

KARATE BC NEWS



Making history at the Worlds

**18th World Championships
Tampere, Finland**

Team Canada makes Karate history by placing 11th overall, with 81 countries being represented by 776 athletes in the 18th Senior World Championships.

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Canada produces 4 gold medals at the PKF Championships

Womens Team Kumite

18-20 Womens -60kg Ada Bratic (Ontario)

14/15 Womens +55kg Jessica Delhome (Ontario)

16/17 Mens -55kg Leiven Chung (Ontario)

Canada also had three silver medals. B.C. athletes Arash Beytoei and Shaun Dhillon were part of the winning team kumite group.

Also from B.C. :

Danielle Goudie, bronze 16/17 -53kg

Matt Bickel, bronze 16/17 -70kg

Valentyna Zolotarova, bronze 18-20 -53kg

Shaun Dhillon, bronze 18-20 +80kg

This is the most medals BC has ever won in a single Junior Championship. Ontario led the way with the most for Canada, followed by BC second, Quebec third and Nova Scotia and New Brunswick picking up a Bronze each.

This is also the 2nd biggest medal haul for Canada at the Junior PKF Championship, the best result coming in 2003 in Vancouver.

For all those who sent e-mails with messages of support for the athletes, thank you, as it meant a lot to them. To all dojo instructors, volunteers, referees and members, the athletes thank you for your commitment to helping them achieve their goals.

BC athletes representing Canada

Sumi Uchiage: 18-20 female kata

Valentina Zolotarova: 18-20 female kata & -53kg

Cody Johnstone: 18-20 male -70kg

Arash Beytoei: 18-20 male -65kg

Shaun Dhillon: 18-20 male +80kg

Matt Bickel: 16-17 male -70kg

Andrea Maikawa: 16-17 female -57kg

Danielle Goudie: 16-17 female -51kg

Yuki Hisata: 14-15 male -50kg

Jusleen Virk: 14-15 female -50kg

**Best regards,
Sandeep Gill**

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Team Canada makes history at the Worlds

Karate Canada was represented by 13 athletes, and two coaches. Of the 13 athletes there, only 10 competed in individual events, with four of them making the top 10 in their respective categories.

The premiere performer was Nassim Varasteh who competed in -60kg category against 47 athletes where she fought for the gold, and took home Canada's first female kumite medal of this calibre. She beat Sweden, France, Japan, Russia, before losing the Gold medal round to Slovakia. A truly outstanding performance.

To top off Nassim's finish, the next day Philippe Poirier fought to the last round in -80kg mens to lose the final round to Italy. Philippe started his run by beating Serbia, Greece, and Spain. Then Philippe fought the last round of repechage against Venezuela and took the bronze medal. With a total of 51 athletes in his division, Philippe did a super job.

Two World medals in one competition has never happened in the entire lifetime of the National Karate Association.

To compliment things more, Saeed Bagbani fought for the Bronze medal against Iran, and took fifth place. Saeed took out Mexico, Italy, then lost to the winner Azerbaijan, and finished off with England before losing the Bronze medal to Iran. Considering that there

were a whopping 58 athletes in this weight category, it was an excellent accomplishment.

The last top 10 finisher was Katarina Vadovicova, who competed in kata with 44 athletes and took ninth place. Katarina had the pleasure of having two previous world medalist, the European & Golden league champions, all on her side of the draw. Katarina took out Germany, then lost to the Silver medalist from Vietnam, came back in the repechage but lost to France.

Recognition should be given to the majority of our athletes who did not place in the top ten, but for their outstanding performances.

From the coaches aspect, we were very pleased with their performance. Many of our athletes went through several rounds before losing, and with very few points scored against them.

Chris de Sousa Costa went two rounds and had one point scored on him, Louis P. Lafleur additionally went two rounds, and had no points scored on him.

Jennifer Guillette went three rounds, and only had four points scored on her, while Xavier Fournier went to the third round before losing, and Toshi Uchiage went two rounds. With statistics like this, we are very, very happy with the performance of the Canadian team.

(exerpts from a report by Paul Oliver, NKA Team Manager)

Karate BC new members

Karate BC is very pleased to welcome the following clubs who joined our association in the 2005/06 membership year:

North Surrey Shoto-Ryu	Hardeep Gill
Okinawan Goju-Ryu – Abbotsford	Harminder Saab
Citadel Shotokan – Port Coquitlam	Aslam Khan
Chilliwack Uechi-Ryu	Barry Gower
Westwood Goju-Ryu – Port Coquitlam	Brian Purves
St. Andrew's Karate Club – Vancouver	Nathaniel Espiritu
Yama Neko Dojo – Victoria	Ted Truscott
Saturna Island Karate Dojo	Michel Bourassa
Cranbrook Shotokan	Alex & Sheri Green
West Vancouver Martial Arts	Laurian Lapadatu
Quadra Island Wado	Dan Wallis
Legacy Shorin-Ryu – South Surrey	Nick McLaren
Canada Shoseikan – Vancouver	Henry Chan

And to these clubs who have been approved in the current membership year, we also look forward to a long relationship:

Gemba Karate Club – Vancouver	Jean Sorensen
Fudochi Shotokan – Maple Ridge	Frank Corbett
Northern Spirit Martial Arts Academy – Salmon Arm ...	Kari Ralph
Nanaimo School of Self Defence & Fitness	Tyler Lane



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Autocracy not Democracy!?

