



STATE OF IOWA BLACK BELT

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STATE OF IOWA BLACK BELT ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

Hello Sirs and Ma'ams –

I would like to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the SIBBA. Without you and your support through membership, we would not exist. This past February we had our annual elections and the results were:

President – Master Linda Griffen (Ames Parks & Rec Taekwondo)

Treasurer – Ms. Ana Reyes de Oropeza (Ames Parks & Rec Taekwondo)

Secretary – Dr. Master Irene Faass (ISU Karate Club and Ames Parks & Rec Taekwondo)

Taekwondo Delegate – Dr. Terry Fernando (Ames Parks & Rec Taekwondo)

Judo Delegate – Mr. Kenwood Scoggin (ISU Judo Club)

Hapkido Delegate – Dr. Gina McAndrews (ISU Karate and Judo Clubs)

At-Large Delegate – Ms. Michelle Johnson (Algona Taekwondo)

Membership Director – Ms. Teresa Bruns (Algona Taekwondo)

Webmasters – Mr. Gori Devrajani (ISU Karate Club)

Public Relations and Fundraising – Ms. Holly Bignall (ISU Karate Club)

Scoreboards – Mr. Ed Jackson (ISU Karate Club)

Ms. Holly Bignall accepted appointment to the newly created Public Relations and Fundraising chair. I'd like to thank Ms. Bignall for her willingness to help out wherever she can, and I'd like to thank all the cabinet and committee members for their commitment and service to martial arts and SIBBA. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated!

Some of you may be new members and others, renewing members. To start off the year, I'd like to share our mission and what we do for our members.

The State of Iowa Black Belt Association was established in 1988, originally as the Iowa State Black Belt Association, and is an educational and professional non-profit organization that is dedicated to the improvement of martial arts and its member practitioners. We charge a yearly membership fee (January 1 – December 31) and those fees are what fund the bulk of our services and events throughout the year. The dues are quite reasonable and are scaled for different categories such as student, non-black belt, adult black belt, family membership, etc.

Some of the services we provide to members are:

Nametags – A few months after you first join SIBBA, you will receive a nametag to wear at testings and tournaments. The first tag is free, and we've recently upgraded to a magnetic tag but also offer the pin-style upon request.

Merchandise – To get our name "out there," show our pride and have some fun, we offer a wide selection of very affordable apparel such as T-shirts, hooded sweatshirts, polos, caps, jerseys and tank tops. We also sell poomse DVDs and VHS tapes. Our website (www.sibba.org) displays some of the items, but there are many new items not yet uploaded to the site.

Ties – We sell ties to wear at testings and tournaments as part of your official uniform. We've recently received a new order, complete with new material and design. They are very nice quality, woven silk ties in a rich burgundy color. Please check them out at our merchandise table at the next event. (The photo on our website is of the old tie. I need to shoot a new photo and get it uploaded!)

Newsletter – Our newsletter is published four times a year. Spring, Summer and Fall are posted online at the SIBBA website to save on mailing costs, and we notify members of its posting through the blackbelts@iastate.edu e-mail list. (If you're not on the blackbelts list and want to be, please contact Gori Devrajani). Our Winter newsletter is printed and mailed in late December.

SIBBA CABINET

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER CONT'D

Scoreboards – A great source of pride is the scoreboard system we offer for rental to our members. While the equipment has been acquired largely through donations, and sometimes it experiences technical difficulties due to its age, we are quite fortunate to have such a system available. This past year, we retired some equipment and upgraded the software to be compatible with new scoring regulations. This cost approximately \$2500, but it was a necessary expense to keep our systems up to par.

Website – It has undergone extensive changes in the last few years and continues to be improved. Please check our newsletters regularly for updates on enhancements.

Membership cards – Starting in 2006, when you pay your membership dues, you will receive a postcard that contains a membership card to keep as your proof of membership.

Free keg at Banquet – A Banquet tradition, this may be some folks' favorite SIBBA perk!

Delegates – Your martial arts delegates are your connection to SIBBA. Please share with them any thoughts or ideas you have to improve the SIBBA, raise funds, or expand the services we provide our membership.

Instructor Certification and Continuing Education – Master Voorhees was our first chairperson and brought the program to a point of refinement. As martial arts throughout the U.S. continue to become more organized, having these processes in place puts us at a great advantage to be on the leading edge of professional certification for the arts and this is a very worthy cause. Master V resigned his post this past Banquet, and we are currently looking for an interested person(s) to appoint to this position to continue the forward-thinking efforts he started. More details on what this post entails can be found in the December 2006 newsletter at www.sibba.org.

Scholarships – Through separate funding, we offer three \$400 academic scholarships, one \$400 leadership scholarship, one \$150 Jared Ringstad Memorial scholarship and one \$250 Junior Olympic Scholarship. Please see our website for more details.

