

GREETINGS all members and students!

CONGRATULATIONS to all participants in the in-house grappling tournament as well as the recent out-of-town tournaments. Check out the wall of fame to see your name in print!

THANK YOU!!! To all those who volunteered at the in-house grappling tournament.

UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS:

- Saturday April 9, Emerald Gloves in Prince Albert, SK
- Saturday April 16 Arashi Do Open (point sparring only) Edmonton, AB
- Saturday April 30 [Scheer's Western Plains Open at Walter Murray Collegiate](#)
- Saturday May 7, 2011 Spring Open Medicine Hat, AB
- Saturday May 14 Mikisew Martial Arts Tournament, Nipawin SK
- Saturday May 21 Western Canadian Karate Championships, Red Deer, AB
- Saturday & Sunday May 28/29 Can-Am International Championships in Richmond, BC.
- Saturday & Sunday June 11/12 Pan-Am Games Regina (Balgonie) SK

Please remember that participating in tournaments is not only a valuable experience for all ages/disciplines/skill levels but also will earn grappling, and sparring stripes for the youth programs. The SMAA also refunds \$30 for participating in out-of-town tournaments.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING THE SCHEER'S WESTERN PLAIN OPEN MARTIAL ARTS TOURNAMENT:

- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This tournament is put on by the non-profit Saskatoon Martial Arts Association (SMAA) and once again we call upon parents and adult students to volunteer their time. For more information, please see the sign up sheet at the dojo. If you volunteer for the scorekeeping and/or timekeeping we will be running a 1/2 hour training session on Thursday April 28 at 5:30 and at 6:00. There will be some goodies available courtesy of the provincial Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association.

- **PRE-REGISTRATION** If you preregister on Saturday April 16 from 10:00 to 1:00, your name will be entered in a draw for a free T-shirt. There will be 3 draws made at the end of the day. Tournament T-shirts and hoodies will also be available for sale at this time.

- **SUPPORT** the SMAA by buying - T-shirts \$25 – Hoodies \$40. Once these are sold there will be no others.

Please remember the Saskatoon Martial Arts Association (SMAA) is a non-profit organization that raises funds from tournament proceeds as well as from the T-shirt and hoodie sales. If you missed the annual general meeting for the SMAA and would like more information on this non-profit entity, please contact any of the Board members: Stephen McLeod, president, Anita Dutka, Sec-Treasurer, Troy Scheer, Dwight Scheer, Roger Giason, Rebecca Lizee, Roy Sondershausen, Michelle Houlden, Michael Robin, Jen Sheasby, Karen Oliver.

- KEY TOURNAMENT INFO:

1. Saturday April 30
2. [At Walter Murray Collegiate \(Taylor St & Preston Ave\)](#)
3. Time: Opening ceremonies start at 10:00 a.m. and will go until finished
4. Events: Grappling, Hard and Soft Style Kata, Weapons Kata, Musical Kata, Point Sparring, Light Contact Kickboxing, - PLEASE NOTE THAT ONLY ONE MATCH IS GUARANTEED. There are no "B" sides.
5. Sanctioned by the Saskatchewan Martial Arts Association and is a qualifier for the Pan-Am Games
6. Entry fee (payable to the SMAA by cash or cheque only) \$30 plus \$5 for each additional event.
7. Spectator Admission: \$5 and ages 12 and under are free

FACILITY CLOSURES:

- April 22-24 (Friday to Sunday) for Easter Weekend. Regular classes resume on Monday
- April 30 (Sat) Come see us at the Scheer's Western Plains Open Tournament held at Walter Murray Collegiate.
- May 23rd (Mon) for Victoria Day.