

NEWSLETTER

July 2019



Presidents Address

The last 12 months have seen the club in a strong position. We have successfully established the Cubs class and formalised the juniors and senior classes.



Financially we have seen a consistent level of funds and our student numbers are stable. This is thanks to a dedicated leadership team of instructors and Committee members, comprised of volunteers with full time day jobs and family commitments. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the Committee for a wonderful job well done.

I also need to thank all our instructors for their tireless dedication. They have put a huge effort into the students and it is now beginning to show with a very successful grading. We are now looking to be in an even stronger position as we hope to increase our blackbelt count from 3 to 10 assuming successful gradings. That is exciting to say the least!

We also continue to do well at tournaments and represent our club well.

The next 12 months brings opportunity to extend our knowledge base further with upcoming events in Dunedin and Australia (to be discussed at this AGM) which I believe will open further doors and opportunities. We need to continue to be vigilant, yet proactive with our finances in the coming year with a view for further fund raising to allow for this development of the club.

I look forward to being part of another exciting year of achievements and successes with you all.

Andy Dockerill | President

Class Structure

A while ago the senior class was getting too big for one instructor to handle, so we changed the class structure to create the current Junior and Senior classes and created the Cubs Class. The downside of the current class structure is that we know we lost a few members who either didn't want to or couldn't make the class starting at 5pm. However, from the results of the last grading this structure was a success, and we now have 7 students at Black Tip. They will now have 12 months to train and prepare for their black

Cubs Class

Monday / Wednesday:
5:00pm - 5:30pm

Early Class

Monday / Wednesday:
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Late Class

Monday / Wednesday:
6:00pm - 7:30pm

Key Dates

3rd August 2019
Hyeon Mu NZ Open

26th October 2019
Top of the South Champs
Blenheim

November / December 2019
Grading (to be confirmed)

Current Monthly Fees

Child \$15.00
Adult \$25.00
Family \$60.00

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belt grading mid to late next year, and part of that preparation is they must teach. With 7x Black Tips and 3x Black Belts I now have the luxury of being able to dedicate a senior belt to each grade.

With that in mind, **as of Monday 8th July**, students will be able to choose which class they want to train in, apart from Cubs. Class times will stay the same and will simply be called **Cubs (5-5:30pm)**, **Early Class (5-6pm)** & **Late Class (6-7:30pm)**. Cubs will still be for 4-6 year olds, and we will need those students to remain in that class.

We also ask that students don't chop and change, we ask junior members to consider the fact that the Late Class is 90 minutes long and structured around a higher intensity of training than the Early Class which may not suit some junior members. If you have any questions about this, or you aren't sure which class is best for you, please don't hesitate to ask Matt or Cate. This change is aimed at encouraging more teenagers and adults to join, so please pass the word!

South Island Champs - Invercargill

Beginning of June saw a decent group travelling to Invercargill and taking part in a well organised tournament. As always Oxford students performed well, with lots of medals to add to our ever-expanding list of accomplishments.



June Grading

June's Grading was the club's most challenging to date, with increasing numbers of senior students the level of intensity is higher than ever before. Our junior graders put in a great effort, with Nic and Sol double grading to Yellow Belt. Many thanks to Master Ken for being our Examiner again, and to Zac Bates for coming back to lend a hand.



Cubs Class

Our first full term of Cubs finished this week, and we are very encouraged by the turn out and results. 8 new students between 4 years & 6 years old are currently working their way towards ultimately being able to complete Basics #1 (IL Kibon) and joining the main class. I know for a fact some of them can count to 10 better than some senior members!

This class will take a break over the holidays and will start up again in the first school week back.

Fundraising

We have some pretty lofty development goals for 2019 / 2020, including sending senior belts to a seminar in Dunedin, and possibly competing in Australia. Seminars ensure we have all of the most up to date information around Poomsae technique and provide great exposure to other clubs and their training ideas.

To enable to level of fundraising we need, we are looking for a couple of like-minded parents who would like to take the reins of our fundraising initiatives. We will be looking to submit funding applications to different organisations, with editing help from another parent, running some BBQs and other ideas that might pop up. If you think you can join our merry band of volunteers to help us with this, please let Matt know though our Facebook page or in person.



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