

ISHI GOGYOU

MARTIAL ARTS EDUCATION



How better to describe it than.....WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!!!Everyone was pumped and ready to give a great show. The team from Ishigogyo dojo was there in full force, from the youngest of the young to the youngest of heart. The environment was crazy exciting as we all prepared to do our very best. Being this was our very first tournament, we were uncertain what to expect. Needless to say everyone had a great time and it was a real pleasure to watch each and every karate ka take part. The day was packed with non-stop competition in each of the three rings and was something we be a part of. Meeting new people from all over Canada, and to speak with many of the kids as they described how excited they were in their progress and development of their karate skills. We are looking forward to the next great event. A big thank you to Obusan for keep us all organized and in the right place at the right time. Also a very big thank you to all of those that helped to organize the overall event and provide us with such a wonderful experience.

From the Harvey Family.
Arigato Gozamashita

Onegaishimasu

Thank-you all for the time and dedication you put into today's events. We all had a great time and I know I definitely took a lot home in the form of experience. It was an adventure to say the least. I so appreciate the dedication and preparation over the past few weeks. I along with my children are moving to the next level of commitment - work hard, set new goals and achieve higher!!!! Last line of the Dojo Kun "Futo fukutsu no seishin o yashinai koto."

Arigato Gozaimashita.

M. Laita

Ishi Gogyo Dojo

Onegaishimasu

Just wanted to let you know what a great time Matthew had at the IOGKF Friendship Tournament! It was great to see our Sempai and Sensei in competition, and to see the man who is their Sensei. Nakamura Sensei's demonstration at the opening ceremonies was amazing!

This was our first experience with a karate tournament and we were not sure what to expect. The tournament was quite well run, and all the participants seemed to be having a great time! It was great to see everyone proudly wearing their medals and congratulating each other on their accomplishments!

We are proud of how Matthew did, and he was proud to represent Ishi Gogyo Martial Arts!

Thanks!

C. Arceneaux

Onegaishimasu

I will like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a job well done in organizing this tournament and running it in a such professional way, I will like to take this opportunity to thank Sensei and Sempai and Obusan for a job well done in teaching our kids and pushing them to the limit so they can stand out in tournament such as the one we attended today, most important for teaching them discipline ,self-control, respect and passion for the martial arts, once again I will like to thank Ishi Gogyo Dojo for giving my son the chance to show and put in practice what he has learned throughout the years thank you. Dom has received one Gold medal, and two participations medals.

YOURS TRULY:

The CAPILONGO'S FAMILY

It was very excited that our Family was able to participate in the 2009 Friendship Tournament. We started off our day by participating together in Family Kata which the kids loved!!

I was also able to watch the kids in almost all of their events as well and I know they had a great day. We received some very valuable feedback from all the Sensei that were there. From competing myself this year I found it doesn't matter what age you are it takes courage to get up and show what you know. But I found there are still butterflies!!!

I know for the kids and myself as in the past few tournaments it is always an amazing thing to be able to watch the Sensei perform their Kata and to watch the Iri Kumi! Our kids very much look up to Sensei Hill and consider it an honour to have the other Sensei give them such encouragement at this event.

I saw an incredible amount of growth and maturity with our kids this year, as well as celebrating with the many participants from our Dojo. All of us had the opportunity to meet many great people from other Dojo's.

You should be proud of another year of bringing all the Dojo's together. It was a great event and our kids are already talking about the next one!!!

With Warmest Regards,

Arigato Gozaimashita,

The Lyttle Family, Ishi Gogyo Martial Arts Education

My experience at the tournament was great! First I practiced with my team from ISHI GOGYOU DOJO so we could get ready for team kata that was coming up. When we got in the ring to do are team kata we tried are best and came in 4'th place. Next I played air hockey then it was time for individual kata. I came in 4'th place again I thought I could do better. Next I practiced sparring with my dad. When I got ready I faced a brown belt. I tied with mark in fourth place .overall I had a great time.

Best Regards,

M.I. A. Bhatti

Onegaishimasu

To everyone at the Ishi Gogyo Dojo, I wish to thank all of you for the wonderful experience that we had at the friendship tournament that my son Brandon and I attended this past weekend. Everyone that we met was so pleasant and helped make our time there very enjoyable, and I wish to send out a special thank you to the Hill family for all their help. They have always treated my family with the utmost respect and kindness. And even though things got a little hectic this weekend, once again congrats on your success.

Rob and Brandon proud members of the Ishi Gogyo Dojo

Sincerly

R. Osterhout.

Onegaishimasu,

We just wanted to provide some feedback on the recent tournament. This was the first tournament that our children participated in since joining Ishi Gogyo dojo. My daughter Morgan, was very nervous at the thought of demonstrating her Kata in front of a large group. The friendly, relaxed nature of the judges and the tournament overall really helped her feel more comfortable. She came second in her group and was very happy and proud to have been a part of it.

My son Ryan, also competed in the tournament and the judges were very encouraging. He also placed second in his division and was very proud. He looks forward to the next event where he can try to place first.

Overall, it was a positive experience for our children.

Heather

Onegaishimasu,

Congratulations on a successful tournament! Jake finished first in his division (age four), and we are extremely proud to see his hard work and practice pay off.

As this was our first exposure to a martial arts tournament, we were very happy with the experience. I am sure a big part of this was due to the success Jake achieved; which is a testament to him, his Sensei Tyrone Hill and the Ishi Gogyo Dojo. Also, a big thanks to Sensei Tirrell Hill, and Obusan as they both spent time working with Jake to develop his confidence and strengthen his skills.

When we talked to Jake after the tournament, we asked him if he had fun and if he would like to go into another tournament. His response with no hesitation was "yes".

The opening ceremonies and demonstrations were great! The demonstrations were eye opening for us and Jake, to see what children at such a young age can accomplish. The strength, focus, discipline and confidence that these children possess is quite impressive.

As Jake is only four years old (and again his first experience in a competitive situation, with a room full of strangers no less), we were quite happy on how he, and the other children were handled by the Sensei judges. They created a comfortable and relaxed environment in which the kids were able to perform and have fun.

Our only disappointment was the facility was not large enough to handle all of the competitors and spectators at the same time. It would have been great if Jake could have stayed to watch some of the older and more experienced competitors.

Thank you for an excellent event, we look forward to seeing you at the next one...

Sincerly,

Paul & Cara V., & Jake too!

Onegaishimasu

Onegaishimasu,

The friendship tournament this year was really fun and well organized, even though there weren't that many people in my division, the people that were very respectful and fun to be around. The blackbelt sparring was extremely interesting to watch, and made me want to continue karate to get to that level. Overall, it was a really good experience.

S. O'Brien Ishi Gogyo Martial Arts

Dear Sensei, I am Erik S., I am 11 years old. I study karate at Ishi - Gogyo dojo in Whitby. I had an awesome time and experience at the tournament. I received 2 participant medals for my katas, and a 3rd place medal in iri kumi ju. It was my second tournament and I learned a lot. I had an awesome time listening to the drumming, watching the demonstrations, and your kata (it was very cool.) When I go next year, I'll try a lot harder to learn, have fun, and hope for a place in the medals. I met a lot of people from the other dojos. It was an experience that I will never forget.

From: Erik S.