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LETTER FROM MR. BLAKELEY

Another year is coming to a close and the holidays are upon us. This has been a very busy year and next year is developing to be even more so, as you can see from the 2010 schedule of events on page four. ENMTKD seems to get stronger and stronger even in this weak economy and I want to thank you for your support.

I am proud to announce Mr. Chacon has opened a school in Clovis on 21st street and now has about fifteen active students. I look forward to seeing Mr. Chacon train students of his own I know how rewarding it is for me when one of my students makes 1st degree black belt and above. Mr. Chacon has been a student of mine and an active member of ENMTKD for over seventeen years and is now creating his own legacy.

Mr. Gutierrez is still operating the Tucumcari school and has a number of students who will be testing in December.

I purchased ENMTKD in September of 1979, and it has been in constant operation since that time, which means we are now celebrating our 30th year of operation. I am proud of what we have accomplished in the past years. In February 2010 I will be promoted to Master Instructor, and I want everyone to know how honored I am to have you as a student. Without dedicated students there are no instructors or Master instructors. I hope everyone will come and enjoy the festivities as I celebrate this promotion and thirty four years of Taekwon-Do training. A schedule of the promotion events is listed on page four.

Students line up for YCTA NM State Tournament 2009



YCTA NEW MEXICO STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eastern New Mexico Taekwon-Do (ENMTKD) hosted the 2009 YCTA New Mexico State Championships on October 3rd. The event was held, as it is every year, at Eastern New Mexico University's Greyhound Arena. The competition was attended by over 120 competitors from four states. ENMTKD welcomed Mr. Blakeley's instructor, Grandmaster Lang, Master Arnold, and Master Mitchell as special guests. ENMTKD's own Audra Brown, 3rd Dan took "Adult Female Grandchampion. Everyone from ENMTKD did a great job competing and representing the school. Mr. Blakeley commented after the tournament, "I am proud of our students and how they represented the school with dignity, integrity and honor not all schools are so fortunate. It is not whether you win or lose it is how much you learn from your competition experience. Tournaments are a great place to improve your personal and technical skills."

BELEN TOURNAMENT

ENMTKD traveled to Belen, New Mexico on October 17, 2009 to compete in a memorial tournament which was open to all styles. Mr. Dwayne Worley, Ms. Audra Brown, Mr. Keane Brown, Mr. Miguel Galley, Mr. Marv Lutnesky, Mr. Jason Victor, Sarah Victor, William Victor, Jessica Sudderith, and Zander Victor joined Mr. Blakeley at the competition. There were over 400 competitors and ENMTKD did a great job competing in this large open tournament. Ms. Audra Brown, captured Adult Female Kumite(sparring) Grandchampion with a Gold Medal in sparring and a Bronze Medal in patterns, Mr. Miguel Galley earned a Gold Medal in sparring, Mr. Lutnesky earned a 4th in patterns and a Silver Medal in sparring, Mr. Victor earned a 4th in sparring, Sarah Victor earned a Silver Medal in sparring and a Bronze Medal in patterns, William Victor earned a Silver in patterns, Jessica Sudderith earned a Silver Medal in patterns and a Bronze Medal in sparring, and Xander Victor earned a Gold Medal in sparring and a Bronze in patterns. ENMTKD has been invited back and will most likely attend this tournament again.

COLORED BELT TEST SET FOR DECEMBER

Eastern New Mexico Taekwon-Do will conduct the fall 2009 colored belt test on December 5th at the South Gym of Greyhound Arena, on the ENMU campus in Portales. The test will start promptly at 9:00 AM. After a group picture, introductions, and bow-in the ranks will be tested progressively from white belt to Red Stripe. Make sure you are well rested, eat a good breakfast, and be ready to go. All student should be at the gym by 8:30 AM to warm-up and help set-up. For questions about test fees see your instructor. Remember, if you have a uniform, you are required to wear the whole uniform for the test, no T-shirts. Test fees must be paid the day of testing.

MR. BLAKELEY'S PROMOTION AND YCTA NEW MEXICO BLACK BELT TEST

February, 2010 ENMTKD will host a historic event. Not only will Mr. Blakeley be promoted to 7th Degree Master by the Yom Chi Taekwon-Do Association but six ENMTKD students will test for different levels of black belt. Mr. Chacon will be testing for 4th degree, Mr. Miguel Galley will test for 2nd degree, Mrs. Linda Brown will test for 2nd degree, Mr. Marv Lutnesky will test for 2nd degree, and Maeve Brown will test for 1st degree.

The black belt test will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 13, 2010 in the South Gym of Greyhound Arena. Mr. Blakeley's promotion will follow at 2:00 PM at the same location. That evening a dinner in Mr. Blakeley's honor will be held at 6:00 PM in the Zia Room in the CUB on the ENMU campus. The dinner will cost \$14 per person. The attire is casual. If you are interested in attending the dinner, please contact Mr. John Bridges by February 5th to make your reservations.

CHRISTMAS SALES

Eastern New Mexico Taekwon-Do will be offering a special price on sparring gear during Christmas. Make sure to get your orders in soon. Students should own their own sparring gear by the rank of Green Stripe. Stock is limited and restocking orders take a few days.