Referee Awards – Two awards are given each year at Banquet: the New Referee Award and the Outstanding Service Referee Award. Please see our website for more details.

SIBBA Symposium – Last, but certainly not least, is our annual SIBBA Symposium. This one-day event, held in the Fall, provides our membership with a wide range of martial arts experiences that they would not normally experience in their regular workout. The instructors we bring in donate their time and talents to provide this service, and I can't say enough about how much their dedication to the martial arts is valued and appreciated. The cost to SIBBA to run the symposium has continued to go up each year since we're charged for facility rental and hefty insurance premiums. Our goal is to continue providing an outstanding yearly Symposium for our members while containing costs, and your membership helps make that possible. Please mark your calendars for a tentative date of Saturday, September 22 for this year's symposium.

We strive to offer as many benefits to our members as possible, and it is only through your support that we are able to provide them. If you have already sent in your 2007 membership, thank you very much! If you have not yet sent it in, please consider it, so we can continue to provide (and improve) the level of services that our members desire.

Finally, I'd like to recognize our 2007 scholarship and referee award winners (see side bar).

Thank you again for being part of SIBBA – let's make this a great year!

Respectfully,
Linda Griffen
SIBBA President
president@sibba.org

SIBBA 2006 AWARD WINNERS

Scholarships: Congratulations to the following SIBBA members:

Ms. Jocelyn Hudson, of Red Dragon Taekwondo, Junior Olympic Scholarship.

Ms. Keri Andersen (ISU), **Ms. Allison Classen** (Iowa Lakes Community College), and **Master Emily Thys (ISU)**, Academic Scholarships.

Mr. Joshua Robinson (ISU), Leadership Scholarship.

(There were no applicants for the Jared Ringstad Memorial Scholarship this year.)

Master Jim Malloy, who has provided service to the Iowa Judo community for many years, received the Outstanding Service Referee Award. Thank you Master Malloy for your commitment and dedication.

Ms. Ana Reyes de Oropeza, of Ames Parks and Rec TKD, received the New Referee Award.

May we all continue to work hard and strive to do and be our best!

REPORT FROM THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Hello Sirs and Ma'ams.

It was great to see so many of you at the 32nd Annual ISU Martial Art's Banquet. If you weren't in attendance, you missed a wonderful evening. Thank you to those who were instrumental in planning and executing this event.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve as the Membership Director. I will do my best to maintain records and work diligently at recruiting new members.

Memberships are slowly trickling in. We are a bit behind where we were last year at this time. We currently have 76 members, aside from the 88 lifetime members. If you haven't sent in your membership dues, please do so as soon as possible. If you have submitted an SIBBA application and have not received a membership card yet, please contact me at membership@sibba.org

The three clubs with the highest number of renewals/new memberships are ISU Karate Club, Henry's TaeKwonDo, and Ames Park & Rec . . . Excellent!!! Thank you also to these clubs for submitting new renewals/memberships: Albrechtsen's Kenpo Karate, Algona Taekwondo, Collins Tae Kwon Do, Corning Taekwondo, Des Moines Hapkido, Des Moines Riverfront YMCA, Family Martial Arts Center, Farrells USMA, ISU Hapkido Club, James Taekwondo, Kirkpatrick, Lenox Tae Kwon Do, Luverne Taekwondo, Melcher Dallas TKD, Merritt's Taekwondo, Rice Taekwondo, Shaw TKD, Inc., Voorhees Taekwondo, and West Iowa Martial Arts,

Lifetime members – if you have a new email address or snail mail address, please let me know. We do not want you to fall out of the loop because we do not have your current contact information.

For those of you with questions, concerns or suggestions, please contact me. Your communication, comments and ideas will assist us in helping to make SIBBA an even better organization.

Respectfully,

Teresa L. Bruns
Algona Taekwondo
membership@sibba.org

REPORT FROM THE AT-LARGE DELEGATE

Happy Spring Sirs and Ma'ams,

The 2007 Martial Arts Banquet in February was a great time for fellowship in our family. It is always good to see old and new faces at this annual event. Thanks to all who helped in making the evening a memorable one and I look forward to seeing you next year!

The 4th Annual Battle of Iowa Taekwondo and Kumdo/Kendo Open Championship, hosted by Master Kang, was held on March 10 in Iowa City. There were 165 competitors this year. I have officiated at the past two "battles" and always look forward to this tournament because of the personable atmosphere. Master Kang always treats the athletes, officials, and volunteers with the utmost respect. The volunteers are excellent because they are

familiar with the way a tournament functions and are always eager to help. The only downfall to this year's event was the small number of officials in attendance. I want to offer special thanks to the ISU Nationals Team for helping officiate. The team attended the event in preparation for the National Collegiate Taekwondo Association Championships at the end of March in College Station, Texas. However, their assistance in officiating kept the event on schedule. Smaller-venue tournaments such as this one are excellent training opportunities if you are interesting in gaining experience as an official. Remember, tournaments cannot be successful without a good balance of athletes, officials, and volunteers!

