



# THE DRAGON'S BREATH

## Welcome to the second edition of The Dragon's Breath!

I sincerely hope you all enjoyed the first edition of the newsletter. The next edition is scheduled for release on or about July 15<sup>th</sup>. I would appreciate any and all feedback you can provide.

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

### 2006 Tatsu-Do Tournament - Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Tatsu-Do Invitational Tournament is just around the corner. Good luck to all participants! Be sure to work hard and have fun. If you're not competing, then go and support your classmates, and lend a hand while you're there.

Be sure to get the raffle ticket stubs and money turned in ASAP!

**! News Flash !** - Master Osborne will be teaching a kobudo class at the Friday seminar before the tournament. Do not miss out on this excellent opportunity!

### 2006 Tatsu-Do Karate Clinic - Summary

The clinic in February had 64 attendants, 22 black belts and 42 kyu ranks. There were multiple stations covering kumite, kata, basics, aiki-jutsu, kobudo and self-defense, taught by the masters and high ranking dan. In addition, the shodan and nidan attended a seminar on teaching led by Hanshi Cavalier, followed by Iai-jutsu instruction from Shihan Hillman. The clinic was rounded out by Aiki-jutsu instruction for the entire group taught by Hanshi Cavalier and the other Aiki-jutsu black belts.

By all reports, much fun was had by all, and everyone learned something new. Truly this was one of the best clinics ever!

But even the best can get better. The more, the merrier - bring yourself and someone else. Let's double the number of participants next year!

See you all there next year!!

### Condolences to the Mistretta Family

Bill Mistretta, father of Brent Mistretta and grandfather of Nino Mistretta, has passed away. Our heartfelt condolences and prayers go out the Mistretta family, friends and loved ones in this time of loss.

Brent and Nino are students of the Sunrise dojo in Caledonia.

*It is not the accumulation of extraneous knowledge, but the realization of the self within, that constitutes true progress.*

Okakura Kakuzo

## Upcoming Events

### April

**Friday, 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Kobudo/Aiki Clinic**  
*Livonia HS, 7 - 9p*

**Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tatsu-Do Tournament**  
*Livonia HS, 9a-7p*

### May

**Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Iai/Kobudo Clinic**  
*Sunrise Dojo, \$10pp.*  
Separate goza fee: TBD.

### July

**Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Tatsu-Do Family Picnic**  
*Location: TBD*  
Games, demos, and fun for all!

## Black Belt Corner

### Black Belt Workout

*Sunday, Hombu, 10-12, \$10*  
May 7<sup>th</sup>  
June 4<sup>th</sup>  
July 9<sup>th</sup>  
August 6<sup>th</sup>

### Yudanshakai Meetings

*Sunday, Hombu, 10-12*  
September 24<sup>th</sup>  
January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2007



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## Tatsu-Do Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the head governing body of Tatsu-Do, comprised of high ranking black belts. It oversees the establishment and enforcement of policy, and guides the growth of the style as a whole. While its membership has changed over the years, its mission has not - the improvement and preservation of Tatsu-Do.

The current membership of the board is:

<b>Hanshi William Cavalier</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Dan			
Kyoshi Tomas Roztocil	8 <sup>th</sup> Dan	Shihan Tim Hillman	7 <sup>th</sup> Dan
Shihan David Swede	7 <sup>th</sup> Dan	Shihan Ted Parker	7 <sup>th</sup> Dan
Shihan Mark LaDouce	6 <sup>th</sup> Dan	Shihan Dennis Wickson	6 <sup>th</sup> Dan
Shihan Charles Hartness	6 <sup>th</sup> Dan	Renshi Fred Merica	6 <sup>th</sup> Dan
Master Ginger Burnside	6 <sup>th</sup> Dan	Renshi Gilles Bray	4 <sup>th</sup> Dan

## Leroy Dojo Expanding

LeRoy Karate & Self Defense Center under the instruction of Shihan David Swede and Renshi Fred Merica will be adding another 600 square feet to its already 1600 square feet facility. The new room will have extra padding for throwing and will also be utilized to separate student groups.

Check out the dojo on the web at [www.leroykarate.com](http://www.leroykarate.com).



Don Borraccia - Shodan

## Upcoming Exams

**Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*John Donaldson*, student of Shihan Hartness, will be testing for Nidan

12:00pm at Caledonia Sunrise Dojo

Sandan and above are welcome to attend.

