

# Great Village Shotokan Karate

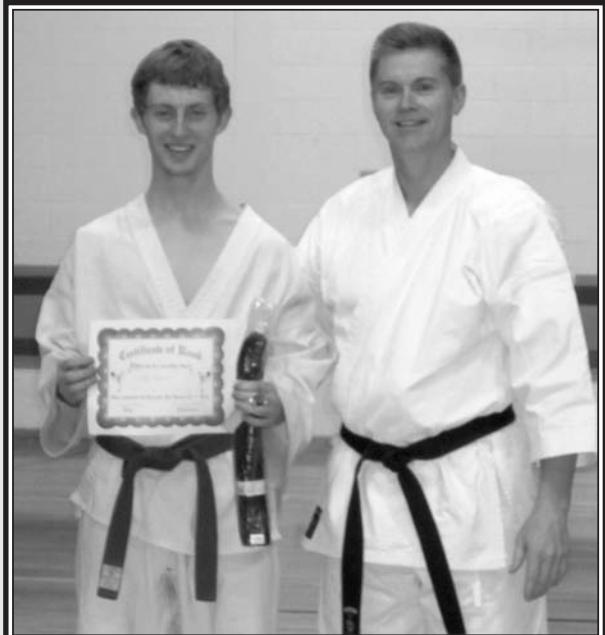
**Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 pm at the Great Village Elementary School Gym.**

**All ages are welcome and it's absolutely FREE. For more information please contact Mark at 897-4814.**

**Members of the class appreciate it's FREE, great fun, great exercise and they get to learn self-defense at the same time!**



Pictured above is the entire 2013 class at Great Village Shotokan Karate. (Submitted)



Chris Vincent was awarded his Black Belt by Mark McNutt. (Submitted)



Members of the Great Village Shotokan Karate are shown above with their ratings. Back row, (L-R); Peter Steele - Black , Chris Vincent - Black, Jeff Maluski - 2nd Brown , Peter Evans - Yellow , Madison Forbes - 2nd Purple , Fred Beazley - Purple , Ian Forbes - 2nd Purple. Middle row, (L-R); Emma Rutherford - Yellow, Emma Donkin - Yellow, Cassidy Verheul - Yellow, Charlie Teed - Orange, Morgan McCormack - Orange, Allison Richardson - Orange, Belle Harrington, Orange, Jenna Betts - Orange, Kaelyn Beazley - Green, Damien Howell - Orange. Front row, (L-R); Maia Sloan - Yellow, Brooklyn Robichaud - Yellow, Danielle Donkin - Yellow, Ruby Harrington - Yellow, Jack Verheul - Yellow, Mark McNutt - Instructor, Sierra McLellan - Yellow, Jessie Little - Yellow, Jasmin Atkinson - Yellow. (Submitted)

## Londonderry Community Council News

By Sally Richard

We all miss our post office. It really feels that something is missing from our community. The convenience of not being able to post a letter is almost unthinkable in this day in age. Hopefully, the issue is not dead and the wheels that run this system will realize rural Canadians deserve the same benefits as urban Canadians. Our former post mistress Valerie Carter is enjoying her retirement but it's funny, her dog Jet has to go to the post office every day just to see the place. Valerie would like to convey her thanks to the community for her retirement party and monetary gifts. She does miss seeing everyone.

The Center has been very busy. The fundraisers for Stephanie Baker were very successful. The younger children enjoyed a coasting party one sunny afternoon. The youth groups are doing excellent. Both zumba and yoga are well attended. On March 16, the Council hosted a St. Patrick's Day Breakfast/Brunch. And guess what? The Community Center now has internet.

A brief note on the Coffee House event held on Sunday, February 24. Unfortunately the attendance was low but the music certainly did not disappoint those who were lucky enough to hear some top musicians perform. It is hoped Eric Young will organize this event again in the future.

