



THE DRAGON'S BREATH

Welcome to the premier edition of The Dragon's Breath!

The new publication will provide information on upcoming events, important dates, recent rankings, and other interesting information about our style and its people. This will be a quarterly publication, with the next edition scheduled for release on or about April 15th.

Send all content suggestions, announcement, corrections, and such to the email address at the bottom of the page.

Announcements

Most joyous occasion! Sensei Daniel Dorr and his wife Lisa are celebrating the birth of their first child. Noelani Frances Dorr, a healthy baby girl, was born on January 30th, weighing 9.3 pounds and 21 inches long.

Please join me in wishing them all good health and many happy returns!

Attention: Black Belts

Please take note of the Black Belt Workout (BBWO) and Yudanshakai meetings dates, and plan accordingly. At recent BBWOs, we have been learning the *second* set of Bo Waza, fundamental Aiki, and most recently, basic Iai waza and kata. There is always something for everyone.

I strongly recommend you make an effort to attend - you won't regret it!

Support your Tournament - Sell as many Raffle Tickets as possible!

Black Belt Corner

Black Belt Workout

Sunday, Hombu, 10-12, \$10

March 5th

April 2nd

May 7th

June 4th

July 9th

August 6th

Yudanshakai Meetings

Sunday, Hombu, 10-12

January 29th

September 24th

EDITORIAL - On Tradition

Traditions are the foundation of an art. They are the building blocks and mortar that make it great. They are a link to our past, and light our path into the future. In Tatsu-Do we have deep rooted traditions which make our style great, and differentiate us from other styles.

History teaches us that traditions are often handed down by word-of-mouth, and through stories, rather than by the written word. It also reminds us to be very cautious how we interpret, adapt and enhance our traditions - as this can deeply affect us, but more importantly, those who follow our example.

In this style, we have a long standing tradition of respect, honor, loyalty, and discipline. These qualities are timeless and invaluable, not only in Tatsu-Do, but also in life. As we struggle to maintain our heritage and traditions, we are reminded that our predecessors purposefully endured these same challenges.

We must remember traditions hold more than just actions, and that some are worth the extra efforts. Without them, we may fade into history along with them.

Upcoming Events

February

Sunday, 19th

Tatsu-Do Clinic

SUNY Geneseo, 11-2

\$7 per person

April

Saturday, 29th

Tatsu-Do Tournament

Livonia HS, 9a-7p

Pre-reg due by **April 8th**

Aiki Clinic on Friday, 28th

May

Saturday, 21st

Iai/Kobudo Clinic

Sunrise Dojo, \$10pp.

Separate goza fee: TBD.

July

Sunday, 29th

Tatsu-Do Family Picnic

Location: TBD

Games, demos, and fun for all!



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Rankings

Here is a list of the recent rankings. Congratulations to everyone!
Don't see your name? Well, have your Sensei submit it, and see it published in the next edition!

Upcoming Exams

Saturday, February 25th
Don Boracci will be tested for Shodan
11:00am at LeRoy Karate & Self Defense Center
All Dan and Kyu are invited.

DAN RANKINGS

KARATE

<u>Hachidan</u> (eighth degree)		
Tomas Roztocil	12/03/05	Hanshi
<u>Rokudan</u> (sixth degree)		
‡ Virginia Burnside	12/03/05	Roztocil
<u>Nidan</u> (second degree)		
Steve Mingus	10/18/05	Hombu
Paul Krein	02/03/06	Bancroft
<u>Shodan</u> (first degree)		
Lynn Cavalier	01/12/06	Hombu
Justin Brown (JR)	01/18/06	Hombu
Ian Brown (JR)	01/20/06	Hombu
Chris Romanowski (JR)	01/20/06	Hombu
Michele Koomen	02/04/06	Hombu
Ryan Adams (JR)	02/11/06	Auburn
† Justin Adams (JR)	02/11/06	Auburn

‡ In addition to being the highest ranked woman in Tatsu-Do, Master Burnside has also been elected to the Tatsu-Do Board of Masters, currently the only woman appointed to such a position.

† At 10 years old, Justin Adams is the youngest Black Belt candidate in Tatsu-Do history.

KYU RANKINGS

KARATE

<u>SanKyu</u> (Brown)		
Tristin Kouwe (JR)	01/25/06	Auburn
<u>RokuKyu</u> (Green with Stripe)		
Zachary Morris (JR)	02/06/06	Auburn
Alexander Wilczek (JR)	02/06/06	Auburn
Joshua Devine (JR)	02/06/06	Hombu
<u>ShichiKyu</u> (Green)		
Brian Tanguay (JR)	01/21/06	Auburn
Art Temple	01/25/06	Hombu
<u>HachiKyu</u> (Orange)		
Keegen Dale	11/28/05	Hombu
Kathleen Wright (JR)	01/01/06	Auburn
Joseph Carnicelli (JR)	01/18/06	Auburn
Carol Wilson	01/25/06	Hombu
Alex Avery (JR)	01/25/06	Hombu
Adam Avery (JR)	01/25/06	Hombu
Scott Long (JR)	01/25/06	Hombu
Sean Long (JR)	01/25/06	Hombu
<u>KuKyu</u> (Yellow)		
Cassie Piranino (JR)	01/21/06	Hombu
Elija Piranino (JR)	01/21/06	Hombu
Jason Tyre (JR)	01/30/06	Auburn
Jeff Sherman	02/01/06	Auburn
Andre Tanguay	02/01/06	Auburn

IAI

<u>NiKyu</u> (Brown with Stripe)		
Josie Moore	01/30/06	Auburn
<u>YonKyu</u> (Green)		
Jim Cramer	02/04/06	Auburn