The Annual General Meeting of the National Karate Association, July 12-14, 2006

The intent of this letter is to clarify events that occurred during the Annual General Meeting of the National Karate Association in St. John's, Newfoundland. The AGM on Wednesday, July 12 was put into recess at about 8:30 or 9:00 pm while the executive and National Council explored issues relating to proxies. This recess continued until about 11pm without resolve. There was not sufficient time that evening to resolve the matter so the AGM continued in recess until Friday, July 14.

(Note: past practice at NKA AGM's has been that proxies are validated against a member's Black Belt registration form. This year there were no black belt forms brought to the AGM – only a list of Black Belt members who had been checked by the Treasurer, Norm Gillies, upon receipt of the proxies.)

The easiest route for the resolve of the proxy validation process would have been to simply get the original black belt forms FEDEXED on Thursday for Friday – and a new committee could have been appointed to recount and revalidate all proxies, as they should of been in the first place. One of the reasons raised why it was imperative that this occur is there was clearly a potential conflict of interest as the Treasurer was a candidate for President.

The Executive refused National Council's request. In fact, the Executive chose to seek legal opinion regarding proxies. Once they got an opinion, the President, Sebastian Pironne, refused to sit down with the National Council to give any input on what he had found out or how he wanted to proceed on the Friday night in spite of the fact that I had been in contact with the lawyer he retained. The lawyer was in agreement to sit with National Council if the President agreed. Mr. Pironne didn't. To this date it is unclear who retained the lawyer. We asked if the NKA had and the answer was no. This seems a contradiction to an earlier comment made by the Executive but that is what the President said to the assembled members on the Friday night.

Shortly after the meeting resumed on Friday evening it became clear to many National Council members that there were enough irregularities (more in fact came to light as the meeting resumed at 8:00 pm on Friday) in the election process that the election should be set aside and rescheduled for another date.

The Executive tried to force the election ahead but it was not the will of the membership present that the election should proceed. After heated debate the president on his own "adjourned" the AGM, which technically he cannot do.

Those still present, which was virtually everyone with the exception of four of the five Executive, discussed what had transpired and what should happen next. It was determined that National Council should meet that night and decide what was the best course of action and attempt to meet with the Executive the next day. The members of National Council did not attempt to "take over" the association. While it is true at one point a comment was raised whether National Council could, in fact, choose another Executive to run the association in the interim, that was merely a brainstormed idea that was later determined to be inappropriate. National Council and the members in atten-

dance were dissatisfied that the election could be conducted fairly and they were successful at getting the election postponed to a later date. The Executive was not the one who was put in a corner, it was them who put the entire association in a corner and tried to push something that was done improperly and it is with great courage and conviction that we had to stand up and stop them. Their reaction was one of frustration of having not been able to push the election forward.

Once people at the "General Assembly" meeting that followed after the adjournment by the President had a chance to voice their opinions and raise questions, National Council then met. They met to decide what questions needed to be resolved and how best to resolve them. The minutes of that meeting and its subsequent action should be coming your way in the near future.

The National Council who participated in the meeting were as follows: Ken Roper (PEI), Wing Au (NFLD), Randall McLean (NS), Paul Oliver (NB), Sylvain Berthiaume (QUE), John Priegert (AB), Cal Moore (BC). Several people sat in as observers

but did not take an active role in decision making: Rebecca Khoury (athlete rep), Josh Drury (until 8:00 pm on Wednesday evening he was Ontario NC rep – he was relieved of his duties by the President of Ontario after Wednesday), Brad Jones (Ontario coach) & Howard Crocker (Ontario coach).

I did not sit in on the meeting due to potential conflict of interest as I was running for President of the NKA.

The NKA Executive has taken the position that the election has, in fact, started, and that Norm Gillies has been named President. They have further announced that at some point within the next four months the election will continue. Date and location for this continuation is to be announced.

An autocracy is defined as (in our case) "an association governed by a single ruler who has unlimited power." The Executive doesn't have the authority to disregard the will of National Council as it has. We are to be governed democratically: hence the dispute between National Council and its Executive.

National Council sought the services of a Sport Canada mediator to resolve the impasse. Representatives from National Council (Ken Roper from PEI and Rebecca Khoury from Quebec) met with Mr. Gillies and Mr. Pironne on Sept. 6, 2006 in Montreal. The meeting lasted most of the day but ended prematurely when Mr. Gillies and Mr. Pironne walked out of the meeting. The result of that meeting was no resolution is possible through mediation.

National Council will try other means to get the NKA Executive to meet to deal with NKA issues because we have a responsibility to our members to ensure the association's finances are in order, procedures and electoral processes are followed according to our constitution and its policies.

Please see pages 4 and 5 for the NKA Annual General Meeting Minutes from July 12-14, 2006 and decide for yourself if the events demonstrate democracy or autocracy.

Respectfully submitted,
Dan Wallis
Past President of NKA

National Karate Association of Canada AGM

St. Johns, Newfoundland, 12th July 2006

NON-approved Revision C
Present: S.Pirrone, T.Uchiage, N.Gillies, R.Joshi, L.Bowers and approximately 75 other members.

Call to order: 7:40pm

- 1) Introduction by the President of Dianne Oliney, our NCCP liaison.
 - a) Ms. Oliney: She facilitates the program.
 - b) There were working sessions yesterday and today.
 - c) Different parts of the program were structured, finalized or simplified.

