



Gentry News Jan 2012

****2012—Year of the Dragon****

Congrats to our new black belt:

During the holidays, Malachi Waples returned from TX to finish completing his black belt in Hapkido. Mr. Waples wasn't able to complete the journey before duty with the FBI called him away, but we are proud of him for having the attitude to complete his goal even when other people would have simply said "it wasn't meant to be." That is black belt attitude from our newest black belt!

Upcoming events:

Jan 7 th	Demo Team 9:00-10:30
Jan 7 th	TKD black belt class 10:30-12:00
Jan 13 th	Parents committee meeting 6:30
Jan 14 th	TKD black belt prep class 9:00-12:00
Jan 14 th	BJJ blue belt pretest 1:00-5:00?
Jan 20 th	TTCA testing 5:30
Jan 21 st	Stickfighting 9:00-12:00
Jan 28 th	FAST class in Broadripple.
Feb 11 th	Lil Dragons testing
Feb 11 th	GMA Red Carpet Night—Movie Premier 6:30
Feb 25 th	Andre Galvao seminar

Other dates

April 14 th	TTCA Tournament (BB testing on the 13 th)
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And the winners are....congrats to our award recipients!

We want to once again thank everyone for a great time at the annual Christmas party and awards banquet. This year we recognized the following students with our annual awards:

- Most Improved Student—Zion Barrett
- Competitor of the Year (TKD)—Ryan Jerome
- Competitor of the Year (BJJ)—Clay Thacker
- Black belt of the Year—Mr. Ryan Jerome
- Student of the Year— Ryan Spires

GMA Wishes a Happy Birthday to:

Kelly Hawthorne	1-1	Annabelle Cleary	1-8	Grant Chapman	1-8
Ryan Jerome	1-11	Jonathan Dickinson	1-13	Anthony Tejera	1-13
Robbie Morales	1-13	Shuan Bambery	1-14	Noah Lambert Adams	1-23
Ethan Retz	1-25	Branden Mason	1-28	Abby Schilling	1-30
Jacob Waltz	1-31				

Training Anniversaries

Jia Jones (TKD 6 yrs)	Austin Brummett (BJJ 2 yrs)	Sammy Petraits (TKD 2 yrs)
Amanda Spires (TKD 2 yrs)	Ryan Spires (TKD 2 yrs)	Kylie Yoshida (LD, TKD 3 yrs)



Announcing our Movie Premier

We will be making a “red carpet” event for our movie camp participants, and the whole school is invited to the premier! Show up a bit early if you want to catch a glimpse of stars arriving. Watch the movie and enjoy popcorn. We will also be showing clips from Mr. Yoshida’s movies and another full length feature –Kung Fu Panda II—although it wont be as entertaining as our sequel. Families and friends are welcome.

Quotes of the Week

Since Jan is the time for new years resolution, we take the chance to discuss goal setting. We will be getting everyone to share their goals through a homework assignment.

2011 in review: The luckier GMA got

“The harder I work the luckier I get,” is one of my favorite quotes. It has been repeated so often and attributed to so many different people, I am honestly not sure who the originator truly was. Regardless, seldom are truer words spoken that so many people don’t appreciate. In fact, I appreciate that quote even more this year, because I believe it sums up where 2011 took GMA. After moving into the new building about a year and half ago, I sat back and asked, “what do we do now.” Obviously keep impacting as many lives as we can by teaching the best martial arts we can, but how can we top ourselves? Honestly, I didn’t really have anything. But as luck would have it, or perhaps I should say, hard work would have it, we had a good year.

I am particularly proud of the good we did this year. Our BJJ charity tournament raised 1,200 for a well in Africa, and our black belts walked the fall foliage parade barefoot to help raise shoes for Samaritans Feet. Of course, there is still the annual RAK campaign for 9-11, which got front page notoriety this year.

As usual, we continued to have success at tournaments and have some milestone promotions. We garnered 97 medals total in TKD competitions (up again from 93), with a great balance between sparring and forms. BJJ held even with 28, not bad for small team. We promoted 8 black belts, and 3 second degrees. More significantly, we promoted our first 3rd dan that has trained exclusively in Martinsville (all our other higher dan black belts got their start at DPU or IU, etc.). Mr. Jeremiah Deckard is the first home-grown sam-dan. Similarly, Mike Dodge became our first true Martinsville student purple belt in BJJ.

2011 marked our first year as a training affiliate of Andre Galvao and member of Team Atos. Thanks to the foresight of Mr. Sledd, we can boast that we were the first American affiliate, though demand for Professor Galvao’s attention has exploded since winning the absolute world championship at ADCC. Mr. Sledd also became the 2nd ever American black belt promotion of Galvao. Mr. Sledds’ black belt is a huge accomplishment and an even bigger honor coming from such an icon in the sport.

Professor Galvao is not the only world champion that our students got to rub elbows with this year. Chen Zhong, Olympic gold medalist and world champion in TKD, also visited our school. How did we get so blessed as to have two world champs visit our school this year? Well, not sure myself. I would like to think it has something to do working hard enough to take advantage of opportunities that arise. Looking ahead to 2012, we have a few more big name appearances planned. And of course, the Korea trip that we announced a couple of years ago will finally come to fruition, and who knows what that will hold for us. But one thing is for sure, we will work as hard as possible to make sure we have good luck in 2012. As our students start working on their yearly goal setting exercises, we hope they also decide to work hard enough to be lucky this year. ---BLS

This Month in Martial Arts History (selected from “Dates with Destiny” in *Martial Arts Success* by John Corcoran.

Jan 7th 1932-- Birthday for Jhoon Rhee—father of American TKD and Chung Do Kwan member

Jan 17th 1939—Birthday for Dr. He-Young Kimm—HKD master and Korean martial arts historian

Jan 17th 1970—Chuck Norris’s last fight before retiring.