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September means grading month. What it also means is that it is less than 4 months to Christmas. It has not been confirmed yet but there is a strong possibility that our end of year presentation day may be held in the middle to late November. This would enable all those students who usually miss out due to other Christmas functions the chance to participate in this great day. We will keep you posted.

One thing that was noticed on the news the other night was that our city of Kingston has one of the highest rates of assaults in Melbourne. A little bit scary when we think of the current shooting war over in the Northern suburbs. It's disturbing to feel that our once safe streets are now considered Melbourne's worst. At least the people reading this newsletter have already done something about it and could probably defend themselves if necessary.

What September and spring also means is an influx of new students and kickboxers who want to get fit and learn how to defend themselves. If you know of any body who fits that category send them our way. It could be a busy few months.

A new innovation from this month will be a Student of the month award. We have many students who put in month after month, without recognition and it only at grading

time that we select a couple of the best to praise. Our Student of the month will not be a token award. The monthly winner will receive a certificate and badge as verification. Their photo will be placed on the wall for 12 months. They will also get to wear the Leaders yellow jersey to mark the front runner. For the month the student will wear a special yellow top instead of their white top. They will also bow in with the Black belts. They will receive a free one on one class with either Sabumnim Greg or Stephen which could result in a grading or kicking acceleration. Plus our student of the month will gain a nomination to be promoted to a Dragon, our clubs highest accolade. Who is the first recipient? Find out in class soon.

Our 4pm Friday classes are up and running. Our new students from Mentone primary are ready to grade to their first stripe. Many thanks to Angie Williams and Peter Goodman who have come down and helped. This class is perfect for any new student who cannot make it during the week but has Fridays free.

Quote for the month

"If you could kick the person in the pants responsible for most of your trouble, you wouldn't sit for a month."

~Theodore Roosevelt

August 2011 Grading Results

Leanne Azzopardi	Green 1 (senior)
Craig Beckman	Advanced Chodanbo
Danny Ellem	White 2 (senior)
Kris Ellem	Yellow 1 (senior)
Ran Dulberg	Advanced Chodanbo 1 stripe
Peter Goodman	Yellow 2 (senior)
Chris Bibby	Green 2 (senior)
Courtney Kidd	Junior Chodanbo green stripe
Angie Williams	Yellow 2 (senior)
Ryan Will	Red 2 (senior)
Joe Reuben	Yellow 1 (senior)

Craig Beckman is our latest Chodanbo. Spread over two grueling nights, Craig was made to work hard for his new belt. We knew he had it in him but we were going to make him earn it. Ask Craig and he will tell you that it is something he won't forget for a long time.



Advanced Chodanbo Craig Beckman



Yellow belts Kris Ellem & Joe Reuben

It's always exciting to see white belts move from that belt to their yellow belt. There is a sense of achievement that your journey is well underway once you leave the white belt behind. Congrats to Kris & Joe on reaching yellow and Kris's husband Danny is soon to follow.



Green belts Chris Bibby & Leanne Azzopardi

Well done to Leanne Azzopardi in reaching her Green Belt. Leanne put in a determined effort to gain this belt & is trying to catch son Jordan who is a Blue belt.