WORLD QUALIFIERS

The ITF World Championships are scheduled for South Korea late in 2010. To qualify for the USA team, black belts from across the United States will meet in Philadelphia in April of 2010 to compete. To earn a spot to go to South Korea a black belt must place in the top three in their event. In the past ENMTKD has place as many as five black belts in these spots. The black belts that will be competing to qualify are; Ms. Audra Brown, Mr. Joshua Bullard, Mr. Keane Brown, Ms. Nicole Frank, Mr. Miguel Galley, Mr. Marv Lutnesky, Mr. Jason Victor, and Mr. Joshua Tredway.

MR. BLAKELEY COMPLETES NEXT BOOK

Mr. Blakeley has completed his next book on Taekwon-Do titled "Instructor to Entrepneur." It will be printed before the first of 2010 and go on sale soon afterwards. The 188 pages book is on teaching Taekwon-Do and school management. The book will sell for around \$30. This is the fourth book Mr. Blakeley has written on the subject of Taekwon-Do. The first two are the "YCTA Colored Belt Handbook" and "YCTA Black Belt Handbook" we currently use in classes. Mr. Blakeley's third book was "Taekwon-Do Customs and Etiquette" which discribes in detail our customs and etiquette practices.

ENMTKD IS INVITED TO DO A HALF-TIME SHOW FOR THE GREYHOUND BASKETBALL GAME

Mr. Blakeley has been contacted by the Eastern New Mexico University Athletics Promoter, Sarah Shuler. The Greyhounds would like us to do a half-time show for the Wednesday evening game on February 3, 2010. ENMTKD had the privilege of presenting a halftime show during the 2008 basketball season and they want us back. Mr. Blakeley will be working out the details and wants every student from all the schools to participate. Mr. Blakeley said, "I want a floor full of white uniforms for this event."



2008 Greyhound Basketball half-time show

ENMTKD HISTORY QUIZ

The first five students who email Mr. Blakeley the correct answer will receive a \$5 gift certificate at any of the schools. The gift certificate can be used for class fees or to purchase items from the pro-shop.

In what year and month did Mr. Blakeley purchase Eastern New Mexico Taekwon-Do and how old was he at the time?

ENMTKD-CLOVIS

Mr. Chacon opens ENMTKD Clovis branch at 1020 West 21st Street in Clovis on September 22, 2009. The first night of class he signed up five students and currently has increased that number to fifteen.

TEST PREPARATIONS

November 19, 2009 several black belts from the Portales school have been invited to join the ENMTKD-Clovis junior class to assist with test review for the December colored belt test.

GARAGE SALE

We would like to thank everyone who donated items for the TKD garage sale. The \$200 will help in the purchase of floor mats for the school.



ENMTKD PORTALES

ENMTKD-Portales spent Saturday morning teaching the Eastern New Mexico University Zia Volleyball team self-defense. Mr. Blakeley, 6th Dan, Ms. Audra Brown, 3rd Dan, Mr. Miguel Galley, 1st Dan, Mr. Marv Lutnesky, 1st Dan, Mr. Jason Victor, 1st Dan, Haley Madden, 2nd gup, Kenzie Madden, 2nd gup, and Sarah Victor, 6th gup, trained the 18 young ladies in kicking, striking, releases and throws in the three hour seminar.



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2010

NOVEMBER 2009

- 16 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales
7:45 PM
- 26 Thanksgiving NO WORKOUT

*ENMTKD-Portales Colored Belts must have their
sign-off sheets
completed by the end of this month.*

DECEMBER 2009

- 5 ENMTKD Yellow Stripe - Red Stripe Test
Greyhound Arena
8:30 AM
- 7 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
7:45 PM
- 15 ENMTKD Red Belt and Black Stripe Test
ENMTKD Studio
7:45 pm
- 17 ENMTKD-Portales/Clovis
Classes to end for the year.

JANUARY 2010

- 14 ENMTKD-Portales/Clovis Spring Classes to start
Same schedule as last year

FEBRUARY 2010

- 1 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
7:45 PM
- 3 ENMTKD Greyhound Basketball Half-Time Show
ENMU Greyhound Arena
- 12 YCTA Promotion Dinner with the Master's and Board
Shogan's (INVITATION ONLY)
- 13 YCTA Black Belt Test
9:00 AM
Greyhound Arena South Gym
OPEN TO ALL

- 13 Mr. Blakeley's Promotion to Master
2:00 PM
Greyhound Arena South Gym

- 13 Promotion Dinner
Zia Room ENMU CUB
6:00 PM
OPEN TO ALL
Cost per plate \$14

- 15 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Clovis
7:45 PM

MARCH 2010

- 1 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
7:45 PM
- 15 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
7:45 PM

APRIL 2010

- 5 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD - Clovis Studio
7:45 PM
- 19 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
7:45 PM
- 24 ITF World Championship Qualifier
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

MAY 2010

- 3 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
7:45 PM
- 8 ENMTKD Colored Belt Test
ENMU Greyhound Arena South Gym
8:30 AM
- 17 ENMTKD Black Belt Workout
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
7:45 PM
- 27 ENMTKD END OF SEMESTER COOKOUT
ENMTKD-Portales Studio
6:00 PM