

Diamond Blast

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Newsletter of the Boca Raton ATA Taekwondo Club: Issue 60 (Online at <http://www.bocaata.com>)

Birthdays in Mar/Apr

Mar 03: Logan Kigar
Mar 03: Ludvik Saladzius
Mar 06: Ron Lewis
Mar 09: Viviana Collazo
Mar 22: Emilia Kraus
Mar 24: Nathanael Nolan
Mar 27: Rudolph Maccari
Apr 03: Cameron Castro
Apr 12: Naji Wehbe
Apr 14: Andrea Bracy
Apr 15: Cierra Smith
Apr 21: Patrick Oliver
Apr 21: Michael Shawcross
Apr 24: Huey O'Neil
Apr 26: Mikayla Swan

Upcoming Events

Mar 07: Rank Promotion (6:30p)
Mar 23: Black Belt Test (6:30p)
Apr 06: Closed for Good Friday
Apr 27: Tournament Prep (6-10p)
Apr 28: Boca Tournament

Boca Tournament!!!!

We are planning to hold our biennial tournament at Atlantic High School on April 28, 2005.

ALL students should plan to participate – this is OUR tournament! Please join a committee and help out! Attend the event and have a great time!

We have used past proceeds from the tournament to fund school improvements and day trips to local theme parks.

For more information, see: www.bocaatatournament.com.

Sponsors Needed!!

We need sponsors who are interested in promotional opportunities in our upcoming tournament's brochure and signs. Please see Mr. Nelson for details. For everyone who has already retrieving sponsors – Thank You, Thank You, THANK YOU!

Student of the Month

**Eric Lorenzo
Congratulations!!!**

Planned Tournament Schedule

Our tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 28, at Atlantic High School in Delray Beach (2455 W. Atlantic Avenue, on the north side of Atlantic Avenue just west of Congress).

We will be setting up the tournament facility from 6-10pm the night before (Friday, April 27) and from 6-7:30am on Saturday. Any help will be appreciated!

The planned tournament schedule is:

7:30 AM – Black Belt Meeting (Mandatory) need to be on time!!!! Any State or World Champion Black Belts not at the meeting will forfeit their byes.

8:30 AM – White – Yellow Belts (10 & under) staged

9:00 AM – Bow In

9:30 AM – Special Abilities staged, Camo – Purple (10 & under) staged

10:30 AM – Blue – R/B (10 & under) staged

11:00 AM – Black Belts (10 & under) staged

11:30 AM – Special abilities staged, Color Belts (11 – 16) staged

12:00 PM – Black Belts (11 – 16) staged

1:00 PM – All Adult Color Belts staged

NOTE: Adult Black Belts may be called at any time during the day

Boca ATA Student is Regional Spelling Bee Champion!

For this year's national spelling bee, Shan Mehta was 1st in Regionals, 2nd in State, and will compete in the National Competition on March 21st at Kravis Center. The event will be televised on ABC -- stay tuned. Congratulations, Shan, and good luck!

Las Vegas Tournament

The ATA held its Spring National tournament last weekend in Las Vegas. Congratulations to everyone who traveled to Nevada to participate in this major ATA event!

Miguel Nelson
Robert Sloan
Peter Robustelli
Kathleen Robustelli
Anthony Robustelli
Alex Bader
Yod Robustelli
Kristen Sloan
Chelsea Sloan
Juleana Sloan

A Note to Parents about ATA Tournaments

ATA tournaments are very similar to ATA classes. Our first priority is safety, and our second priority is making sure that every competitor has a positive (fair and encouraging) experience. An ATA tournament is an excellent learning opportunity. Forget what you've seen on TV and the movies – they're just stories with levels of drama and violence that have no place in a real tournament. If you have any questions or concerns about participating in our upcoming event, please be sure to discuss them with any of the senior instructors.