



# KyokuSHIN Karate

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## Nationals Story

The 2011 Nationals featured fighters from all of the Eastern states of Australia, as well as a big team venturing across the Tasman from New Zealand.

As well as featuring some well known mainstays of the Kyokushin scene, it was pleasing to see some new up and coming fighters, all in the mix to have a shot at a National title in the longest running AKKA tournament.

The non-contact events held on Saturday was a great representation of the future of Kyokushin, with some quick combinations from a host of quite technical fighters. In many divisions, it was a battle between a number of very worthy recipients for a National crown, with winners being decided sometimes on the narrowest of margins.

Sunday's full-contact events did not disappoint, starting with some fierce battles in the Colts divisions. Despite wearing protective equipment, it was clear to see the kind of fighters these adolescents will develop into. In the Female Lightweight Colts, Traralgon's Phoebe Stockdale proved her persistent attack on the mat taking the National Title. New Zealand's Moira Haimona was a worthy opponent for one of the Young Tiger's Dojo's more experienced Colts, Tiani Smith. Haimona was to take the win in an exciting bout.

A determined attack was evident in the Male Lightweight Colts also, and despite quite some variations in height, the general tactic of fighters was work rate and determination. Sydenham's Marco Orlovic showed some great technique and speed to make it to the finals, but the tenacity and strength of Jacob Mildon was to prove the victor on the day.

Heavyweight Colts, Connor Hughes and Jesse McCall went head to head in the Finals, giving the crowd a great display of spirit, with Hughes emerging the winner.

The Women's Open Lightweight's featured strong New Zealand fighter, Jacque Wooster facing Griffith's Leticia Ferres in the Final match. Wooster's forward attack had Ferres using her footwork to move and counter, with the Aussie's tactic earning her the Lightweight crown.

The Middleweight female final was a close round, featuring Shannyn Johnstone-Ward against Traralgon's Avril Gill, with the decision going to *hiki-waki*. Ward executed continued strong technique in the extension, using *shita-tsuki* to overpower her opponent in a decisive victory.

Queensland's Melanie Barclay battled it out against Geelong's Rebecca Connolly in the Female Heavyweight Open division. Both girls executed some nice roundhouse kicks, but the match was to go to Barclay in a thrilling Final match.

The Men's Open Lightweight matched Ballarat's William Phillips in the Final against New Zealand's Ricky Andrews. Both guys let loose some great punching combinations in a determined effort to seize the Australian title. Kiwi fighter, Andrews kept the footwork and fast combinations to take the Lightweight division.

The Middleweights features some experienced fighters, all in the mix for a shot at the title. Ballarat's Jason Walker and Glen Roy's Benjamin Lyon were to earn a berth in the Finals match, with Lyon using footwork and kicks to keep the forward punching attack from Walker at bay. The consistent and determined effort from Walker was to gain him the 2011

National Title.

The Open Heavyweight Men featured Andre Nakad and Hamad Zandi. The power in the blows by both men was evident as they each had the Title within their grasp. Zandi was to emerge the winner in a well represented division.

**Sensei Monica Baltovska**

## Apologies:

It was reported in the previous edition of the Shin on the marriage of Kuristina Oyama and Cameron Quinn. I am sorry to say that the report was factually incorrect inasmuch as they are no longer married. As I indicated (having been married for 40 years) marriage is a wonderful institution and it is truly sad when any such relationships comes to an end and I am most certainly sorry for any discomfort or pain that the inaccuracies in the last edition may have caused. *Hanshi Taylor*

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## Hanshi's travels:

I was recently in Hungary and Croatia attending the 7<sup>th</sup> European championships in Hungary with *Kancho Matsushima* and attending seminars in both Hungary and Croatia. The Championships which was held in Eger, in Hungary. It was certainly an outstanding event, both from an organisation and fighting perspective. As you would expect with a European Championships the fighting was great with some spectacular world class bouts, we had the unique situation where two brothers made the final, we were all expecting a rather limp effort, but, it was a great bout, in fact as any final should be, one of the best fights of the day. All in all *Shihan Borza* and the Hungarian organisation can give themselves a big pat on the back for job well done. Below is the results and while the Russian's were the main winners it was good to see that other countries are starting to make their mark, which is a good indication of what we will see at the 2012 World Open Weight Championships in Japan. The day following the 7<sup>th</sup> European championships, *Kancho* gave a seminar which was very well attended with over a 100 members. I am always impressed how so many fighters limp in just to be part of the seminar and learn something, surely they have a true *Budo* spirit. As we have come to expect the seminar from *Kancho* was full of new ideas and training methods with the odd joke (he can not help himself) thrown in. From Hungary we travelled to Croatia and I was taken by what a beautiful county Croatia is. *Sempai Sekelj*, who is the Branch Chief for IKO-Matsushima organisation in Croatia, and the rest of the Croatian team were very good and gracious hosts. We stayed in the very beautiful town of Samobor where *Kancho* gave two seminars both of which were again well attended. Also in attendance were eight members of the Serbia IKO-Matsushima organisation lead by *Sempai Bizic*. After the seminars we had the pleasure of visiting the beautiful city of Zadar which is a very (pre-Roman) old city on the Adriatic coast. From there we visited the Plitvic National Park

