you know anyone who has ever “thought about” doing martial arts, or if there is someone you know who “this would be good for”, this is your chance to get them off the fence and really reaping the benefits of training.

\*\*\*Anyone who comes in with a gift certificate will be counted as new student in Dec and get the 08 price, before the 09 rate increase, just like our other current students will stay at the current rate.

### **Quotes of the Week**

We will continue placing our focus on the focus points and focus in general.

### **Parent Committee news:**

Cookie dough orders will arrive and are to be picked up on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up for the Xmas party—also please consider helping set up at the fairgrounds during the day.

### **Congrats to**

- BJJ student Jeremy Silcox who improved his MMA record to 2-0 in Nov.
- To the Yoshidas on the birth of Wesley on Nov 24th

### **Class Cancellations for Holidays, class adjustments, and general policies**

- No class on Mon Dec 15<sup>th</sup> on account of the Christmas party...see you there.
- Holiday class cancellations: No class on Wed Dec 24 through Friday Dec 26<sup>th</sup> on account of Xmas. Classes resume Monday, December 29 and run through that Tues Dec 30th. (Evening classes in addition to the camps) No class on Wed. Dec 31<sup>st</sup> or Jan 1<sup>st</sup>. Classes resume on Friday Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Also a reminder of our general policy regarding bad weather. We try to follow the lead of local schools—if they cancel school that day, cancel evening events or let out early, so do we. If on morning delay, we will meet as normal (tai chi in the morning will follow the 2 hr delay). This applies to universal problems such as snow and ice, not things like flooding or other issues that may be more regionalized. The only exception to this may occur when the school cancels in advance of a huge storm and the forecast is clearly off. When in doubt, simply call, check the website, check your email for announcements, listen to WCBK, etc.