2) NCCP Report – P. Oliver

3) President's Report

- a) We are now working by the 1979 Constitution.
- b) Thanks for the opportunity to be here.
- c) We are moving forward. Good things are:
 - i) Charitable registration number
 - ii) More WKF officials than ever before
 - iii) Junior Camp in Ontario. Karate Ontario Association gave \$3,000 to the camp.
 - iv) Nationwide Dan testing
 - v) Regional Qualification Clinics for officials in NB
 - vi) Policies went forward – bilingual
 - vii) Sport Canada funding more than last year
 - viii) 1st time ever there is a Carded athlete in the NKA – Toshi Uchiage
 - ix) web-site improving
 - x) Tsuruoka Sensei becomes 10th Dan and "O Sensei"

PROVINCIAL REPORTS

4) Newfoundland – Wing Au

- a) Welcome to the 32nd Championships
- b) Members attended CBET courses and RQC.

5) PEI – will email report

6) NB – P.Oliver

- a) Report presented.
- b) RQC, Technical Committee Clinic and Dan test all at same weekend. Very successful.

7) NS – nil

8) PQ – Sylvain Berthiaume

- a) Approaching 7000 members
- b) 11th anniversary of Karate Quebec
- c) Successful team
- d) 1st female Canadian kata PKF champion
- e) 1st Pan-am Games athlete qualified – Jennifer Guillette
- f) More international officials.

9) Ontario – J.Drury

- i) Everything is running smoothly.
- ii) Return of President S. Pirrone
- iii) Officials committee working hard.

- iv) Four tournaments
- v) Athletes doing well internationally
- vi) PKFs had good results

10) AB – J.Priegert

- a) 1200 members approximately
- b) Report attached

11) BC – Cal Moore

- a) New zone system is challenging
- b) 2 members inducted into the BC Hall of Fame: N. Foster and J. Johnson
- c) Championships are in BC next year.

12) NWT – B. Gibeault

- a) Four athletes this time.
- b) Expensive to come and go.
- c) Now 4 diamond mines in NWT and oil pipelines.
- d) Leslie and Cathy Bowers were up teaching an officials course.
- e) Thanks for having us.

13) Tournament committee – no report

14) Officials committee – report distributed

15) Head Coach – M. Monzon

- a) Junior training camp was held in Toronto
- b) Uruguay: Junior PKF 39 athletes, 10 medals, team cheques were received ahead of time.
- c) Cyprus: WKF – Junior 19 on team, 3 fought for bronze.
- d) Argentina: Senior PKF 19 athletes, 6 medals
- e) Dominican Republic: Senior PKF 22 athletes, 8 medals. Katarina Vadovicova – Kata champion
- f) World Games: 3 athletes 1 bronze – Philippe Poirier
- g) Senior Training camp in Montreal
- h) Grant of \$112000 from COC over 4 years: thanks to P.Oliver and Wendy for their hard work getting this.

16) Technical Committee report

17) Treasurer – N. Gillies

- a) Presented a financial statement for 2005. Financial statement is audited.
- b) Questions asked about the statement.
- c) Mr. Gillies requested that all questions should be submitted in writing and stated that answers would be forthcoming in a few weeks. He would not answer questions at the meeting.
- d) Financial report for 2005 was not accepted.
- e) Members state:
 - i) The proper audited financial statements for 2005 have not been received.
 - ii) The 2005 report is not on letterhead and is not signed by the officers of the corporation.
 - iii) The 2004 – 2005 signed audited statement were not distributed as prom-

ised. They have not been seen by the membership.

iv) When asked if the NKA had taken out loans the treasurer said "no".

(1) Later, representatives of KOA stated that they had loaned \$20,000 to the NKA. This has been repaid.

(2) Also a member stated that the Chito-ryu association had loaned the NKA \$15,000 and this has been repaid.

f) The treasurer states: That we have received the audited financial statement for both years, 2004 and 2005, on the currently presented document.

ELECTIONS

18) President

- Mr. S. Pirrone nominated by D. Kljenak – Mr. Pirrone declines
Mr. N. Gillies nominated by S. Celebije – Mr. Gillies accepts
Mr. D. Wallis nominated by C. Whittaker – Mr. Wallis accepts

19) Motion to close nominations

- Moved J. Priegert
2nd J. Alfonso
Carried

20) Scrutineers and vote counters are chosen:

- a) C. Whittaker
- b) N. Hickie
- c) J. Alfonso
- d) D. Kljenak
- e) D. Gardecki
- f) S. Furg

21) Votes are collected in a box.

22) Problems with the voting

- a) During the voting process BC claims to be missing a large number of proxies.
- b) It is apparent that this cannot be settled at this time.
- c) Questions were asked by members about the proxy validation process. Members became increasingly dissatisfied with the situation and the validity of the process.
- d) The treasurer had not brought the black belt registration forms for the validation process.
- e) Meeting recessed at 11:07 pm to Friday at 8 pm, 2 days later

23) July 14th, 2006

- a) Meeting reconvenes at 8:00 pm.
- b) Present are the Executive members and about 70 other members.
Chairman
- 24) Mr. S. Pirrone vacates the chair.
- 25) Mr. R. Joshi takes the chair.

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National Karate Association of Canada AGM

St. Johns, Newfoundland, 12th July 2006 (continued)

Discussions by the members present

26) S. Berthiaume, PQ rep to council, "I am not satisfied with the proxy process."

27) J. Priegert, AB rep to council, "I am not satisfied with the proxy process."

28) K. Roper, PEI rep to council, "I am not satisfied with the proxy process."

29) R. MacLean, NS rep to council, "I am not satisfied with the proxy process."

30) C. Moore, BC rep to council, "I am not satisfied with the proxy process."

31) B. Gibeault, NWT rep to council, "I am not satisfied with the proxy process."

32) W. Au, NF rep to council, "I am not satisfied with the proxy process."

33) S. Celebije – "Let's finish and count it"

34) R. Khoury – Validation process found to be flawed during the handing in of votes.