## Rankings

Here is a list of the recent rankings. Congratulations to everyone!

Also, we welcome these new members to Tatsu-Do!

### Sunrise Dojo (Caledonia)

- Kyle Roe
- Andrew Smith
- Matthew Smith

<b>DAN RANKINGS</b>		
<b>KARATE</b>		
<u>Shodan</u> (first degree)		
Don Borraccia	..... 02/25/06	Leroy
<b>AIKI</b>		
<u>Nidan</u> (second degree)		
Matt Minisce	..... 04/13/06	Sunrise



## KYU RANKINGS

### KARATE

#### IkKyu (Brown with Two Stripes)

Tom Schmitt	02/01/06	Rush
Diana Martini	Mar '06	Hartness

#### SanKyu (Brown)

Alex Gruel	Mar '06	Hartness
Andrew Deggan	Mar '06	Hartness
Andrew Guignon	Mar '06	Hartness
Deborah Aloof	Mar '06	Hartness

#### YonKyu (Purple with Stripe)

Sean Dougherty	03/15/06	Auburn
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#### GoKyu (Purple)

Adam Reeder (JR)	03/07/06	Hombu
Rick Stevens	Mar '06	Leroy

#### RokuKyu (Green with Stripe)

Andrew Temple (JR)	03/25/06	Hombu
Art Temple	03/25/06	Hombu
Jeremy Hyland	Mar '06	Leroy
Jessica Minges	Mar '06	Sunrise
Nino Mistretta (JR)	Mar '06	Sunrise

#### ShichiKyu (Green)

Alex Abery (JR)	02/25/06	Hombu
Adam Abery (JR)	03/04/06	Hombu
Scott Lang (JR)	03/04/06	Hombu
Sean Lang (JR)	03/04/06	Hombu
Russ Piraino	03/08/06	Hombu
Nate Foster (JR)	03/10/06	Hombu
John Wilson (JR)	03/13/06	Hombu
Cassie Piraino (JR)	03/14/06	Hombu
Elias Piraino (JR)	03/16/06	Hombu
Stephaine Piraino	03/25/06	Hombu
Catie Matagne	03/29/06	Bancroft
Jesse Perkins	03/29/06	Bancroft
Gail Mortimer	Mar '06	Leroy
Nancy Elmore	Mar '06	Leroy
Rose Luce	Mar '06	Hartness
Tim Duffy	Mar '06	Leroy

#### HachiKyu (Orange)

Cassie Piraino	02/25/06	Hombu
Elias Piraino (JR)	02/25/06	Hombu
Alexander Matagne	03/22/06	Bancroft
Kyle Sherman (JR)	03/22/06	Auburn
Matthew Vadala (JR)	03/22/06	Auburn
Zach Sherman (JR)	03/22/06	Auburn
Andrew Romoda	Mar '06	Hartness
Rachael Van Cott	Mar '06	Hartness

#### KuKyu (Yellow)

Bruce Stanton (JR)	03/13/06	Hombu
Mike Williams (JR)	03/16/06	Hombu
Morgan Stanton (JR)	03/16/06	Hombu
TJ Bryant (JR)	03/16/06	Hombu
Gideon Knepp (JR)	04/04/06	Auburn
Nathan Morris (JR)	04/04/06	Auburn
Joshua Gallaro	04/12/06	Auburn
Nicholas Gallaro	04/12/06	Auburn
Jim Horncastle	Mar '06	Leroy
Jim Swatt	Mar '06	Leroy
Reece Tresco (JR)	Mar '06	Leroy
Sabrina Wright (JR)	Mar '06	Leroy
Savanah Wright (JR)	Mar '06	Leroy
Stacy Wright	Mar '06	Leroy
Eric Jacobs	Mar '06	Sunrise

### IAI

#### IkKyu (1st Brown)

Matt Minisce	Mar '06	Sunrise
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#### NiKyu (2nd Brown)

Joey Leogrande	04/04/06	Auburn
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#### SanKyu (3rd Brown)

Ryan Adams	04/08/06	Auburn
Justin Adams	04/08/06	Auburn

#### YonKyu (Green)

Charles Poltenson	03/18/06	Auburn
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