



BONDI SHIN

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Family is the only true wealth:



Welcome to 2013:

We survived the end of the world so the last training session for 2012 went ahead as planned and came off very well, considering that it was the last day of work for most people. The kids class of 22 was outstanding and congratulations to all of them for making a big effort to get there. The adults as you would expect did not meet the same numbers as the kids, no doubt for the same reason, that being, many would have still been at work functions. So thanks to those that made it along. We hope to see you all on the 2nd January.

Not trained for a while:

The New Year is a good time to restart and a great New Years resolution "getting back to training" would be?

Black belt presentation:

Saturday 22nd December saw the presentation dinner for the Bondi Students who graded to black belt at the September camp and grading receiving their black belt and international certificates. Congratulations to *Sempai* Narayan on receiving her second degree black belt and certificate and *Sempai* Mitsunari Tamazawa for receiving his 1st degree black belt and certificate. I am sure we will have many more after the March camp and grading.

2013 a full year ahead:

As always the Bondi Junction dojo has a full year in 2013. It all starts with the camp in March. If you intend to grade to Green Belt or over, you should have put in your camp application. If you are thinking of attempting Green Belt or over at the September camp, it is not a bad idea to go the March camp and get a feel of what to expect when you are there to actually grade. After the camp we look to the next event which is the National camp on the Gold Coast. This is great camp to attend. Applications are at the dojo and if you book your airfare early, you can get some good deals. The camp is situated on the beach and students come from around Australia for a great weekend of sun, fun and great training. Then it is on to the NSW Full Contact Championships. This is a great event for those who want to start in the full contact tournaments or as warm up for the Australian Championships on the 4th August. The next event is the NSW Non Contact Championships. Bondi had lots of success in this event last year, not just because of the Bondi Junction student's great fighting technique and spirit, but much of the success was due to the fact that we had all of our fighters participating. So let's do the same this year and have everyone participating. We then move on the Australian Championships on 3rd & 4th August. Once again the Bondi students were outstanding in this event in 2012 and I am sure we can repeat that success this year. For those who want to try their hand on the international stage, the first event is the New Zealand Championships on the 28th & 29th September. The NZ tournament has divisions to suit everyone - kid's non contact, kid's full contact (gloves, shin guards and head guards used) and the same in the adult divisions, so if you want make the trip across the ditch for a great event, put the September

tournament down as a must. As far as international tournaments go, the Chinese Championships in Nanjing on the 2nd & 3rd October is hard to beat. It is a full contact event with children's divisions. The kids wear body armour, head guards, gloves and shin guards. It will be a great event coupled with all of the excitement of China. Adult full contact fighters should think about this event. The AKKA will be taking a team of 12 fighters, made up of 6 males and 6 females; however, they will be selected exclusively from the Australian Squad. So all of you full contact fighters should get yourself in the squad and try to make the team! If you are interested in training in the National squad, you need to be nominated by an instructor, so you need to see me.

AKKA Branch meeting: (tournament points)

At a recent meeting of the AKKA it was decided to change the tournament points system. Effective after the March grading the following points system will apply. It should be noted that the main difference is that points accumulated prior to grading to 4th Kyu are cancelled and the student must recommence accumulating points for a black belt grade. The problem in the past has been that many students left their tournament points until the very last and often it not only caused undue stress on the student trying to accumulate points in a hurry, but in many cases they left it too late and there was not enough tournament left to get the points prior to the grading. I should say that this was never a problem at the Bondi Junction dojo because as you are all aware, we insist that students start from very early in their training that they compete. Not only because of the points, but tournaments participation makes better fighters.

To grade to 4th Kyu (Green belt):

A student needs to accumulate 7 points.

To grade to Shodan (Black Belt):

A student needs to accumulate a further 10 points

How points are allocated!

- One point for regional events
- Two points for State events
- Three points for National events
- Non contact is not eligible for points unless under 16 or over 40 years

South African trip: (well worth a look)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxDz7-h4i_Y&feature=g-upl

Previous Bondi Shin:

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<http://www.easternsuburbskarate.com.au/BondiShin/BondiShin201212.pdf>

Last months Shin:

<http://www.akka.com.au/newsletters/Shin201211.pdf>

Demonstration:

The Japanese week demonstration at Darling Harbour went of really well, about 56 students turned up to take part and the demonstration was fantastic. The Kids did a great kata, as did the adults. Bondi Junction's *Sempai* Tamazawa did a very good breaking demonstration with timber and your truly did the baseball bat break. It all ended well with a display of

The greatest compliment you can give is to refer us to your family and friends. Thank you for your trust.

