

Diamond Blast

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Birthdays in Aug/Sep

Aug 04: Gus O'Hare
Aug 09: Valerie Lewis
Aug 12: Yulisa James
Aug 14: Jonathan Alaimo
Aug 17: Sam Frankle
Aug 18: David Swan
Aug 19: Joseph Conti
Aug 20: Jessica Escalera
Aug 30: Miguel Nelson
Sep 05: Wendy Weaver
Sep 06: Joepy Cortez
Sep 10: Pamela Oliver
Sep 11: Oma Alejo
Sep 12: Tiffany Oullette
Sep 13: Gianni Galluzzi
Sep 15: David Ellis
Sep 16: Oscar Rosalez
Sep 22: Andrew Bowdry
Sep 23: Nicole Gomez
Sep 29: Patrick Lewis

Upcoming Events

Aug 24: Family picnic
Aug 30: Panama City tourn.
Sep 01: Labor Day (closed)
Sep 13: Key West tournament
Sep 19: Black belt test (6pm)
Sep 25: Color belt test
Oct 18: Orlando Nationals

Fridays Are Back

July is over, so Friday classes are back, starting Aug 8.

Family Picnic

We'll have our annual family picnic and volleyball marathon Sunday, Aug 24. If you'd like to contribute food or drinks, please sign up on the posted sheets. But whatever you do, don't miss out on the fun!

Spread the Word!

We've added quite a few members this summer, but we always need more happy people like us, ready to get fit and have fun. Do you have any friends or family with whom you'd like to spend more time? Invite them to join us for a free get-to-know-you class.

Student of the Month

Joseph Conti
Congratulations!!!

World Champion 2008

Mr. Ron Lewis, Mr. Robert Sloan and Chelsea Sloan (from our Arizona-related school), Dr. James Lewis, and Mr. Miguel Nelson received enough ATA tournament points to earn a spot in the Top 10 competitions for their respective divisions, held in Little Rock on Jun 27. The winner of a Top 10 competition is the division's ATA World Champion for that tournament year. And this year, we are proud to announce – *drum roll* –

Mr. Miguel Nelson is his division's 2008 ATA World Champion in sparring!! The first two photos are from the final match. Check out the gold medal in the third photo.

CONGRATULATIONS, SIR!!!



Join us at the ATA Fall Nationals in Orlando!

The ATA Fall National Tournament in Orlando is right around the corner – Oct 15-18, with most competitions on Saturday, Oct 18. If you're planning to attend, be sure to register by Friday, Aug 22, 5PM Central.

If you're not planning to attend – why not? The ATA has only three national events each year – Las Vegas, Little Rock, and Orlando. Orlando is practically in our back yard! Attending ATA tournaments is a lot of fun – just ask any of the instructors. Winning is nice, but we don't put a lot of pressure on people to win. At an ATA tournament, the first priority is safety, and the second priority is fun – the fun of seeing the talent at a national event, and the fun of meeting other members of the ATA from all around the world. We encourage ALL of our students to attend this tournament. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Where is This?

Some people just have to practice wherever they are. Can you identify the Boca ATA students in the photo? Can you tell where they were practicing?

