



# Snapkick

Dojo student newsletter



## West Valley Martial Arts

“We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them.” - Albert Einstein

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### The Tale Of Two Pebbles

Many years ago in a small Indian village, a farmer had the misfortune of owing a large sum of money to a village moneylender. The moneylender, who was old and ugly, fancied the farmer’s beautiful daughter. So he proposed a bargain. He said he would forgo the farmer’s debt if he could marry his daughter.

Both the farmer and his daughter were horrified by the proposal. So the cunning moneylender suggested that they let providence decide the matter. He told them that he would put a black pebble and a white pebble into an empty money bag. Then the girl would have to pick one pebble from the bag.

If she picked the black pebble, she would become his wife and her father’s debt would be forgiven. If she picked the white pebble she need not marry him and her father’s debt would still be forgiven. If she refused to pick a pebble, her father would be thrown into jail.

They were standing on a pebble strewn path in the farmer’s field. As they talked, the moneylender bent over to pick up two pebbles. As he picked them up, the sharp-eyed girl noticed that he had picked up two black pebbles and put them into the bag. He then asked the girl to pick a pebble from the bag.

Now, imagine that you were standing in the field. What would you have done if you were the girl? If you had to advise her, what would you have told her?

Take a moment to ponder this. What would you recommend that the girl do?

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### Mat Chats

#### Good Habits

- Week 1. Self discipline
- Week 2. Dinner before dessert
- Week 3. Taking responsibility
- Week 4. Wherever you are... Be there!!!

#### Parents:

#### **We have set our 2016 summer camp schedule!**

These camps are available for students of *all skill level* ages 7 and up.

#### 2016 Summer Camp Schedule

All camps run from 9:00am - 2:00pm

**June 20 - 24** *Special Black Belt Kata: Matsumura Lohai*

**July 25 - 29** *Special Kata: Sokon Nunchaku (FULL)*

**August 8-12** *Special Black Belt Kata: Ananku*

\$229.00 Sibling discount is \$30 off

\*All camps will include: **special camp t-shirt, snacks, and lunch on Friday.**

\*Camp sizes are limited to 22 students.

Sensei Dan Wakefield has been running youth summer karate camps for 20 years. These camps always prove to be a *fun, rewarding experience for kids.*

The girl put her hand into the moneybag and drew out a pebble. Without looking at it, she fumbled and let it fall onto the pebble-strewn path where it immediately became lost among all the other pebbles.

"Oh, how clumsy of me!" she said. "But never mind, if you look into the bag for the one that is left, you will be able to tell which pebble I picked."

The moneylender dared not admit his dishonesty. The girl changed what seemed an impossible situation into an extremely advantageous one.

*By Edward de Bono*

*Most problems do have a solution, sometimes we just need to think in a different way.*

**Dates and times to remember:**

**May 21st:** Chanbara Competition at Sanford's Dojo (4626 Soquel Dr. Soquel 95073) (831) 475-9676

**May 26th & 27th:** Testing, regular class times

**May 30th:** Closed for Memorial Day



All month long in our classes we will be practicing chanbara. What is Chanbara? This simple answer is padded weapons training. But that would sell it short. It is a fast paced martial art that helps a student develop lightning fast reflexes, distancing and timing. Chanbara will also develop courage, self-control and good sportsmanship. All this without the fear of injury.

Sanford's dojo is hosting a Chanbara competition on **Saturday, May 21st in Soquel.**

This is different from past chanbara competitions where students were able to compete multiple times and there were no eliminations or Awards.

In this tournament, students will be split in divisions based mainly on their size and their rank. Divisions will be set up in a bracket system, and the winner of each match will move on to go against the winner of another.

There will be 1st 2nd and 3rd place trophies, the other competitors will receive medals.

The competition starts at **10am and should be done by 12:30pm.**

**Space is limited to 32 competitors from our dojo.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>May 2016</b>						
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 <b><u>Chanbara Competition In Soquel</u></b>
22	23	24	25	26 <b><u>Testing</u></b> Regular Class times Thurs & Fri	27	28
29	30 Closed: Memorial Day	31	<b>Notes:</b>  <b>wvmadojo.com (408) 871-8180</b>			