

Winter Haven Budokai's

January 2010 Newsletter



We want to welcome everyone back to Winter Haven Budokai and we hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break. We are excited to kick off the new year so get ready to get your game faces back on and get ready for some challenging training.

Congratulations to all those who tested and promoted on December 18th. We are very proud of your accomplishments and look forward to watching each and every one of you grow on your way to Black Belt. Congratulations: Bray Gordon, Andrew Voorhies, Bryan McDonough, Harley Sims, Angel Torres, Kate Figueroa, Laylie Figueroa, Bryan Perez, Abrah Rojas, William Kennon and the group who came from Miami, Rossy Martinez, Mubashir Qureshi, and Sabrina Latour. We would also like to give special thanks to Bryce Gordon, Vincent & Courtney Pantaleon and Bob Passarini for all your help.

The Alliance Cup competition is a karate competition being put on by the All Florida Karate-Do Alliance. Our school along with Keiko Shin Academy in Tampa will be hosting the first of this series of competitions. **THIS IS A BIG EVENT FOR OUR SCHOOL.** It is expected the every student at Winter Haven Budokai attend and compete in this tournament to show support. We are also looking for as many volunteers to help as well. We will need help with timers, passing out trophies, lining competitors up and such. If you are able to participate it would be greatly appreciated. It will be held on Saturday, February 20th at Polk State College. The cost is \$55 for the first event and \$10 for each event there after.

The Alliance Cup Seminar will be held the day before the Alliance Cup Competition on Friday, February 19th. At Polk State College with a focus on Speed Drills and Kumite. The cost is \$15 per student.

WHB will be closed for After School Karate Program on Monday, January 18th and Monday, January 25th as we follow the Polk County School Board Calendar.



January Birthdays

**Happy Birthday
to All!**

Alex Orloff

Vincent Pantaleon

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Student of the Month

Halan Badilla is the son of Naldy Osorio and Eduardo Badilla. Halan's big brother Abrah is a brown belt at our school. Halan is 8 years old and is in the 3rd Grade at Snively Elementary where he is a straight A student. He has trained under Sensei Queris for 2 1/2 Years and is currently a green belt. He started doing Karate because he liked what he saw. His favorite thing about Karate is running. Halan loves Karate, reading and playing sports. He regularly displays good Karate Spirit at our school and picks up knowledge very quickly.