35) C. Moore – "found that they were deficient while votes were being collected."

Non-member at the front

36) It was identified that a non-member was sitting in the front row taking notes.

a) Members repeatedly asked who this person was and the nature of his business.

b) He identified himself as Chris Hickie, a constitution and corporate commercial lawyer.

c) He stated that he could not answer the following questions:

i) Why he was there;
ii) Why he was taking notes;
iii) The purpose the notes were to be used;

iv) Who is paying him.

d) When asked, Mr. Pirrone stated that the NKA was not paying him. No one at the meeting acknowledged they were paying Mr. Hickie.

Discussions by members present

37) J. Johnson –

a) Stated that he had received reports from 2 of the 3 scrutineers during the proxy validation process, that the normal process was not followed. The black belt registration forms were not available for cross-checking.

b) Also, when the pre-meeting notices about proxies were sent out, that it seemed that a select group received the information while others did not.

c) The normal correct process was not followed.

38) Cherry Whitaker – The treasurer cannot validate the proxies on his own. It is up to the proxy validation committee.

39) Cherry Whitaker –

a) There is a fiduciary responsibility

b) The president has consistently :

i) Not answered emails

ii) Not answered phone calls

iii) Not answered questions; and

iv) Not held meetings.

c) How can we have an acceptable process tonight?

d) We need to appoint a temporary group to look after the association.

40) Leslie Bowers –

a) The members present can vote

b) The National Council would still have the provincial and territorial reps. They can decide how to proceed.

41) D. Wallis – There is uncertainty in the proxies.

42) R. Khoury – There is no confidence in the validation process by the members.

43) N. Gillies – No problem with the proxies except by BC

a) 77 missing proxies from BC.

b) Only 20 proxies not registered during validation process for various reasons.

c) 1496 proxies in total.

44) Cal Moore

a) 181 proxies for him

b) The slip, with a letter code, had to be checked on the computer to see how many he had. When checked it showed only 100.

c) There are mistakes in the BC proxies. No faith in the process.

45) Motion: That this election be aborted until a new date is set by National Council

Moved: C. Moore

2nd: S. Berthiaume

The chair ruled this motion out of order. No vote taken

46) L. Bowers – "by what rules of order is this meeting being held?"

47) N. Gillies – Black belt breakdown

Province	This year	Last year
BC	341	242
AB	152	105
PQ	512	444
Ont	779	495
PEI	22	33
NB	100	93
NF	19	20
NWT	8	10
NS	109	60

This information was provided by the Treasurer after questions from the mem-

bers.

No kyu breakdown is available at this time.

48) M. Monzon – why did proxy validation committee let all the proxies go through?

49) J. Priegert –

a) In good faith.

b) New process.

c) Use of computer.

d) No black belt forms to check.

e) Counts shared.

f) Now not happy with process.

50) J. Johnson – we cannot check the numbers

51) N. Gillies – Answered questions about the large increase in black belt registration in Ontario.

52) Gerard –

a) 1.85 students to each black belt in Ontario. This is a very high ratio.

b) The voting earlier on Wednesday was coerced by the short time presented for the voting process.

53) S. Janusas – No-one has viewed the proxies and the black belt forms.

54) R. Joshi – Stepping down as chair of this meeting.

55) Mr. Pirrone says that he is now the chairman once more.

56) Several members to Mr. Pirrone – "No you are not the chair."

57) Mr. J. Priegert stands:
Motion: "I appeal the decision of the chair."

Moved: J. Priegert

2nd: S. Berthiaume

A majority of the members say "aye"

Carried

58) Motion: "I move that this meeting appoint a new chairman."

Moved: J. Priegert

2nd: C. Whitaker

A majority of the members say "aye"

Carried

59) Motion: "I nominate Mr. J. Johnson as chair of this meeting."

Moved: L. Bowers

2nd: S. Berthiaume

No vote held

60) Mr. S. Pirrone, Mr. T. Uchiage, Mr. R. Joshi, Mr. Gillies and Mr. Hickie all leave the meeting.

61) Mr. S. Pirrone states as he is leaving "this meeting is adjourned."



Kraig Devlin (right) with Cal Moore (left). Kraig is working on his level 4 NCCP and Cal is the master coach advisor.

New coach for BC team

Please join me in congratulating Kraig Devlin as the BC Team Head Coach, Serey Sinn as the Kata Coach, Peter Stoddard as the Kumite Coach, and Jacqueline Smith as Manager. Kraig brings with him both experience and coaching theory which will help him to build the BC Team.

Roy Tippenhauer, High Performance Chair



Norma Foster

Reinstated Foster wins service award

In a bizarre twist, Norma Foster was awarded the Ross Rumbell Memorial Award for outstanding service to Karate in Canada at the National Karate Association's annual banquet in St. John's Newfoundland.

Ross Rumbell was one of the founding members of the NKA who died prematurely of cancer.

Ms. Foster was suspended from the NKA Executive in a telephone conference after she filed a harassment complaint against NKA President Sabastian Pirrone.

The national council reversed the suspension and reinstated full membership to Norma on the first day of its controversial meeting.

During that meeting the President was forced to vacate the chair upon a motion by Karate BC President, Cal Moore.

What followed was more controversy at a raucous AGM that saw President Pirrone, Vice-Presidents Takeshi Uchiage and Rupert Joshi, and Treasurer Norm Gillies storm out of the meeting before it was adjourned.

Leslie Bowers, NKA Secretary, resigned his position, as he stated "to distance himself from this administration."

Pirrone, Uchiage, and Rupert failed to attend the banquet and their seats were noticeably empty at the head table.

