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Birthdays in Oct/Nov

Oct 01: Luke Griek
Oct 05: Ed Marvinney
Oct 10: Miljce Donev
Oct 10: Erin Gleeson
Oct 24: Lina Ferguson
Oct 24: Matthew Balcer
Oct 25: Taylor Hanners
Oct 25: Samantha Rose
Oct 28: Lanore Ramos
Oct 31: Lauren Shawcross
Nov 05: Darunee Robustelli
Nov 06: Richard Ferguson
Nov 08: Nicholas McCobb
Nov 09: Diana Morales
Nov 11: Alexandra Moreno
Nov 18: Dominique Domond
Nov 18: Alex Nachlas
Nov 29: Amanda Francolino

Upcoming Events

Oct 21: Closed for Nationals
Oct 22: Orlando Nationals
Oct 28: Monster Mash Dance Party (6-10p)
Nov 11: Closed
Nov 12: Perry, GA Tourn.
Nov 24-25: Closed
Dec 08: Juniors test (6p)
Dec 09: Color belt test (6:30p)
Dec 16: Holiday Party/
Belt Promotion (6p)
Dec 23 – Jan 3: Closed
Jan 20: Black belt test (6:30p)
Feb 25: Port Charlotte Tourn.
(tentative)
Mar 01-04: Las Vegas Nationals
Apr 01: Winter Park Tourn.

Did You Know?

Mexican “jumping beans” don’t always jump. They only “jump” when they contain the larva of a small gray moth called the jumping bean moth. After eating the seed inside, the larva has the peculiar habit of throwing itself forcibly from one wall to the other, causing the bean’s jumping movements.

Student of the Month

Valerie Lewis
Congratulations!!!

ATA Top Ten Standings

The following club members are currently ranked in the ATA Top Ten in their divisions – a national-level recognition. The competitors who are in the Top Ten at the end of the tournament season get to compete in a special tournament to determine the ATA World Champion in that event. Congratulations!!!

Miguel Nelson (1st spar)
James R. Lewis (9th form)
Peter Robustelli (1st form, 1st spar)
David Swan (9th form)
Joshua Mendoza (3rd spar, 1st weapons)
Peter Singhal (6th form, 8th spar)

Florida State Standings

The following club members are currently ranked at the state level in their divisions. First place competitors at the end of the tournament season receive special recognition from the ATA. Congratulations!!!

Miguel Nelson (2nd form, 1st spar)
James R. Lewis (2nd form, 2nd spar, 2nd weapons)
Jennifer Smith (2nd form, 2nd spar)
Peter Robustelli (1st form, 1st spar)
Shane Smith (5th form, 2nd spar)
David Swan (2nd form, 2nd spar)
Mikayla Swan (3rd spar)
Joshua Mendoza (5th form, 1st spar, 1st weapons)
Neachelle Olver (7th form, 10th spar, 3rd weapons)
Peter Singhal (1st form, 3rd spar, 2nd weapons)

Miracle League Baseball

Palm Beach County Commissioner Mary McCarty recently presented a check for \$10,000 to Jeff and Julia Kadel (parents of Connor Kadel) in support of Miracle League baseball. The Kadels are leading a charitable campaign to raise funds to build a specialized field to provide opportunities for all children to play baseball regardless of their ability, including wheelchair bound or visually impaired players. For more information or to make donations, contact Jeff and Julia Kadel at (561) 272-7612.



Did You Know?

From a botanical perspective, a fruit is the mature ovary of a plant, such as an apple, melon, cucumber, or tomato – in other words, it is or contains a seed. Vegetables are pretty much everything else – especially the leaves, stems, or roots of plants. From the common, every day “grocery store perspective,” we tend to use the word fruit with respect to fruits eaten fresh as desserts - apples, peaches, cherries, etc. - and not to items cooked or used in salads. So, tomatoes tend to be lumped in with vegetables because of the way they are used (cooked and in salads), but botanists will call them fruits because they develop from the reproductive structures of plants.

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Black Belt Test

The black belts had their test on September 16. Everyone (audience, students, and instructors) had a great time. This is a rare opportunity for you to see the skills of our black belts. If you were in the audience, thanks! If not, be sure to mark your calendars on Jan 20 for the next black belt testing. You'll be glad you did!



Miami Beach Tournament

On September 24, a regional ATA tournament was held in Miami Beach. Students and instructors from Boca Raton were well represented, both competing and judging. Some people brought home trophies, and everyone had a great time.

