

# Diamond Blast

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## **Birthdays in July/Aug**

Jul 01: Simon Pincus  
Jul 03: Logan Washburn  
Jul 06: William Ultrera  
Jul 08: Michael Davis  
Jul 09: Savion Cohen  
Jul 14: Colin Sperandio  
Jul 21: Cate Gandour  
Jul 21: Siena Del Mastro  
Jul 26: Michael Chopp  
Jul 31: Brandon Hinners  
Aug 09: Jake Fumero  
Aug 11: Michelle Mylott  
Aug 11: Massimo Fillichio  
Aug 15: Eamonn Browne  
Aug 18: Isabel Hissom  
Aug 18: David Swan  
Aug 20: Jessica Escalera  
Aug 29: Robert Oliver, Sr.  
Aug 30: Brian Hinners  
Aug 30: Miguel Nelson

## **Upcoming events**

Jul 16: Belt Promotion (6:30p)  
Jul 14-18: Summer Camp 3  
Jul 19: Atlanta Tournament  
Jul 28-Aug 1: Summer Camp 4  
Aug 09: Melbourne Tournament  
Aug 17: Family Picnic  
Aug 22: Next Testing (6:30p)  
Aug 30: Panama City Tourn.  
Oct 18: Orlando Nationals  
Nov: 21: Black Belt Tst (6:30p)  
Nov 15: Perry, GA Tournament

## **Please Be Courteous**

Please be courteous to our neighbors. We have been receiving complaints about gum in the parking lot. Please leave gum and all other trash in the trashcans. Thank you.

## **State Champion Points**

We have received a number of questions about the ATA State Champion program. To be eligible for points in this program, you must be in one of the instructor or leadership programs, which are open to black belt students. For information about these programs, see Mr. Nelson.

## **Student of the Month**

**Ashlie Jobst**  
**Congratulations!!!**

## **Summer Camp Session 3**

The summer camp sessions have been great this year. If you plan to attend Session 3 starting July 14 and you haven't signed up yet, be sure to let Mr. Nelson know!

## **Little Rock World Championships**

The following members of our club competed in the ATA World Championships held in Little Rock, Arkansas the week of June 9:

Mr. Miguel Nelson  
Ms. Jennifer Smith  
Mr. Pete Robustelli  
Mr. Anthony Robustelli  
Miss Katherine Robustelli  
Mr. Michael Lewis  
Mr. Richard Ferguson

Mr. Nelson also tested for his 5<sup>th</sup> Degree black belt in Little Rock. It takes a while to get the results for a test at this level, so be sure to wish him good luck!



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## **Melbourne Hotel Deal**

If you're planning to attend the Melbourne tournament on Aug 09 and you're going to stay overnight, check out the great Roomsaver.com rate for the Hilton Melbourne Rialto Place -- \$55 Th-Sat and \$66 Sun-Wed. To get this rate, ask Mr. Nelson for a copy of the coupon. Thanks to Shane Smith for finding this!

## **Black Belt Midterms**

We often get questions about midterm requirements from our black belt students. When you are a color belt student, you usually test every few months. Once you become a decided black belt, your tests for rank promotion become much less frequent -- often years apart. To keep black belt students sharp for their rank tests, they must complete midterm tests. Like a rank test, the maximum number of points you can get for a midterm test is 270. ATA has certain minimum midterm requirements that black belt students must meet before receiving permission to test for their next rank.

If you are a 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, you must do at least 2 midterms and achieve at least 480 points. 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> Degrees must do at least 3 midterms and have a total of at least 720 points. 6<sup>th</sup> Degrees must do an additional midterm and have a total of at least 960 points. If you don't get enough points with the minimum number of midterms, you will have to do additional midterms until you have enough points. **IMPORTANT:** Doing enough midterms and getting enough points is only one of the requirements for rank testing -- you must also have your instructor's permission!