Great year for B.C.

By Sandeep Gill
Past chair,
High Performance Committee

The 2006 season proved to be a successful time for the British Columbia Karate Team.

The first big event that BC athletes participated in was the National Karate Black Belt Championships in St. John's, Newfoundland. Forty-one participants from all over the province attended this fierce and highly competitive event.

In the Kata events, Toshi Uchiage again proved why he is a world class Kata athlete. He was able to move smoothly through the elimination rounds as well as the final to win the gold medal. He had particularly tough competition, as the third place medallist in his division was also the former Romanian national kata champion.

The BC women also dominated in the Junior women's division, where Valentyna Zolotarova showed a tremendous range of Kata to win the gold. Sumi Uchiage and Cindy Jacob followed with silver and bronze medals in the same division.

The BC athletes also did well in the Kumite divisions this year. Yuki Hisata was successful in winning the -50kg division in the 14/15-year-old category. On the girls' side, Andrea Maikawa won the 16/17 middleweight Kumite division. Arash Beytoei also won the

Junior men's -65kg kumite division.

The BC team had a total of five National Champions, as well as the Boys 14/15 Team who won the Team Kumite event.

BC also sent 10 athletes to the Pan American Junior Championships, the most athletes that BC has ever had on the Junior National Karate Team.

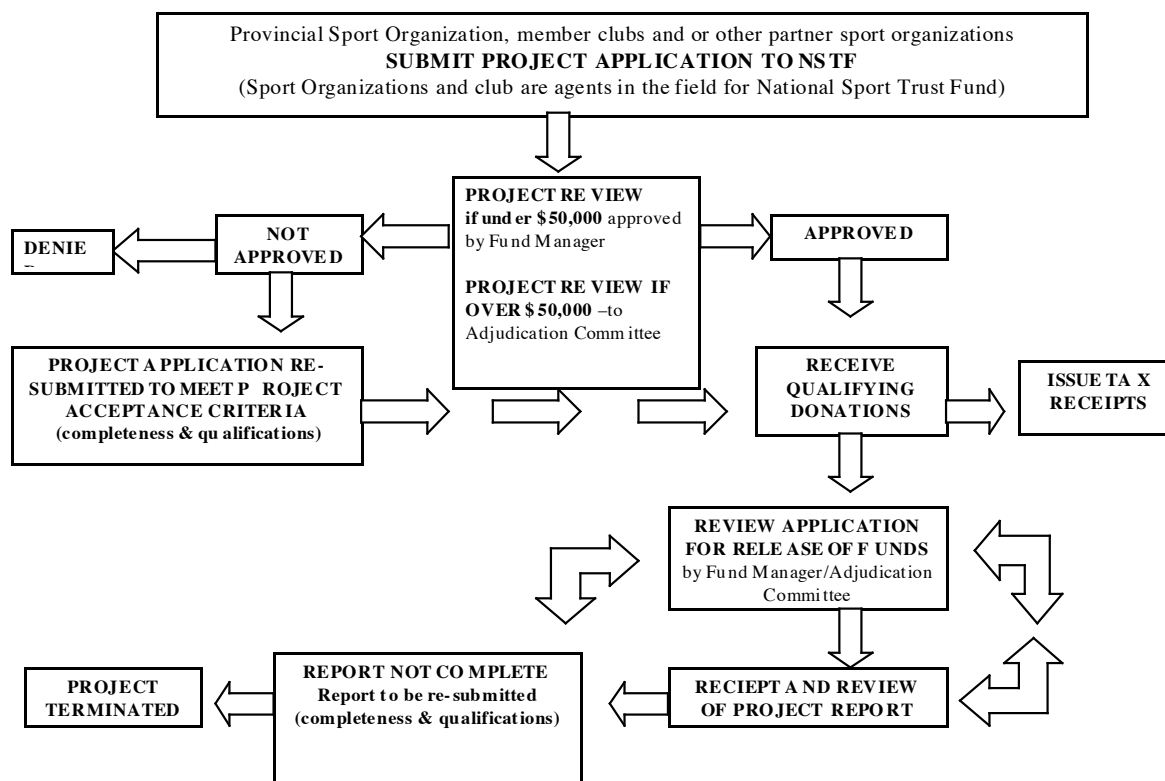
The Junior Pan American Championships were held in the Netherlands, Antillies in September, and provided BC athletes the opportunity to compete against the best in the Pan American region.

BC athletes were second only to Ontario in bringing medals home for Canada. Matt Bickel and Shaun Dhillon won bronze medals in their respective male kumite divisions, while Danielle Goudie and Valentyna Zolotarova won bronze medals in their divisions.

The journey to National and International competition is a long one. There are many obstacles that athletes have to overcome in order to achieve their goals. All the dojo sensei, parents and support staff play a pivotal role in the athlete's development, and KBC would like to thank all those involved who helped make the BC Team program successful this year.

With continued effort, research, competition and cooperation we can strive to build a successful program within the province.

Donation Flow National Sport Trust Fund



Help with fund-raising

National Sports Trust Fund available to Karate BC clubs

Did you know that Karate BC clubs can utilize the National Sport Trust Fund (NSTF) to support your fundraising efforts?

In January 2006 Sport BC and the NSTF announced a revised process with new reporting mechanisms. The reasons for the changes were to ensure compliance with the Canada Revenue Agency and to bring uniformity across Canada.

Eligibility Requirements

The following are the minimum eligibility requirements to be eligible for the NSTF:

- Must be current members in good standing with Karate BC
- Appoint a person to act as the Project Administrator to liaise with the NSTF Fund Manager
- Adopt policies and procedures that support the integrity of the NSTF
- Ensure that projects demonstrate promoting sport at a national level

What projects are eligible?

