



THE CLASS OF 2010



It's been a busy Summer for NKMAA

They came from Australia, they came from Europe, and they came from all corners of North and South America to celebrate Grand Master Timmerman's 60th year of martial arts training and 70th birthday. Several dozen Grand Masters and Masters donated an hour

of their time, and the result was an entire weekend of awesome training in Korean martial arts. Never before had so many Grand Masters come together in the spirit of brotherhood to share their art without a hint of ego or politics. Taking advantage of having so

many talented Grand Masters in attendance, dozens of Black Belts were tested, and the weekend ended with an awesome promotion ceremony that saw a number of folks earn dahn level certificates. In addition, CM Janisse was appointed as the next inheritor of KSB.



KJN MINER & SBN YOUNG



GM BAUBIL PRESENTS GIFT



PASSING THE ART

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



TOP LEFT. MASTER CLAIRE WOON AND MEMBERS OF WUNE-TANG POSE WITH THEIR NEWLY EARNED CERTIFICATES. TOP RIGHT. GM TIMMERMAN POSES WITH THE KJMS GROUP THAT PASSED THEIR TEST. MID LEFT. CM KEVIN JANISSE, MASTER DEBBIE JANISSE AND THEIR SON KSN SAMUEL JANISSE POSE WITH THEIR HARD EARNED CERTIFICATES. BOTTOM RIGHT. MASTERS KIM BERRY-SMOKOSKI AND RICK TISCHER POSE WITH THEIR STUDENT PSN JOHN PETERSON. BOTTOM LEFT. GM TIMERMAN POSES WITH MASTER DEMANAUEUS AND HIS CHARLEVOIX STUDENTS.

PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



TOP LEFT. ASIA TRUDEL ACCEPTS HER JR. BLACK BELT. TOP RIGHT MASTERS GORDON AND BLEDSOE POSE WITH THEIR CERTIFICATES AT GORDONS MARTIAL ART SCHOOL IN FLORIDA. MID LEFT. MASTER JOHN WARD AND HIS STUDENT ANGELA PRINCE OF THE UK. BOTTOM RIGHT KSN VINARDI POSES WITH HIS STUDENTS THAT WERE PROMOTED. BOTTOM LEFT. JACOB TRUDEL GETS HIS NEW BELT TIED ON BY NEWLY APPOINTED CHIEF MASTER RICH WOJAN.

There is only one way to earn NKMAA certificates... Hard Work, Dedication, and Perseverance.

The NKMAA Black Belt test is nothing short of harsh and demanding.

Candidates are expected to test a number of times, and as part of the fitness portion of the Winter test, they are required to swim in the ice cold waters of Lake Superior, run a 10 k hike through sleet, hail, or snow, scale a 14 foot wall, and carry heavy logs as they run the rest of the challenge course only to do it all over again the following Summer.

The Summer event begins at six am at the lake, where candidates perform hundreds of kicks while standing in chest high water before they run the 10 k and run the rest of the NKMAA

MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN ALL FACE THE SAME HARD COURSE.

challenge course in the woods of Northern Canada. After the challenge course is completed, candidates gather at GM Timmerman's school to demonstrate their martial art skills over the next few days. In all, the entire test takes many, many hours of very hard work. Needless to say, many candidates do not pass, and those who do can truly be proud of their accomplishments.

Many who fail the first time around, take up the challenge and return the next year to try it all over again. Each test consists of the entire curriculum from White Belt to Black Belt, and all forms are performed in four directions. Suffice it to say that GM Timmerman looks for "heart" in all who wish to obtain the NKMAA Black Belt certificate, and no amount of money will "BUY" you NKMAA rank.



6:00 AM WATER TRAINING



RUNNING TO THE CHALLENGE COURSE



SIT UPS WITH THE LOG



MORE KICKS



PHOTOS FROM THIS YEAR



Congratulations!

Grappling Instructor:

Doug Custer, Dusty Miner,
Christopher Demanaeus, Rene
Fiendt, Patrick Young,
Steve Jensen

1st Dahn Kuk Sool:

Dakota Riggins, Daniel Moreland,
Jacob Trudel, Asia Trudel, Mark
Trudel, Jackson Allen.

1st Dahn Hap Ki Do:

Shania Anderson, Kim Bertrand,
Tina Bertrand, Branden Rieves,
Jennifer Sick.

1st Dahn Tang Soo Do:

Rebecca Wignall

1st Dahn Kuk Sool HKD:

Jay Riggins, Michael Paciocco,
Poh Nyuk Fam,

1st Dahn Kong Shin Bup:

John Purdy

2nd Dahn Kuk Sool:

Angela Prince

2nd Dahn Hap Ki Do:

Troy Fillatre, Sophia Dominguez

2nd Dahn Kuk Sool HKD:

Dwayne Startzman, Samuel
Janisse, Daniel Trudel.

2nd Dahn Kong Shin Bup:

Taber Moss, Trena Allen, Brittany
Wittmers-Stuhr,

3rd Dahn HKD:

Thomas Gordon, Gregory
Bledsoe

3rd Dahn Tang Soo Do:

Christopher Leaver, Alex Leaver

3rd Dahn Kong Shin Bup:

Steve Jensen, Alex McLean,
Dusty Miner, John Peterson

4th Dahn Tae Kwon Do:

Patrick Young, Chris Stark

4th Dahn Tang Soo Do:

Claire Woon

4th Dahn Kuk Sool HKD:

John Ward

5th Dahn Hap Ki Do:

Jeremy Tillman

5th Dahn Kuk Sool HKD:

Debbie Janisse

5th Dahn Kong Shin Bup:

Christopher Demanaeus, Rick
Tischer, Kim Berry-Smokoski

6th Dahn Tae Kwon Do:

Dusty Miner, Francis Moore

7th Dahn Kong Shin Bup:

Kevin Janisse

Chief Master:

Kevin Janisse, Rich Wojan

I congratulate all those who were promoted, and we encourage those who did not yet promote to continue diligent practice. We look forward to checking your progress at the next scheduled Black Belt test.

I also congratulate Chief Master Kevin Janisse. Your hard work, loyalty, and dedication made it possible for me to appoint you as the second inheritor of the art of Kong Shin Bup tm.

Special thanks to the NKMAA board of examiners for their dedication and time. Your efforts allowed me to advance these students in rank.

A VERY special thank you to all the Grand Masters and Masters who witnessed the 2010 promotion ceremony.

Rudy W. Timmerman
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