



Beikoku  
Shido Kan

The "Birmingham Dojo"  
Shido-kan Shorin Ryu Karate  
at  
The CLC @ Birmingham First



Blackwood  
Dojo

## Newsletter June 10, 2004

### Bits and Pieces

Sensei Menders popped in for a few minutes last week, long enough to see some of the progress everyone is making. A few of the Senior class that arrived early got to do Kihon Kata Four in front of him. He was very impressed! His next official visit will probably be after we start up again this fall.

We are considering a couple of small changes. Given the overlap and transition time, the Thursday Senior class will officially start at ten minutes after 7. The schedules will continue to say 7 for brevity's sake, and we will go a full 45 minutes, so you aren't losing out on anything!

I would like to hear some feedback on the addition of a Junior class on Tuesday night as well as Thursday. I am also more than willing to talk about moving students up to the Senior class if they are showing the correct attention abilities and skills.

Are you going to the summer seminar? Please let me know! I want to make sure things go well and they are trying to get some idea of the numbers. Registration details are available at [www.ihadojo.com](http://www.ihadojo.com). The current schedule for the NTS indicates that we won't be having the kids participate in the demonstration. This was decided based on a number of things, the biggest being the length of time the demonstration runs. This means that the kids can watch the entire demonstration from the audience!

**Promotions** – Ben Jones, Lily Mehta, Mark Melendy, Jonathan Porcerelli, and Taylor Shell were promoted to 9<sup>th</sup> Kyu, Orange Belt, on June 3rd. Michael Ryding and Sam Murray were promoted to 10<sup>th</sup> Kyu, White Belt with 2 orange stripes, at the same time.

### Important Dates

**July 6 and 8 - No Classes** – Vacation for Sensei!

**July 22 – No Classes** – 1<sup>st</sup> day of the seminar.

**July 23 – Kata Tournament**

**July 24 – Wharton Center Demonstration**

**August – First three weeks - No classes** – The CLC will be closed the first two weeks due to staff involvement with choir camp and vacation.

**Classes resume August 24th.**

**Questions? Concerns?** Please ask! We'll be happy to discuss any of the training, the expectations and the progress of your children with you.

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BEIKOKU SHIDO-KAN KARATE-DO ASSOCIATION	
	<b>NTS '04</b> <b>July 22 – July 25</b> Michigan State University East Lansing, Michigan
<b>Thursday:</b> Youth & Adult Seminars; Adult Dan Test	<b>Refine your karate skills!</b> Hands-on sessions — kata, kumite, bunkai, kobudo and more — for youth and adults of all levels with Seikichi Iha, Hanshi, 10 <sup>th</sup> Dan and Shido-kan teachers from around the world.
<b>Friday:</b> Youth & Adult Seminars and Kata Tournament	<b>Share your dojo spirit!</b> Dojos will be showcased at a public demo., followed by the Shido-kan Friendship Picnic.
<b>Saturday:</b> Dojo Demos; Shido-kan Picnic	<b>Make friends with karate!</b> Enjoy training with members of over 30 dojos! Celebrate at the Closing Banquet.
<b>Sunday:</b> Youth & Adult Seminars; Shido-kan Banquet	
<b>Register in May! See <a href="http://www.ihadojo.com">www.ihadojo.com</a> for details.</b>	