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in the mountains of Croatia and walked the road which passes through the parks lake area and forest, a truly unique experience. I would like to thanks *Sempai* Sekelj for a great experience in Croatia. The 7<sup>th</sup> European results are as follows:

#### MALE DIVISION:

##### Light weight (Under 70 kg)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Imre Gyarmati (Hungary)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Ildus Alikeev (Russia)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Andriy Gavryluk (Ukraine)  
Tamás Keller (Hungary)

##### Middleweight (70-80 kg)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Viktor Protsenko (Russia)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Sergiy Doronin (Ukraine)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Konstantin Nikonorov (Russia)  
Alexey Feokistov (Russia)

##### Heavyweight (80+ kg)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Vasif Samedov (Russia)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Rasim Samedov (Russia)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Flyur Kamalov (Russia)  
Pavlo Bugaiov (Ukraine)

#### FEMALE DIVISIONS:

##### Light weight (-55 kg)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mariya Zhukovskaya (Russia)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Gyopárka Sajná (Hungary)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Angelina Byvsheva (Russia) -  
Agnieszka Moniuszko (Germany)

##### Middleweight (55-62.5 kg)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Maka Keburia (Georgia)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Lilla Herczeg (Hungary)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Laurence Laprize (Croatia)  
Halasi Fruzsina (Hungary)

##### Heavyweight (62.5 kg+)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place: Olga Ivanova (Russia)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Claudia Szerezla (Hungary)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Barbara Czár (Hungary)

#### Work like an animal: The Wolf:

The wolf pack is the ultimate family firm, seeking out other companies bigger but less able to defend themselves, for the most hostile of hostile takeovers. The wolf is the top of the heap in its own environment, sitting calmly in charge of its local food chain. The leaders provide training for the young and every member of the pack performs at the top level when there's work to be done. This is a company with a small workforce but one in which everybody has a vital role in the success of the venture, rather than a sprawling herd organisation where there's plenty of room for slackers. "The wolf is one of the few monogamous mammals, and so the pack unit is a family. The pack structure is such that when they are attacking an animal, they do it in a relay, so when one wolf gets tired, another takes over. Individual wolves have great stamina anyway, so a pack can bring down a much larger mammal by eventually tiring it out. Wolf packs show teamwork at its best, proving that where the individual can't do the job on his own, a few with finely honed skills, who know each other's strengths and weaknesses inside out, can be the lords of their environment. "Top dogs, indeed." **What wolves can teach us:** Small, mobile and hungry makes for efficient teams and companies that are able to take on much bigger competitors. **Business life June 2010**

#### Quote of the month: (I really like this quote)

**Genius is the ability to reduce the complicated to the simple - C.W.Chan.** The reason I like it, is because I believe it is the art of teaching, many martial art teacher do not bring it down to the basic movements, I also think they believe it makes them look better if it looks more difficult. *Hanshi*

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#### Bad joke o the month:

An older man, not in the best physical condition, asked the Trainer in the gym, "I want to impress that beautiful lady. Which machine should I use?" The trainer replied, "The ATM machine!"

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#### 2012 Australian AKKA calendar

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> March Victorian Grading & Training camp  
9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March New South Wales Grading & Training camp  
13<sup>th</sup> March Bondi Junction Under 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu grading  
25<sup>th</sup> March ACT Championships  
1<sup>st</sup> April: Victorian Kumite Championships (Non Contact & Knockdown) at The Arena, North Geelong.  
26<sup>th</sup> April: *Sosai* Memorial training, Geelong. All current AKKA members welcome  
4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May National Camp Queensland  
27<sup>th</sup> May New South Wales Full Contact Championships  
4<sup>th</sup> June Bondi Junction Under 5<sup>th</sup> Kyu grading  
17<sup>th</sup> June Tasmanian One Match  
24<sup>th</sup> June New South Wales Non Contact Individual Championships  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> July: VKKA Knockdown Camp, Eumeralla, Anglesea  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> August Australian Open full & Non Contact Championships  
1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Victorian Grading & Training camp  
7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> Sept. New South Wales Grading & Training camp  
15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. New Zealand Kyokushin Open Championships (Hamilton)  
30<sup>th</sup> September New South Wales Open Full Contact & Non Contact Country Championships – Griffith  
14<sup>th</sup> October: Victorian Regional Non Contact & Kata Championships, Geelong (repercharge and kata divisions).  
27<sup>th</sup> October Queensland Full & Non Contact Championships  
4<sup>th</sup> November New South Wales Non Contact Team & Individual Kata Championships

#### Training:

**"When you're not training somebody else is and when you meet, they'll win!"**

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