

HOSHIKI MONTHLY

The Final Edition

Terms 3 & 4 - 2025

It's been a rewarding 6 months, training with our last group of HKMA students and instructors who have maintained their constant commitment to training and support of HKMA until the final class. This has resulted in exceptionally strong brown bar and brown belt gradings, a fantastic Sensei class and an outstanding Yondan grading.

SENIOR YONDAN GRADING (4TH Dan)

Congratulations to *Renshi Lana Hudson* on a wonderful Yondan (4th Dan) grading!



4th Dan is extremely demanding as all katas and yuksukos must be created by the instructor and involve numerous weapons. Renshi Lana has spent much of the last 9 months formulating her katas and yuksukos and honing her weaponry skills, in particular she challenged herself to learn the *tessen* – a Japanese hand fan featuring iron spokes and traditionally used by Samurai as a weapon.

Renshi demonstrated great skill, creativity and control with 3 different weapons in 4 multiple attack Yuksukos and 5 Katas including 4 of her own. Her natural attention to detail and precision was clearly on show as was her intricate knowledge of martial arts and high level of skill, shown throughout the katas and yuksukos.

Renshi also embodies the best qualities of a martial artist such as dedication, humility and patience.

Special thanks to Renshi Lana's dedicated team - *Sensei Sally, Zach* and *Henry* for all their extra time and support, consistently training over the last few months to practice and perfect the 4 yuksukos.

SENSEI SALLY

Congratulations to Sensei Sally on being awarded the rank of Sensei. Her class was engaging and interesting with a focus on lateral movement, balance and close range combat. Over the past 10 years Sensei Sally has been a dedicated and selfless instructor and Martial Artist. She has contributed to every aspect of HKMA including – weekly instructing in the Teen classes, grading preparations, Junior tournament preparation and participation, participating in Dan gradings and overseas training trips. We are lucky to have such a dedicated and knowledgeable instructor amongst our ranks.



GRADING RESULTS FOR TERMS 3 & 4

Congratulations to Nathan & Jack on attaining their 3rd Kyu (Brown bars)



Congratulations to Isaac, Tom & Tristan on attaining their 2nd Kyu (Brown belt)



END OF YEAR CELEBRATION



Thank you for coming along to celebrate our last year of HKMA and to honour our 2025 Award Recipients. It was wonderful to have so many current and past students come along to join in our final annual celebration.

Congratulations to our 2025 Award Winners:

SENIORS



- Club Champion
Tristan Message
- Black Belt of the Year
Riley Hunt
- Outstanding Service
Renshi Jules Blewer
Renshi Lana Hudson

We had a great afternoon chatting, laughing and reminiscing with everyone and appreciated all your generous words and support. It has been an emotional week for us but having so many thank us and support our decision has really helped.

Thank you to the whole club for your very generous Red Balloon gift and for the amazing book - such a thoughtful and heartfelt gift! The tissues were on hand as we read through it, and it will be a gift will be always treasure – thank you **Renshi Lana** for all your time and effort organising it.

SOME SNAPS FROM THE SENIOR YONDAN GRADING



THANK YOU & FAREWELL

Although finishing up HKMA at the end of this year has been the right decision for us, it is still with mixed emotions that we say thank you & farewell. **October 1995 to December 2025 – 30 years of HKMA** and 42 years of martial arts - what a journey it's been!

Numerous lifelong friends have been made along the way, and we have been so privileged and grateful to have been a part of so many people's lives for the last 30+ years. The success of HKMA has never been measured in belts, ranks, titles or trophies. It has been measured by how many people have had a positive impact and improved their lives through martial arts. Martial arts has had an enormous impact on our lives as young teenagers, young adults and then mature instructors and we hope that we have been able to pay it forward and make a positive difference to the lives of our students over the last 30+ years.

Thank you to the thousands of students who have stepped into our dojos along the way – you will always be a part of the HKMA soul. Thank you to the many instructors who have supported us along this magnificent journey – you helped strengthen the HKMA foundations. We are so grateful for your endless support and friendship which will always be treasured, we hope that karma finds its way back to you.

Whilst your journey with HKMA and perhaps martial arts may be ending, remember that we will all always be martial artists in spirit so continue to live your life as a true martial artist – with respect, self-discipline, resilience, kindness and humility.

Donvale Dojo 1996



Thomastown Dojo 1997



HK BBQ 1998



HK Ice skating Social 1999



Knox Dojo 2006



HK Juniors 2009



HK Social 2010



Kickboxing fights 2011



North Ringwood Dojo 2011



HK Kids Social 2012



Tournament 2013



North Ringwood Dojo 2014



HK training in Hong Kong 2015



North Ringwood Dojo with Master Benny 2016



Ringwood North Dojo 2018



Tournament Training 2018



AMAHOF 2018



HK training in Hong Kong 2019



Tournament Training 2020



Temporary Dojo during Covid 2020



Zoom Classes 2020



Zoom Kickboxing Classes 2020



Senior 3rd Dan 2020



Senior 5th Dan 2020



Teen Black Belt 2021



Juniors 2021



Tokyo Sake 2021



North Ringwood Dojo



Senior Black Belt 2021



Christmas Party 2021



Senior Black Belt 2021



Teens at Tournament 2022



Junior Black Belts 2022



Christmas Party 2022



Tournament 2023



1st Dan 2023



Kyoshi 7th Dan 2023



Senior 4th Dan 2024



Senior Black Belt 2024



Last Junior Class 2024



Senior 2nd Dan 2025



Last Class at the Hombu - North Ringwood Dojo – 10th December 2025

After 33 years of running multiple Martial Arts clubs, we had our final class tonight. The genuine emotion and heartfelt words from everyone have meant so much to Shihan and me. Every student who has ever trained with us has been a valued member and part of the HKMA history and family.



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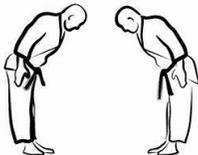
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QUOTE:

“Every new beginning comes from some other beginning’s end”

Seneca the Elder



*Thank you all for 42 wonderful years of martial arts.
Kyoshi Matt and Shihan Maree*