Many different projects are eligible.

Some examples include but are not limited to:

- Annual Giving programs
- Capital campaigns (equipment or building)
- Campaigns to support programs (athlete development)

The Process

The diagram above outlines the process. A brief summary is provided, however, please refer to the National Sport Trust Fund Operating Manual for more detailed information.

Before beginning any fundraising activities, a project application (appendix C of the operating manual) must be completed and sent to Karate BC. Be sure to complete all parts of the application.

Karate BC will review the project application and provide Provincial Sport Organization approval, after which the application will be forwarded to the NSTF Fund Manager. The Fund manager will review the project.

If during the process, the application does not meet the criteria of the

NSTF or is incomplete in its application, the project will be returned to the club for re-submission.

Once the project is approved, qualifying donations may be received and official tax receipts will be issued. All donors must complete a Donor Declaration letter (Appendix A).

After the funds have been raised, grants for the project will be released to the club with a Grant request (Appendix E) and a project report must be completed to demonstrate that the funds have been used for the purpose that they were raised.

Resources

The National Sport Trust Fund Operating Manual is available to all members and may be downloaded from the Sport BC website www.sport.bc.ca under Quicklinks.

If you require any further information or have questions pertaining to the NSTF, please contact Moira Gookstetter, Director of Development, Sport BC at 604-737-3106 or moira.gookstetter@sport.bc.ca.

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Toshi scores a first for karate

With his capture of a bronze medal at the World Championships in Monterrey, Mexico, Toshi Uchiage became the first-ever Canadian Karate Athlete to become carded by Sport Canada. Carding, which was previously denied Karate athletes, is the process instituted to support Canadian athletes by providing financial assistance to offset the costs of training and competing at the elite levels. By becoming the first carded Karate athlete, Toshi has opened the door to Canadian Team members to reach for the top with direct assistance from the Canadian Sport system. Congratulations Toshi!! Toshi is seen here with team members (left to right) Chris De Sousa Costa, Nassim Varasteh, Toshi, Jelena Milkovich, Manuel Monzon (coach) and Xavier Fournier. Special thanks to Cal Moore, Rebecca Khoury and Paul Oliver for contributing to this effort, and of course to Toshi for his tremendous accomplishment. ~ Editor

National Coaching Symposium

I thought I should report on the recent National Coaching Symposium held in Toronto on the weekend of November 10-12, 2006.

I traveled with the Provincial coaching staff, Kraig Devlin, Peter Stoddart and Serey Sinn and KBC President Cal Moore to attend this symposium. The goal was to further introduce the LTAD (long term athlete development strategy) adopted by Canada and the NKA.

For those not familiar with the LTAD model, it outlines an athlete's journey through different ages and development phases in their career.

In addition, we attended a semi-

nar on the "New NCCP" which will introduce new and different levels of coaching from recreational to high performance coaching. There has been a new committee formed to amalgamate the LTAD model into the NCCP coaching model and produce a karate coaching certification system in Canada. Kraig and Cal will help shape the national system.

We spent the best part of the day training with the national team coach Manuel Monzon. He introduced some principles, which we will attempt to pass on to our BC Team membership through our Zone regionalized training sessions and the BC Team

Program as well. I am trying to integrate the national/provincial/zone training principles to further benefit our athletes in B.C. I believe our athletes should have a heads-up on what is happening in Canada so they may improve their chances on the international stage.

We plan to bring the National team coach to B.C. to conduct workshops this spring, so watch out for them.

The money spent on this symposium was a good investment, as we are planning to send B.C. Coaches to any zone that wants them,

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Training at Fraser Lake

Thanks to the Bobbi Steen award from Promotion Plus, Norma Foster and Kathryn Wong implemented an officials' seminar in Fraser Lake, BC. Participants from Kitimat, Fraser Lake and Prince George attended the seminar, which covered the basics of refereeing and judging, scorekeeping and timekeeping.

The objective of the seminar was to encourage women and girls in the region to become involved in officiating. This is important with the zone system in full swing.

The participants represented four styles and three geographic locations, and ranged in age and experience. They studied theory and practice, and everyone played the part of competitors, judges and referees. We believe they enjoyed the experience and learned useful information that will further their karate careers. We also hope that they will take the information taught back to their communities and teach other girls and women that officiating is a viable choice.

Although the population of Fraser Lake is only around 2,000, a karate program at Fraser Lake Elementary Secondary School under the guidance



of Ken Corrigan and instructed by Conrad Blomquist and Cheryl Paavola has attracted about 50 new members, around which 75% are girls. This is an amazing proportion.

The contribution of the parents, Niessa, Conrad's daughter and the town mayor are invaluable. We thank everyone in Fraser Lake for their hospitality, barbecued moose and homemade cheesecake. Kathryn made new friends and fans and everyone in the Lower Mainland is invited up for a

tournament in May.

We hope in future, the region will take more advantage of such learning opportunities. A prevailing view of refereeing seems to be that a seminar need not be attended unless a certificate is awarded. This view needs to be altered in line with general karate practice, in that technical seminars are not always accompanied by a grading examination.

~ Norma Foster

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New High Performance chair



To all Club Instructors, Zone Coaches and Athletes:

I am writing to introduce myself as the new High Performance Chair for the Province of BC.

I have competed, coached and been involved with BC Team athletes for many years.

This year I am taking on another role as the HPC chair replacing Sandeep Gill. I would like to thank Sandeep for all his hard work on the HPC this past year.

