

# **BLACK'S MARTIAL ARTS ACADEMY**

## **Newsletter December 2009**

### **December Class Schedule:**

**Tae Kwon-Do classes will not meet December 24, 25, 26, 31 and January 1 & 2.**

**Gumdo classes will not meet December 24 and 31.**

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Just For Fun Tournament on December 5, 2009 was a great success. We were able to make a sizable donation to Senator Dan Rutherford. There were a number of people that attended the "Meet and Greet" with Sen. Rutherford. Thirty-three of our students competed in the tournament. Mr. Trevan Kirby was the Points Grand Champion in the 13-15 year old group. Elizabeth Ogden was the Points Grand Champion in the 35-49 year old group. Mr. Kirby was presented with the Champion of Champions award because he had the most points of all competitors. He entered six events and won gold in all six for a total of 18 points. Congratulations to Mr. Kirby, Elizabeth, and to all of our students for their successes in their events. Thank you for competing and for representing our school so well.

Also "Thank You" to everyone in our school for their help with this tournament. A Special "Thank You" to Dr. Jim and Robin Hemphill, Jim and Heather Minckler, Andy and Heather Greer, Master Bruce Booker, Kenny Ogden, Steve and Jacob Shaffer, Mike Halliday, Mike Hopkins, and Bill and Debbie Bruns for all of their help. Heather Minckler is our Tournament Coordinator; and even though it was a small tournament, there was much to do to make everything go smoothly.

We also want to thank Ms. Vera Harrison, Ms. Leslie Kibler and their group from Peoria; Dr. Steve Aldus and Prof. Kim Aldus from Peoria; Master Jim Price from Peoria, Dr. Mark Marshall from Ohio; Mr. Charles Van Heldorf from Indiana for all their help with the tournament.

Another Big "Thank You" to Ms. Vera Harrison from Peoria, Master Barbra Khourie from Mounds, Mr. Harold Hawkins from Mt. Vernon, Master Erin Lehman from Grantsville, Master Kevin Poland from Olney, and Mr. Everitt Wood from Mounds for bringing their students and for their help with the tournament.

**AS WE ARE GETTING INTO THE WINTER MONTHS WHEN BAD WEATHER COULD OCCUR, WE WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PLAN AS LAST YEAR: WHEN CARBONDALE SCHOOLS ARE NOT IN SESSION BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER, WE WILL NOT HAVE CLASSES EITHER. THAT WAY YOU WILL KNOW NOT TO COME TO CLASSES.**

If your child (children) are planning to come to our Holiday/Vacation Camp, would you please fill out a Camp Registration Form and turn it in to Carole sometime during the week of December 14-19 so we can make some plans. If you have questions about the camp, talk to Master Black, Carole, or Heather Minckler.

**We will have 5:30pm and 6:30pm classes Friday, December 18 and 12:30pm – 3:00pm on Saturday, December 19. Anyone can come to these classes this week.**

We want to thank you for being a part of Black's Martial Arts Academy in 2009. We appreciate all you have done to support us. A special "Thank You" to those who represented our school in tournaments this year.

We also want to express our appreciation to Dr. Hemphill for coming to our school and teaching classes Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday nights. His knowledge and expertise in the martial arts has added variety and additional skills to our classes. We really appreciate what he has done. His advanced class on Tuesday nights at 6:30pm is a big hit as is the ju-jitsu class at 7:30pm. "Thank you" for sharing with us, Dr. Hemphill.

Dr. Black, Dr. Hemphill, and Carole wish you  
*The Merriest of Christmases,*  
*The Happiest of New Years,*  
*And Happy, Happy, Holidays!*

**We look forward to a great 2010 at Black's Martial Arts Academy!  
We will be celebrating our fifteenth year with our Martial Arts School!  
We are making new and exciting plans for 2010!**