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Competition Season

The NY Tournament League Winter Classic will be on February 23rd! This is the first of the six tournaments of the 2025 competitive season. Self Defense, Weapons, Forms, and Point Sparring Divisions. Speak to Sensei Steve to register and start on the path to victory!

The Mega Weekend

The Mega Weekend is one of the largest Martial Arts events in the US. It took place in Atlantic City at the Tropicana Hotel from January 31st through February 2nd. There were three major tournaments during the weekend as well as seminars and an awards banquet. On Friday January 31st, Sifu Steve taught a seminar on the use of Chinese Traditional Medicines in the Martial Arts. Then Sifu Steve's teacher

Grandmaster Zhang taught a seminar on the Foundation of Internal Martial Arts. Both Seminars were great success and showcased the depth of the Martial Arts.

On Saturday February 1st there was The Battle on the Boardwalk IFK Kyokushin Full Contact Tournament. We had eight students compete ranging from seven years old to thirty-eight years old. Our students all did great in Forms, Weapons, and Full Contact Fighting. We are now waiting to see if we can qualify for the World Soshinkan Full Contact Karate Championships in Europe later this year!!

Saturday evening was the prestigious Action Martial Arts Magazine's Hall of Honors. Grandmaster Zhang received an award for "Lifetime Dedication to the Martial Arts," Sifu Steve was honored with a "Platinum

Achievement Award" for 45 years in the Martial Arts. Also, Sifu Steve's Jujitsu teacher Sensei Mike Carmiche came to receive the "Outstanding Achievements in the Martial Arts Award." Our colleague, Head of the World Soshinkan Karate Association, Hanshi Andrew Rekunow received an award for "Outstanding Achievements in the Martial Arts as a Grandmaster." And our student Darren Henderson received the award "Rising Star in the Martial Arts," as an up and coming expert. It was an amazing awards dinner with experts, movie stars, and celebrities.

The next day, February 2nd was the Battle of the Legendary Dragons Tournament which has a range of divisions. We had fifteen competitors in the tournament. All of them medaled in various divisions from Forms, Weapons,

Point Sparring, Continuous Sparring, and Creative Board Breaking. We did so well that we were awarded the **Best School Award** in this International Tournament!!

Also that day was an **International Breaking Federation Tournament** where **World Records** were on the line. We had twelve competitors participate in the Power Breaking Division, our team set **TWENTY NEW WORLD RECORDS!!**

Truly it was a **Mega Weekend!**

Spring Member Drive

We are building up our team! Please invite friends and family members to join us on the mat. Everyone you invite gets **TWO FREE WEEKS** of training. If your guest becomes a regular member, you get a special thank you prize! **Let's build the best team ever!**

Spring Break Board Breaking Tournament

We will have our own in-house Board Breaking Tournament called the **"Spring Break"** on Saturday March 1st, 2025 from 9am-12noon. There will not be regular classes that day. The registration fee is \$25 plus the cost of the wood you break. There will be three exciting divisions; **Elimination Round Breaking, Creative Breaking, and Power Breaking.**

Don't miss it!

Sai Certification Course

We are offering a special training course on the use of the Sai taught by Sensei Mike Carmiche, the Head of the Yoshin Ryu Combat Jujitsu Academy and Co-founder of the American Modern Jujitsu System. Sensei Carmiche

is one of Sensei Steve's teachers and is a renown expert in the Sai.

This course is online and will be available as a live broadcast for the five sessions. Each session will be recorded so that students can review. We will be at the Dojo for each class and participate together so we can help refine technique. However, distance learning is possible for those who cannot be present. Successful completion of the five classes along with a test of the material will allow the student to receive a Certificate in Sai Jitsu.

Follow the QR code to register or speak to Sensei Steve.



Don't miss this exceptional opportunity to study with a master teacher!