The next few months will be very busy with martial arts activities, including competitions, demonstrations, and promotional testings. Please be supportive of your fellow martial artists, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

Respectfully,

Michelle Johnson
At-Large Delegate
atlarge@sibba.org

REPORT FROM THE TAEKWONDO DELEGATE

Hello Sirs and Ma'ams,

First of all, hearty congratulations to all who tested at the February Iowa State testing. In spite of the icy weather, we had nine people test for blackbelts. It was a pleasure to watch such a well prepared group.

We had another successful banquet this year with attendees who traveled from both the east and west coast. We also revived the tradition of blackbelt workouts during the morning of banquet. The taekwondo workout had about 20 participants and was still going strong when I left at 1:30 pm.

The second annual Ames Parks & Recreation and Red Dragon Invitational Tournament was held March 24th. There were 95 participants and about 40 referees. Many of the referees were first time or junior referees. The smaller, less intense atmosphere was ideal for newer participants and veterans enjoyed themselves as well.

Iowa State Karate club competed traveled to Texas March 29th through 31st to compete in the NCTA championships. One member, Megan Thompson, qualified for team trials. Overall, ISU won third place for the Novice Division.

Two tournaments are coming up. The Kansas City Classic is hosted by Master Gautreaux in Kansas City on April 14th. The USAT National Qualifier for this region is April 28th and 29th. This also takes place in Kansas City.

REPORT FROM THE HAPKIDO DELEGATE

Greetings everyone!! Thank you for re-electing me as your Hapkido delegate for 2007. I am honored to represent you in SIBBA. My goal is to increase public knowledge of HKD, and with that, hopefully attract more students into our clubs. Two ways I hope of doing this is to have more HKD demonstrations and to increase the number of self-defense seminars.

The Iowa State University Hapkido Club gave several demos and self-defense seminars in 2006, and with their growing enrollment, they are planning more for 2007. The Des Moines Hapkido Club, with Master Ken Pilch, Iowa City Hapkido Club, with Master Brian Hayes, and Family Martial Arts Hapkido with Master Jill Hegland, have also been growing in numbers and the number of participants testing and advancing to higher ranks.

The Des Moines Hapkido Club recently developed a new web site for you their club. The site, developed by a HKD student named Jonathan Garton, is located at: www.desmoineshapkido.org. The site is filled with hapkido information, videos, photos, class information and much more!! Be sure to check it out!! One of their students recently fell 25 feet from a ladder and broke a C! vertebrae and an arm but luckily had no permanent paralysis. He attributes part of the minimal damage compared to what he could have had to his falling technique he learned in Hapkido!!

What goals do you have for SIBBA? How can we improve martial arts in Iowa, and how can you get involved in SIBBA? And be sure to send your hapkido news to me to include in the news letters. Let us know how SIBBA or your HKD delegate can better serve you by contacting me with your ideas, suggestions, concerns and/or comments.

Please feel free to contact me anytime. I look forward hearing from you and will keep you informed of our activity.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina M. McAndrews
hapkido@sibba.org

TKD DELEGATE CONT'D

As the Taekwondo Delegate, part of my job is to be a liaison between members of the taekwondo community and the SIBBA cabinet. So, if you have news or ideas you want to share with the cabinet, please feel free to email me anytime.

Respectfully,
Terry Fernando
taekwondo@sibba.org

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER

Greetings from the SIBBA Treasurer!

I would like to congratulate our new President Master Linda Griffen and our new Public Relations Official Holly Bignall. Thank you both for deciding to continue your support to the SIBBA from the previous positions held in the 2006-2007 Cabinet. Also, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new elected Secretary, Dr. Master Irene Faass. Congratulations!!!!

Treasurer's Report

On February 17, 2007 the SIBBA held its Annual Meeting. Accomplishments for the 2006-2007 terms were presented by the SIBBA Officials and Chairs. Despite our financial challenges, we believe we have had a successful 2006, and we are planning for a better 2007-2008 term, and we need your support.

