

STMA NEWS

Welcome to the STMA news. It's been a long time since our last newsletter. This will be emailed/printed quarterly to update you all of upcoming events and write about topics that we may find important. If you have photos of past events or a topic that you would like to write about please don't be shy. Submit those photos or write a short essay, submit it to us, and we may publish it in our next newsletter. Stay tuned in to past events and what's happening in the near future.

UPCOMING ADDITIONS TO THE SCHEDULE

Over the past several weeks we have been announcing thoughts about starting a sparring class on Tuesday evenings. It seems that we have some solid interest in this starting. So Tuesday, April 16th from 6-7pm, will be our first weekday sparring class.

Mr. Brandon Everson has offered to start a conditioning class on Thursdays during the kids class (530p – 615p) if there is any interest. Please email us at STMA to let us know if this is something that you may be interested in participating in.

PAST EVENTS

- Thank you to all those that participated in the recent Black Belt Test and Seminars on January 12th. I feel that it was a great success and was very proud to have so many come and support those testing and have a great time training with Kwan Jang Nim DiScipio.
- Everyone seemed to really enjoy our annual breaking seminar we held on February 8th. Tons of Boards, Tiles and Cinder Plates were broken that night with minimal injuries. Look forward to doing another one next year.
- March 17th was the 46th Annual ATA Championship Tournament in North Andover, Mass. The amount of people we had participating this year was incredible. 17 people competed this year with most placing 3rd or better. We are very proud of how well everyone did whether or not they placed. The amount of courage it took for them to get up and compete is enough to earn our respect.

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- On March 30th Master Angelo, Miss Hannah Lewis and Vanessa Doane participated in the Twin Tiers Martial Arts Championships. Miss Doane placed 1st in Breaking. Miss Lewis placed 1st in open forms, 2nd in traditional forms, and 2nd in sparring. Master Angelo had an amazing day taking home not 1 but 2 Grand Champion plaques and \$200 in prizes for weapons and Forms. Overall it was a great day for all and learned a lot. I highly recommend going next year as this was a great tournament with awesome competition.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 27th will be the 28th Annual Tamashi Dojo Open in Deposit NY. This will be our 3rd year supporting this tournament. The last 2 years have been a great experience for all of our students that go. I highly recommend this for those that have been thinking about going to a tournament. Super close (only 45 mins from STMA) and small divisions make this a great first experience. Ask for more information if you are interested in possibly going.
- Tang Soo Do classes will be canceled on May 4th for the "Sweat for Vets 5K", presented by the SUNY Broome PTA Club in conjunction with OscarMike. Anyone interested in participating or donating to this event please see Master Greene or Master Angelo for details.
- Sunday May 5th will be the North East Martial Arts Challenge Hosted By Downtown Dojo Karate. This will be our first time to this event and word is that it is pretty big. Cash Prizes for Grand Champion awards for Black Belt Weapons, Forms and Sparring. More details are at the front desk.
- Stay tuned for the date of the next Black Belt Test and Seminars with KJN DiScipio.

46TH ANNUAL ATA CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS

- Master Greene – 3rd Forms
- Master Angelo – 2nd Breaking
- Ms. Hannah Lewis – 1st Breaking, 2nd Forms, 3rd Sparring
- Mr. Seamus McGovern-Lind – 3rd Forms
- Brandon Everson – 1st Breaking and Sparring
- Mark Vallone – 2nd Breaking
- Emmett Jensen – 3rd Breaking
- Shannon McMahan – 3rd Forms and Sparring
- Rylan Everson – 2nd Forms
- Brandon Greene – 3rd Sparring
- Aiko Madrid – 2nd Forms
- Vanessa Doane – 2nd Breaking, 1st Forms
- The following performed admirably. Though they did not place, we are extremely proud of the courage they showed to compete at such a high level. Tang Soo!!!
- Ms. Scout Lewis, Joey Vallone, William Trupp, Mindy Madrid, and Trenton Trahan