I want to congratulate the coaches, athletes and manager of the provincial team for our success in Newfoundland at the Nationals. You made us all proud.

Last year was our first year using the zone system. It was a difficult one and we faced many challenges.

Some zones organized quickly and were successful in their approach and others remained more antonymous.

I believe we are moving forward properly but understand that much work is

Coaching positions for the BC team for the year 2006 to 2007

Head Coach: Kraig Devlin
Kata Coach: Serey Sinn
Kumite Coach: Peter Stoddart
Team Manager: Jacqueline Smith

In addition, we will have several assistants during our training sessions, from various zones who showed interest.

These zone coaches will possibly move into main coaching positions as we can use the Zone Coaches as a development tool for future B.C. team coaches.

needed to streamline the process.

This year my goal is to Communicate with all zones and club instructors to receive ideas about the changes that may be required to move forward.

In our recent season windup meeting

of the HPC we discussed some ideas on how to further strengthen the new zone system.

I am summarizing them below and look forward to your input.

- 1) Selection Process of BC team. Grand Prix system vs. Subjective Selection
- 2) Additional tournaments to aid in selection process
- 3) Additional opportunities for elite athletes to compete
- 4) Integration of zone/provincial/national coaching systems.
- 5) Effect of new zone system on outlying areas.

I would like to open the discussion to anyone who has an idea how to improve the BC team process.

Please email me through Karate BC.

Our motto for the BC team 2006-07 season is "HAPPY BUT NOT CONTENT" as we are happy about our results but not totally content with them.

I look forward to your input.

Roy Tippenhauer
High Performance Chair

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Looking for zone reps for BC Winter Games

The 2008 BC Winter Games will be held in Kimberley-Cranbrook, BC February 21-24. Karate has been named as a sport participating in these games.

As Provincial Advisor, it is my job to appoint Zone Representatives for each of the 8 zones.

I am looking for expressions of interest in becoming a zone rep from zones: 5 (Vancouver-Squamish), 3 (Fraser Valley), 2 (Okanagan), 4 (Fraser River-Delta) and 1 (Kootenays). Please visit the link below for a job description of BC Gamer Zone Rep. Please ignore the dates.

The next games are in 2008 and playoffs will be in 2007.

Please note that the BC Games playoffs will be a separate event from the regional tryouts.

www.bcgames.org/OtherPDFs/Handbooks/Zone%20Rep%20Task%20Timeline%20-%20Winter%202006.pdf

~ James Johnson

Community Sport Hero Program

The Community Sport Hero Program is a celebration of volunteers... because volunteers are the lifeblood of the development and delivery of sport across British Columbia.

These awards recognize and thank community sport volunteers for their dedication and leadership within B.C.'s sport system.

Is there a long standing sport volunteer in your community or organization who deserves some recognition?

Community Sport Hero nomination criteria:

Provincial Sport Organizations and local residents are encouraged to nominate individuals from their own communities who:

- make a voluntary contribution to sport through coaching, officiating, boards, administration, special events, etc.;
- have been a dedicated sport volunteer for a minimum of 10 years; and
- are among the "unsung heroes" of sport, the type of person that goes above and beyond the call of duty and is deserving of some public recognition.

To access a Community Sport Hero nomination form or for additional information, please contact Gail Donohue, Director of Sport Development, 604-737-3009 or gail.donohue@sport.bc.ca.

Nominees and nominators will be notified when a Community Sport Hero recognition event is scheduled for their community.

Sport BC congratulates all Community Sport Hero nominees. Your spirit, dedication and contribution makes the B.C. sport community the best in the country.

National coaching symposium

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from November to April, to convey what they have learned to the zone athletes and coaches.

With our Head Coach having a two-year tenure with a third year option I believe we can implement some positive changes, which will benefit our athletes and add some stability to the program.

His tenure will allow us to develop the province in conjunction with the national team program and move us forward.

We have some work to do but I think we are on the right track.

