



# ISKF Alaska Region Newsletter

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*Celebrating 25 years of Shotokan Karate in Alaska – 1982-2007*

July 2007

## *ISKF Independence*

At the 2007 Master Camp, Master Okazaki and the Board of Directors of ISKF signed a declaration of independence from JKA. Quoting Master Okazaki, "Becoming independent (of JKA) would enable the ISKF to spread throughout the world... . This was Master Funakoshi's intention. He did not want Shotokan Karate to be just in Okinawa or Japan, but throughout the world and to do this would be following his goal."

ISKF Alaska/Alaska Shotokan Karate wishes to convey our support and congratulations to Master Okazaki and Master Yaguchi and the ISKF Board of Directors in guiding ISKF world wide!

## *Congratulations!*

Passing Dan Testing with Master Yaguchi last April 2007 were: Judy Hutchinson – Shodan; Joe Foltz – Shodan; Jeff Promish – Shodan; Tom Blackley – Nidan; Yuka Ungwiluk – Nidan; Janet Hagensieker – Sandan; Mike Tavoliero – Yondan.



Catherine Pinch tested and was awarded 6<sup>th</sup> Dan at the 2007 Master Camp. Amber Nakazawa and Ben Cheeseman were named to the ISKF U.S. National Team for the 2007 ISKF Pan-Am Tournament in Venezuela which was unfortunately cancelled due to the ISKF/JKA reorganization.

2007 Master Camp International Goodwill Tournament: Ben Cheeseman (2<sup>nd</sup> place team kumite and 3<sup>rd</sup> place men's black belt individual kumite), Heather Foltz (1<sup>st</sup> place brown belt women's kata), Joe Foltz (2<sup>nd</sup> place team kumite with Ben Cheeseman), Amber Nakazawa (4<sup>th</sup> place black belt women's kata), Phillip Murray (participant men's black belt kata).

## *Thank you for attending 2007 ISKF Master Camp...our largest Alaska group ever!*

From Alaska: Charles and Phillipia Holness, Catherine Pinch, Susan Jones, Michael Tavoliero, Jennifer Frazier, Dan Rogers, Doug and Phillip Murray, Tony and Amber Nakazawa, Ben Cheeseman, Joe and Heather Foltz.



## *Alaska Summer Karate Camp update from Susan Jones, 2007 Camp Director*

August 16 – 19, 2007 Birchwood Camp, Chugiak, Alaska, we will host special guest instructors Master Teruyuki Okazaki, 9<sup>th</sup> dan, Chairman and Chief Instructor of the ISKF and Sensei Cathy Cline, 7<sup>th</sup> dan, Northwest Regional Director and Chief Instructor for Western Washington Shotokan Karate Club. Alaska has the great opportunity to have both the chief instructor of ISKF, Master Okazaki, attend and instruct at our camp and Sensei Cline (who is the first women in the western hemisphere to achieve the rank of 7<sup>th</sup> dan under ISKF/JKA). This year's camp will feature a unique combination of great instruction, intensive karate classes, lectures, outdoor recreation and rank testing. The camp is open to anyone 9 years of age and older; all ranks are encouraged to attend. There is a special day camp for younger children. Come and help us celebrate 25 years of Alaska Shotokan Karate in Alaska. We expect a full camp, register early to assure a spot at camp. Parents are encouraged to attend the Saturday BBQ and the Sunday awards luncheon. Full registration package is available from your Alaska Shotokan dojo and on the web site at <http://www.iskf-alaska.net/>

— See you at camp!

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### ***Special Notice from Sensei Holness: Team Training for the 2007 ISKF Nationals, San Francisco, California***

There will be Special Team and Individual Training for both Kata and Kumite at the Eagle River dojo on Sundays at 12:30 pm beginning Sunday July 1st. All ranks and ages are welcome. For questions, please call Sensei Charles Holness, ISKF Alaska National Team Coach, at 360-8626.

### ***Calendar of Events***

#### **2007**

<b>August:</b>	Aug 10	Kyu Testing at Fairbanks Dojo, Sensei Nakazawa
	Aug 16-19	Alaska Summer Camp, Master Okazaki and Sensei Cline
	Aug 20	Dan and Kyu Testing at Juneau Dojo, Master Okazaki
<b>October:</b>	Oct 19-21	ISKF US National Tournament in San Francisco, California
<b>December:</b>	Dec 7	Kyu Testing at Fairbanks Dojo, Sensei Nakazawa
	Dec 14-17	Dan and Kyu Testing, Master Yaguchi in Anchorage and Juneau

#### **2008**

<b>Winter:</b>	Jan-Mar	Kangeiko Training/Alaska Shotokan State Tournament <i>TBA</i>
<b>Spring:</b>	April	Dan and Kyu Testing <i>TBA</i>
<b>August:</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	ISKF Shotocup World Tournament in Toronto, Canada

### ***Message from Sensei Nakazawa:***

This year we are celebrating 25 years (1982-2007) of Alaska Shotokan Karate being a member of ISKF. This has been an exciting year which included hosting the ISKF U.S. National Tournament at the Egan Convention Center in September 2006. Over these years there have been many changes, but always some things never change re: the ju-go kata (15 Kata of Master Funakoshi). Our Alaska Shotokan program across the state with youth and adult karate-ka, is without a doubt most unique in that we have or have had karate dojos/ISKF members in: Anchorage (several), Eagle River, Juneau, Palmer, Gambell dojo on St. Lawrence Island, Fairbanks, UAF and UAA, Bethel, Nome, Ketchikan, Sitka, Unakaleet, Kodiak and Beetles, Alaska. We have had several long-standing partners such as the Alaska Moving Arts Center in Eagle River, the University of Alaska 4H program, the Anchorage Boys and Girls Club, the Municipality of Anchorage Community Schools Program, the Spenard Recreation Center, Alaska Club and many more. Sadly, we have had members pass on such as: Sensei Craig Hesser a founding member of ISKF Alaska and Sensei Steve Davis and Sensei Cheryl Phillips, and others whose contributions were significant. Their memories will be with us always. Of course the guidance from Sensei Golden in the early days of Alaska Shotokan and the outstanding instruction by Master Okazaki, Master Yaguchi, Master Koyama and Sensei Cline, have helped guide us over this period. Others who have made important contributions to ISKF Alaska and now have moved on to other things outside of ISKF include: Master Koyama, Jason Hayes, and Kevin Hagensieker. While impossible to list all of the people and groups that ISKF – Alaska Region has touched, or is grateful to for their contribution, I want to express my appreciation to one and all. THANK YOU! And over the course of future newsletters during this 25<sup>th</sup> year celebration, I will be in contact with the various ISKF Alaska Sempai to have them tell us their Dojo Story.

— Keep Training – Sensei Nakazawa

### ***Zanshin (remaining mind)!!!***

- Please register for ISKF 2007 – the forms are at your Dojo or go to: <http://www.iskf-alaska.net/Forms.htm>
- For submission of newsletter items, please email them to ISKF Alaska Region ([ISKF@Alaska.com](mailto:ISKF@Alaska.com))