Some events scheduled for the Center for the month of April. April 6 the Great Village & District Firemen's annual banquet. April 13 at 6 pm a penny sale. Anyone wishing to make donations please contact Debbie MacMullen. This is a favourite for all ages. And going into May a breakfast on Saturday, May 4 from 8-11 and Sunday, May 5 the Londonderry Station Community Church will be holding a Gospel Jamboree at 7 pm

Vonnie Rushton broke the plate in her knee while skiing at Wentworth on February 26. She was operated on in the New Glasgow hospital and spent three days there after surgery. She says Lee is going a fine job looking after her. Vonnie would like to send birthday wishes to her grandson Connor in Masstown who recently turned 10 and to her son Terry who will be 50-5. That's how she put it with a laugh. Vonnie's mother's sisters also have birthdays so greetings to Aunt Dorothy Milen 99, Aunt Sadie Watts 92 and Aunt Ruth Wasson 86 from niece Vonnie and family.

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## Masstown Community News

By Christine Urquhart

Happy Easter everyone! I hope the Easter Bunny will find your house and leaves some great treats. Spring is officially here and robins have been sighted in groups of fifteen or more, so they are not the "stick around winter" ones. The geese are also back and many fields have herds of deer in them.

Tulips, crocus and daffodils are poking their heads up out of the ground and it won't be long before we are complaining about having to mow the lawn! Our Easter Bonnet Tea & Coffee Party got postponed due to snow so we are holding it on Wednesday March 27th, 2pm. Don't forget to wear your Easter Bonnet!

The Masstown Community Association will meet on Tuesday April 2nd, 7pm, at the Masstown Market - restaurant part. Everyone Welcome! They are selling tickets on a Mother's Day Pamper & Garden Basket - \$1 each or three for \$2. Get your tickets from any member. The draw will be on Saturday May 11th at the Masstown Market.

The DGM Men's Club will hold their breakfast meeting on Saturday April 6th, 8am, at the Double C Restaurant. All men welcome.

Masstown UCW will hold their Blind Auction and meeting on Thursday April 4th, 7pm. All ladies are invited to join them for this fun event. If you have never been to a blind auction, you need to know that all items are wrapped up and you bid on the "package". You might get a wonderful needlepoint picture, a toilet brush, or a roll of paper towels, you never know until you buy it and open it! Loads of fun! Lunch to follow.

Debert UCW are again hosting their Chowder Luncheons! These take place every Wednesday in April and the first Wednesday in May at the Debert Fire Hall from 11:30 to 1pm. You have a choice of corn or seafood chowder with homemade biscuits, rolls, and desserts. A

**Note: Parent and Tots Play Group is held at the Thirsty Church every Friday morning at 10:30 am.**

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There will be two Coffee Parties at the Masstown Church in April, one on April 10th and one on April 24th. We always have a bake table and there is a lovely play room for the children. These start at 2pm and everyone is welcome. If you like to quilt, come early! There is a quilt set up at the Church and the ladies come in on Monday afternoons to quilt. Others come and do different crafts so if you are crafty come over on Mondays and join the group!

We had to cancel our pot luck supper in March. We are sorry to have had to do this and hope to have a replacement supper sometime in April. We'll be advertising the event when we have established a date. We wish to thank all those who were willing to cook for this supper and want you to know that we appreciate your support.

Presbyterian UCW will be holding their Spring Rally on May 7th in Middle Musquodoboit.

The Conference Archivist Sarah Wallace will be one of the guest speakers for the day. All ladies welcome.

Lots of great happenings around Masstown! Cecil and Dotty Jennings just returned from Finland where they went to watch their granddaughter Stephanie Jennings, son Brian's daughter, skate representing Canada. What an honour! Congratulations to Evan and Paula Putnam on the birth of their son Gavin Gene Putnam. Proud grandparents are Gene and Ellen Putnam and Ron and Elaine MacDonald. Rhona Gomez-Murray spent a week in Toronto where she visited her mother and helped her mother celebrate her 88th birthday. She also managed to get in a hockey game while she was there! Gail Hines is off to British Columbia to visit her daughter Susan and her family for Easter.

May you be blessed with spring in your life.