Roy Tippenhauer
High Performance Chair

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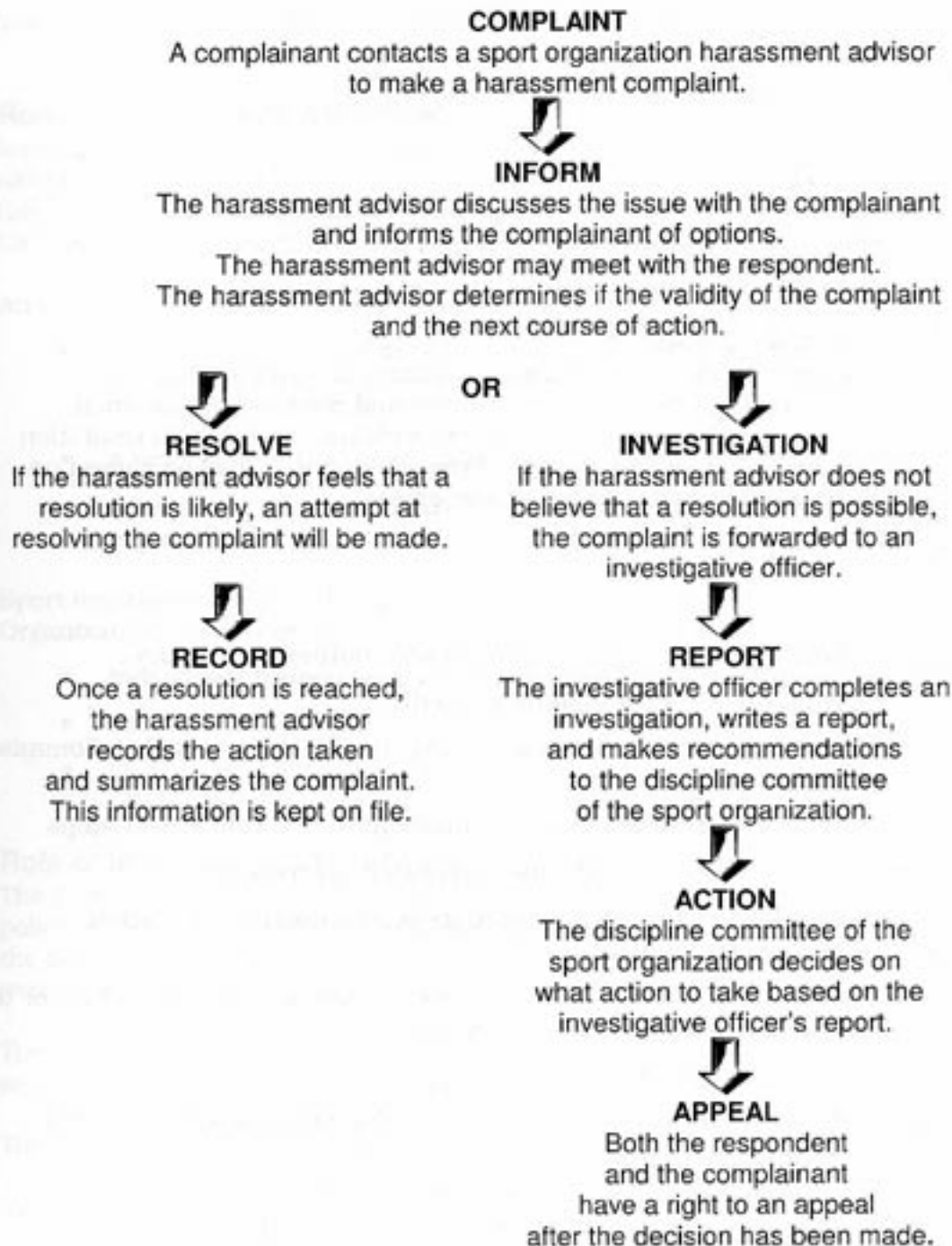
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Nov 25	Zone 7 & 8 Provincial Tryouts	Duchess Park Secondary School, Prince George, BC	Ken Corrigan @ 250-561-1432
Nov 26	Zone 5 Provincial Tryouts	Capilano College, 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, BC	Andreas Kuntze @ 604-321-1815
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Feb 3	Sato Cup 2007	BCIT, 3700 Willingdon, Burnaby, BC	Andreas Kuntze @ 604-321-1815 www.shitoryu.net
Feb 8-11	Northern Winter Games	Fort St. John, BC	Ken Corrigan @ 250-561-3306 www.bcgames.org
Mar 3	34th Steveston International Karate Championships	Steveston Indoor Tennis Court, 4111 Moncton St., Richmond, BC	Takeshi Uchiage @ 604-272-4660 www.uchiage-kai.com
Mar 16-18	Sensei Antonio Oliva Seba: Kumite Tactics Seminar	t.b.a. - Burnaby, BC	Sandeep Gill @ 604-787-4568
Apr 13	Karate BC Annual General Meeting	tba	James Johnson @ 604-737-3051
Apr 14	2007 Provincial Championships	Minoru Arena, Richmond, BC	James Johnson @ 604-737-3051
May 5	TMSK Cup Invitational	Kelowna Christian School, Kelowna	Tom Mah @ 250-712-0268
Jul 12-14	2007 National Black Belt Karate Championships	Minoru Arena, 7551 Minoru Gate, Richmond, BC	James Johnson @ 604-737-3051
Oct 26 - 28	Tsuruoka International Karate Tournament: 50 Years Karate in Canada	Kelowna, BC	Rodney Hobson @ 250-868-8700

NCCP Course Schedule

Introduction to Competition Part A (replaced Theory Level 1 in April 2004)

Includes the Following Modules - Make Ethical Decisions, Planning a Practice and Nutrition

Jan 13, 14, 2006	Kamloops	PacificSport - Interior	(250) 828-3500
Feb 10, 11, 2006	Kamloops	PacificSport - Interior	(250) 828-3500
Mar 24, 25, 2007	North Vancouver	North Van Rec Commission	(604) 987-7529
Mar 31, Apr 1, 2007	Salmon Arm	Okanagan College	(250) 804-8888
Apr 13, Apr 14, 2007	Powell River	City of Powell River	(604) 485-2891

Introduction to Competition Part B (replaced Theory Level 2 in April 2004)

Includes the Following Modules - Design a Basic Sport Program, Teaching and Learning and Basic Mental skills

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Dec 2, 3, 2006	Victoria	Pearkes Recreation Centre	(250) 475-5400
Dec 2, 3, 2006	Vancouver	Langara College	(604) 323-5322
Dec 8, 9, 2006	Prince George	PacificSport - Northern	(250) 614-7843
Feb 24, 25, 2006	North Vancouver	North Van Rec Commission	(604) 987-7529
Mar 3, 4, 2006	Kamloops	PacificSport - Interior	(250) 828-3500
Apr 21, 22, 2007	Salmon Arm	Okanagan College	(250) 804-8888

Theory Level 3 Schedule

Feb 3, 4, & Mar 10, 11, 2007	Kamloops	PacificSport - Interior	(250) 828-3583
Feb 10, 11, & Mar 3, 4, 2007	North Vancouver	Western Leisure Consultants	(604) 731-7066