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IKO-Matsushima Kyokushin World Cup

I am sure you are aware that the World Cup is being held on the 4th & 5th November at the Sydney Entertainment Centre, no doubt making this year the biggest year in the Australian Kyokushin history. With 45 countries now indicating their desire to attend, it will be by far the largest martial arts event seen in Australia in our life time. Very few people get to witness such an event, even less in their own country. I am sure I am safe in saying that the AKKA is the only organization in Australia that would even contemplate hosting such an event. Even so, it will take everyone pulling together to make it the great success that I am sure it can be.

This is the time for every instructor, student and Kyokushin member to stand up and be counted. Not only will it be the biggest International event ever held in Australia, but also the most exciting. As I said earlier, for many of you, this will be the opportunity of a lifetime, seeing the world's finest fighters in action at one event.

Selection for the Australian Team:

Selection for the Australian team is in two parts, part of the team was selected from the 2005 Australian Kyokushin Championships, the remaining part to be selected from the 2006 Australian Championships, to be held on 6th August. In the main, the fighters will be selected from the "Open Divisions"; however, the selectors reserve the right to select fighters from other divisions if they feel a fighter is worthy.

As indicated, we have selected a number of fighters for the team from last year's Australian Open, however, we still have a lot of places to be filled, so everyone is still in with a chance of making the team, but it will take a determined effort to do so. I would suggest that anyone who feels they have a chance of making the team, start their campaign by entering the NSW Open on the 7th May in Wollongong.

To this end and to ensure that Australia has the best team possible, we must all pull together. Instructors need to get their best fighters fully fit. Fighters need to be encouraged that they can make the team if they train hard.

The Australian Kyokushin Karate Association (AKKA) prides itself in being the leader in Australian Karate. Some of the achievements we are very proud of are:

- Organizing the first Full Contact martial art event in Australia (1977)
- Holding the first martial arts tournament at the Sydney Opera House
- Holding the first event in the Homebush Bay Sports Centre – (now called Sydney Olympic park)
- Creating and holding the first British Commonwealth Kyokushin Champions, held as part of the Bi-Centennial celebrations (1988)

- Having successfully run the Australian Open Championships every year since 1997, making it the longest standing Full Contact Tournament in Australia. The 2006 tournament will be our 30th event.

I am confident that the World Cup will be such a tremendous success; it will make all the other great achievements of the AKKA, in the way of tournaments, pale into insignificance. And rest assured that you will never see such an event again in Australia in your lifetime.

Non Contact Inter-Dojo Tournaments:

The Bondi dojo and the Currens Hill dojo will hold an inter-dojo tournament on Friday 17th February and another inter-dojo tournament with Bondi and Lakemba on the 3rd March. Whilst we do not want to turn them into large events, if you would like to enter fighters, please let me know.

NSW Summer camp

The Summer Camp will be held on the weekend of the 10-12th March. Students who wish to attempt Green belt or over grades, should understand that they should have to have been active in Kyokushin events to be eligible for a grade at the camp. students attempting Nidan should bear in mind that there is a minimum period of two year and 500 hours of training time, and all applications must be given in writing outlining your history since your last grading and prior to the camp.

A Big Night of Ring Karate: (part one)

With the 2005 International Ring Karate "Fight Night" having a number of titles up for grabs, it was earmarked as a huge night. The first bout saw the unusual situation of two Japanese fighters against each other, in Kyokushin fighter, Kengo Takahashi from the AKKA Headquarters in Bondi Junction taking on Keiji Midorikawa from Shihan Mizantani's Shidokan dojo. The first round had both fighters getting used to fighting inside a ring rather than on the usual karate mat. The pace certainly picked up in the second round with Kengo attacking with body punches and Keiji using the low kick as his main attack in what must have been a fairly even round. The third round saw the pace pick once more with both fighters holding nothing back in a torrid exchange of punches and kicks. Towards the end of this round, Kengo started to get the upper hand giving him the round and the match. The next fight saw Richard Krahe from the ACT AKKA dojo taking on Jacob Barnes from the AKKA Wollongong dojo. This fight produced a great contrast in styles, with Richard using a punch/low kick combination and Jacob opting for a large array of kicks. It would have been hard to pick a winner in this round as it seemed to swing back and forth. The second round comprised much of the same with neither fighter able to get the upper hand. The final round saw a more determined Richard driving into Jacob with some very strong attacks. Jacob must have realized he was on the wrong end in this round and made a strong effort to get back into the fight, but had nothing left in the tank and could not keep up the

A black belt is a white belt that never gave up – Just enjoy the journey

pressure and Richard went on to win the round and the match. The following fight had Steve Armitage another fighter from the very strong ACT dojo taking on Bondi Junction's Gabriel Helmy in the first title fight of the night. This was the IRKA Australian Super Lightweight title. It was a case of more often v's more power, with Gabriel using very good technique against the more powerful tactics of Armitage. The power tactic paid off for Steve in the second round when the referee was forced to give Gabriel a standing count after a huge body hit. From then on Gabriel never really recovered and was constantly on the back foot. Steve soon repeated the dose which gave him a TKO win. The forth fight had another ACT fighter in James O'Neil taking on the Bondi Junction fighter Artur Burznski, in an Australian Heavyweight title match. Artur is a very talented fighter, but was soon in trouble with the referee for constantly grabbing his opponent nullifying most of his attack. James is a very tough fighter and did not let Artur's constant grabbing stop him, keeping up his strong attack against Artur. The second round had James coming out and driving into Artur with some very strong body blows. Artur was again in trouble for grabbing giving him a points deduction. Artur to his credit, came back with a kick to the head of James saw a standing count put on him. This should have given Artur the round, however Artur immediately threw away his advantage when he was given another points deduction for again grabbing his opponent, no doubt giving the round to James. The third round was a repeat of the previous round with James landing very strong body hits and Artur still grabbing and once again managing kick James to the head causing James to get another standing count. But with so many point deductions, Artur's chances were gone and the win went to James.

This months bad joke:

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"2006 Upcoming events":

12th February	Sensei Jim Sklavos's wedding
10th – 12th March 06	NSW Summer Camp and Green belt & Over grading
13th March 06	Bondi Junction Under Green belt grading
14th March	Bondi Beach Winter grading
19th March	Mt. Druitt grading
2nd April	NSW Non Contact Individual Championships
7th May	NSW Open Full Contact Champs.
26th – 28th May	National AKKA Camp - Gold Coast
5th June	Bondi Junction grading
6th June	Bondi Beach grading
17th June	MT Druitt Grading adults & Kids 5 th
5th August	Australian Kyokushin Open Non

6th August

8th – 10th September

11th September

12th September

16th September

8th October

4th & 5th November

4th December

5th December

9th December

22nd December

Contact Championships - South Sydney Junior Leagues Club
Australian Kyokushin Open Full Contact Championships - South Sydney Junior Leagues Club
NSW Spring Camp & Green Belt & Over grading
Bondi Junction Under Green belt grading
Bondi Beach Under Green belt grading
Mt Druitt grading
NSW Non Contact Teams and Individual Kata Championships
2006 World Cup -Karate Full Contact Championships
Entertainment Centre Sydney
Bondi Junction Under Green belt grading
Bondi Beach Under Green belt grading
Mt Druitt grading
Bondi Junction last training for 2006 – End of year dojo photographs

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New members: I would like to welcome the new members the dojo: Daniel Lee – Kazuya Fukaya - Vlada Dzero – Benjamin Wright - James Long – Nina Whitehead – Sam Nemirovsky

This months quote:

"A mans dreams are an index to his greatness."

-Dreams Eastablished: October 3rd 1986

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