Key accomplishments during the 2006-2007 terms are financially summarized as follows:

- o SIBBA membership dues collected during my first term totaled \$4,440.00
- o Our fundraising campaign launched during 2006 to assist the SIBBA in supporting its operations through the sale of branded casual apparel "State of Iowa Black Belt Association and Martial Arts Pride" has been very successful. As of February 15, 2007 we have raised \$2,139.73, and we would like to thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at the SIBBA table!
- o Dividends raised on CDs and Checking Accounts totaled \$419.42
- o Monies spent on Scholarships and IR Seminar Support during my first term totaled \$2,400.00. Congratulations to the recipients!
- o We were able to cover the expenses for the SIBBA News Letter and Web hosting fees totaling \$1,035.43
- o We provided Name Tags and Membership Cards to our members totaling \$544.47
- o Thanks to your membership dues and support of our branded merchandise, we were able to invest \$2,398.00 in upgrades for our Scoreboard Systems from the 3-Corner to the 4-Corner system. The 4-Corner system has increased accuracy as it requires 75% confirmation in order to score a valid point versus the required 66% by the 3-Corner system. If you want to learn more about our Scoreboard Systems please contact our expert Mr. Ed Jackson, Electronic Scoreboard Coordinator at scoreboards@sibba.org
- o Thank you all who participated in the 2006 SIBBA Symposium! Membership fees collected at the Symposium and the Symposium fees totaling \$1,335.00 helped the SIBBA to offset the Symposium skyrocketing cost of \$2,606.52, for a Net Cost of \$981.14
- o I would like to thank Master Mike Wickham, who has graciously volunteered and has been appointed by the SIBBA to manage our Mutual Funds. During my term, the value of our Mutual Funds increased \$4,699.61 to have a Market Value of \$29,231.03 as of February 13, 2007. Thank you Master Wickham!

Please feel free to contact me with questions or to volunteer at the SIBBA table. I look forward to another successful term and look forward to receiving your support!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Ana M Reyes de Oropeza, MBA

treasurer@sibba.org

32ND ANNUAL ISU MARTIAL ARTS BANQUET



Several Pak-family 3rd Dan and above martial artists attended the 32nd Annual ISU Martial Arts Banquet in Ames on February 17, 2007.

2006 SIBBA SYMPOSIUM—CALL FOR PROPOSALS

If you are interested in presenting at the 2006 SIBBA Symposium, which is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 22, please send the following information to Linda Griffen at president@sibba.org

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone:(____) _____ Email: _____

Title of presentation or session: _____

Length of time desired? 75 minutes 90 minutes 120 minutes

Maximum number of participants: _____

Equipment needed:

Other information needed for your presentation / session:



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

- DUES:** Non-Black Belt - \$20 Black Belt - \$40
 Family - \$80 Lifetime Membership - \$400/individual, \$800/family
 All Ranks, Academic Student (K-12/College Student) - \$20

- New Member (e.g. never been a member)** **Renewal**

Please Note: Dues are for one calendar year only (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31). Membership must be renewed each year unless you have paid a lifetime membership. Dues are tax-deductible.

Name _____ Birth date _____ Age _____

Address _____ New Address? Yes No

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail _____

Telephone: home (____) _____ work (____) _____ cell (____) _____

If applying for Family Membership, please list family members:

Circle One: Taekwondo / Judo / Hapkido / Other _____ Rank _____ Rec'd _____ / _____
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Name of Instructor _____ Club _____

Are you the head instructor of a club? Yes Club Name: _____

NAMETAGS

___ I would like a magnetic replacement nametag. Enclosed is an additional \$10.00*

___ I would like a pin replacement nametag. Enclosed is an additional \$10.00*

___ I have never received a nametag (first-time tag is free). Please order one for me: ___Magnetic* ___Pin*

**Please add \$2.00 Shipping & Handling if you would like the nametag mailed to you. Otherwise, the nametags will be available at upcoming tournaments or testings.*

AN OATH OF MEMBERS

1. We as members, train our spirits and bodies according to the strict code of martial arts etiquette.
2. We as members are united in mutual friendship.
3. We as members will comply with the regulations and obey the instructors.

Signature

Date

Make checks payable to: S.I.B.B.A.

Mail to: Teresa Bruns, Membership Director
 State of Iowa Black Belt Association
 PO Box 36
 West Bend, IA 50597

Cash \$ _____

Check # _____ \$ _____

Money Order # _____

\$ _____

Date Received _____

Please Note: There is a \$25 charge per returned check



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The S.I.B.B.A. is dedicated to the improvement of martial arts and their member practitioners.

The S.I.B.B.A. is an educational and professional organization that offers products, seminars, donations, sponsorships, and scholarships to its members throughout the year.

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CONTINUING SUPPORT

Yes, I would like to help the SIBBA with my tax-deductible donation.

My donation of \$25 \$40 \$50 \$_____ is enclosed.

Please put my donation toward:

_____ SIBBA Scholarships (please specify, if you wish: Academic, Leadership, Jared Ringstad, Junior Olympic)

_____ SIBBA Scoreboard Maintenance

_____ SIBBA Symposium

_____ SIBBA Educational Materials (videos, DVDs, newsletters, etc.)

_____ SIBBA Website

_____ Other (please list) _____

On behalf of the State of Iowa Black Belt Association, thank you!

Please send your donation to:

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Ames, IA 50010