



# IMA TODAY

IMA News Worldwide

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## Calendar of Events

- Gasshuku (camp)  
Celebrate Hanshi's 60th Birthday  
Sept. 27–29, Keystone, CO
- Kyu testing  
Oct. 5, Honbu dojo
- North Fork Championships  
Oct. 12, Grand Junction, CO

## Welcome!

We are very pleased to start our first IMA family worldwide newsletter. Through this newsletter, we will be able to keep all IMA clubs informed of general news, special events, tournaments, accolades and articles of interest from the Honbu dojo and IMA dojos around the world. All IMA clubs are welcome to submit articles and pictures to include in the newsletter. We can stay informed, network ideas, celebrate our triumphs and accomplishments, offer each other support and encouragement and keep in touch with our extended IMA family. As it always is and always should be, we will keep our IMA family close and connected.

Submit all articles and pictures to:  
tnakasato@imakarate.com by the 25th of every month to ensure that it makes it into the next newsletter.

We are looking forward to hearing from all of you.

## A Note from Hanshi

With the help of our office and staff manager, Mrs. Nakasato, I am very happy that we are now ready and able to start up our newsletter again. Our last newsletter was written in 2006. As you know, our organization has grown both nationally and internationally. We have been worldwide for several years and we are looking forward to growing the organization even more.

I would like to welcome the students back to school. May you all have a happy, productive and successful school year.

Congratulations to IMA Honbu dojo's four USA team members, Alex Matsumoto, Kamran Madani, Kelara Madani, and Lily Martinelli and IMA Goshin Ryu's Maya Wasowicz for their achievements during the National competition in South Carolina and the Pan-American Championships in Medellin, Colombia. I am very proud of all of their accomplishments. Everyone worked hard and competed against highly skilled competitors. This is the first time in the history of IMA that we have four members (three from Honbu dojo and one from IMA Goshin-Ryu) who medaled in the Pan-American championship. A job well done.

Also, I would like to invite everyone to our 19th annual Gasshuku (camp), from September 27th to 29th in Keystone, Colorado, one of the most beautiful places in the world. This is a "must attend" event for everyone.  
**DO NOT MISS IT.**

I am looking forward to seeing you all.

In Good Spirits,

Hanshi

# Gasshuku

It's that time again! Time to get away from the daily grind and focus on karate at our annual Gasshuku (camp) in beautiful Keystone, CO from Sept. 27th to 29th. It is sure to be a worthwhile learning experience, and a time to build life-long, treasured memories with our fellow karate-ka. Our Saturday night camp dinner is truly one of the highlights of our weekend and sure to be a fun and lively event. Relax and enjoy a showcasing of our students' hidden talents, dance with us, and share in the celebration of Hanshi's 60th birthday. The registration form can be found on our website: [www.imakarate.com](http://www.imakarate.com). Register today!



2012 Gasshuku

## Hanshi's and Sensei's Travels

Where have Hanshi and Sensei traveled to in the past month?

- Sensei was invited by the WKF to officiate at the World Games in Cali, Colombia.
- Hanshi was invited to McGavin Sensei's North Fork dojo in Paonia, CO and presented three fully attended seminars. Visit <http://northforkkarate.com> for more information on this wonderful event.



Seminar attendees at North Fork Karate Dojo

- Hanshi and Sensei took four members of the IMA Honbu dojo competition team to the Pan-American Championships in Medellin, Colombia.

Where are Hanshi and Sensei traveling to next?

- Hanshi has been invited by Gilca Sensei to give seminars at IMA Utah from Sept. 13-15.
- Sensei has been invited to teach referee seminars and oversee the Karate-do Legends Tournament in Florida from Sept. 13-15.
- Sensei has also been invited to officiate at the WKF Karate1 Premier League Tournament in Germany from Sept. 19-23.

## Competition Team News

Congratulations to Alex Matsumoto, Kamran Madani, Kelara Madani, Lily Martinelli and Maya Wasowicz. These karate-ka from the Honbu dojo and from IMA Goshin-Ryu qualified for the 2013 Pan-American Championships held in Medellin, Colombia by placing either first or second at the 2013 National Team Trials held in July in Greenville, South Carolina. Although the international competitors were formidable opponents, IMA students represented the USA team well with their positive spirit, respectful attitude, and high level of skill. (Pictures coming next month)

- Alex Matsumoto—Silver, kumite +50 kg
- Kamran Madani—Silver, kumite -76 kg
- Kelara Madani—Bronze, kumite +45 kg
- Maya Wasowicz—Bronze, kumite +60 kg

## Shihan Safi

Congratulations to Shihan Safi for his new dojo in Iran, and his successful tour which included Sri Lanka, Singapore, Japan and Korea to work with the Korean national team. We wish him good luck and hope to see him in the USA very soon.

Shihan Safi is part of our IMA family. He is the chairman of our IMA Technical Committee and represents IMA in Iran and the Eastern countries. He has been working with our IMA family for the past three years, and has regularly invited Hanshi and Sensei to come to Iran to give seminars. We want everyone to get to know him and develop a friendship with him. His email is as follows:  
ahmad\_safy@yahoo.com

## President Azizkhani's Visit

IMA Honbu dojo was honored by a visit from IMA President, Abdolazeim Azizkhani in early August. He came all the way from Iran with his family to visit with us. Thank you, Mr. Azizkhani, for blessing us with your presence!

## New IMA Club Members

A very warm welcome to our three newest club members.

- Saini Sensei—IMA Shotokan Karate-do, India
- Ruiz Sensei—IMA Goshin-Ryu, New York.
- Shihan Muhammad—IMA Integrity Martial Arts Academy, Missouri

## With Deepest Sympathy

IMA expresses sincere, heartfelt condolences to Shihan Muhammad and his family during this time of sorrow from the passing of his father. We send you thoughts of peace and courage. May your hearts be comforted by the support of your IMA family.

## *Quote of the Month*

*"The ultimate aim of the art of karate lies not in victory or defeat, but in the perfection of the character of its participants."  
Gichin Funakoshi*