

# Master's Temple



## Newsletter April – May 2007



**Little Tigers 7&8, Tigers 9-12, and Lions teenage grading**

**Congratulations to all member's** juniors and seniors who recently passed their belt testing and graduated to higher levels. The belt progress and the respect that comes with it is something that no one can give you and no amount of money can buy. It is something that you have to train hard for and achieve by yourself and when the time is right you can claim it, but it all comes to your out put and your practice of courage.

**In Martial Arts** your main goal is the Black Belt which has been broken down to smaller goals which is your next immediate colour belt. Remember "A journey of a thousand miles starts with one step". So well done again and keep up the good work as my goal is your goal, and that is to see all of you guys training fit, healthy and strong, with a well deserved black belt around your waist fully competent and confident.

### **Dragons' 5&6 grading**

**As you may know** I was attending a special advanced age specific children instructor's course in Tampa, Florida in my few days of absences. Please do not be surprised, learning never ends and a good teacher always remains a good student / learner. This course was fantastic and I will be implementing what I've learned immediately into our children's classes. Most of it is based on character building and self-development, while learning martial arts techniques, self-defense and getting fit which is priceless for the positive impact that will have on junior members and how these new methods are going to help them to grow with a sense of self belief and a more positive out look towards themselves and life in general. The founder of the above course is master Melody Shuman who is the leading grue in children martial arts in the world.

### **Little dragons 3&4 year class old grading**

**You also** might be interested to know that one of the Power Rangers Master Jason David Frank was present at this course. He is an owner of chains of martial arts schools in Florida. He is a 6<sup>th</sup> Degree black belt not only in movies but also in real life.



**Master Massan with power ranger Master Jason David Frank in Florida last week**

**The style that children do here at Master's Temple** is a combination of techniques and strikes from Kyu Kushin Kai Karate (knock down karate) the strongest and well respected karate styles developed by my Japanese Grandmaster the late Sosai Mas Oyama 10<sup>th</sup> Degree black belt. Katas from Seishin Kai Karate which has the most beautiful Katas and has the winning edge in Kata competitions, self defense techniques from Korean Sin Moo Hapkido developed by my Korean Grandmaster Ji Han Jae 10<sup>th</sup> Dan, basic grappling techniques and ultimate kickboxing combinations which is one of the fastest growing kickboxing styles in Ireland also oriental weapons training. The name of this style is 'Satory Do' (mix martial arts) which in Japanese means the sudden way of enlightenment.

**Considering if you go to a Karate** club you will learn basic techniques and Kata's only from one particular style, if you go to a Hapkido club you learn self defense techniques only and if you go to a grappling you learn grappling only, in a kick boxing club you only learn kick boxing which is only focused on competition work outs, which to me that alone for children has not as much value at all, because they will only learn fighting and may develop aggression. Discipline, respect, self development may not be thought, just another sport.

**In one case we saw one of** X Master's Temple brown belt members that is no longer training here and has joined a kick boxing club some where else and was permitted to wear a yellow belt and compete in a yellow belt section. I personally think this is teaching and encouraging an innocent child how to cheat and how to act cowardly as the aim in martial arts is totally opposite, it's all about training to become fitter, faster, stronger so you can afford to be honest, to be brave and develop courage to take real challenges and come out a stronger and a better person no matter what the result maybe.

**We are proud to have at Master's Temple** that our competitors always challenge the best in the world, never cheat, never make disrespectful remarks about any person or any styles, all my loyal students grow to be highly respected and liked. Including Julie Mc Hale 4 times world champion, Trevor Kinlan international champion one of the fittest and most technical fighters in the national squad, James Stuart one of the best musical Kata and weapons performers in the country, also Paul Mc Grath, Morgan Berry, Leon O' Callahan, Shane Mangan only 7, Sonya Kehoe and Aaron Leonard only 8 who have trained in Master's Temple for years and they always made me so proud not only for winning medals but also their loyalty, their manners and their willingness to challenge who ever showed up in their real sections. Many instructors have visited our club and they have all have congratulated me on the standards and sportsmanship of our students juniors and senior members.

**“We are on quest to be our best”**

**In another incident a black belt instructor** was sitting on a judge's panel with two of his students giving high marks to all of his own students, his club won most kata sections and of course his students would win as there was only three of them judging all from same club, I hope they wake up to the real spirit of martial arts soon and realize what they are doing is not so clever and would be classed below white belt in the school of humanity. It is true that they say there is a negative and positive element in every thing and the positive element in every thing and the positive element of the above experience was that some of the members and parents who were present that day they saw the difference in the values of instructors and their teaching methods compare to the attitude and philosophy here at Master's Temple.

**“When the cat is not at home, the mouse will play”.**

**Unfortunately these things may happen** specially if I am not there myself, as you know as the head instructor for three different styles in Ireland and so many activities and responsibilities on same weekends I can not attend every competition, sometimes there could be 3 different events on at the same weekend, otherwise I don't find anything more energizing than a good day in a competition or championships, specially when my students win loads. But don't forget this is also a part of the self-development in martial arts to be able to perform well with out any help. I myself competed in Riga, Latvia in a major full contact event against their national champion in 1994 on my own so I end up having two Latvians doing my corner and that was a real challenge. However we got to move on, stay focused so we can also move up, we should be strong and never let negative experiences hold us back.

**St. Patrick's day parade was a real success,** I still meet people up the town who are still talking about Master's Temple performance and still amazed how dedicated kids can be who are as young as our little dragons.

### **St. Patrick's parade**

**Satorv Do Karate and Ultimate Kickboxing** are still growing stronger with almost 100 members in Galway and more than 200 members in Waterford and Tramore who were all graded recently under Master Massan Ghorbani 8<sup>th</sup> Dan chief instructor and local instructor John Mc Grath 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan and Denise Brosnan also 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan.

**Easter Sin Moo Hapkido Seminar** was also a great success as we had many people attended from Waterford, Tramore, Dublin, Bray and Master David Magoldrick 6<sup>th</sup> Degree black belt from England a student of Master Massan for 15 years, Master Magoldrick has attended the Easter Sin Moo Hapkido Seminar for the last 13 years and currently he runs a successful full time martial arts school in England. He is one of Master Massan's loyal students who represent Sin Moo Hapkido in England.

**German open was a great event** as Julie Mc Hale won the gold Medal for the 2<sup>nd</sup> time in light contact, James Stuart won the gold medal for weapons and bronze in Katas and Trevor Kinlan did extremely well. All three made all of us proud at Master's Temple. I am planning to bring a junior and senior team over next year.



**The ultimate winning team at German open 2007 in Germany last month**



**Benjo Mercado age 8 training in Masters Temple for 4 years**



**Adults kick boxing members super grading**

**Adults advance kick boxing**

**Up Coming Events May 2007**

**Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> New Kid's sparring class Ultimate Kickboxing**  
**Sun 6<sup>th</sup> National Seniors Kickboxing Eliminations Leixlip**  
**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Club competition 2pm**  
**Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Grandmaster Sin Moo Hapkido Seminar in Latvia & Russia**  
**Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Grading Waterford**