

Shotokan Karate (松濤館流空手道場)

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On February 22nd, Sensei Yukitoshi Otaka hosted the annual Sun Valley Memorial Youth Tournament. Instructors and competitors of the Southwest Region of the International Shotokan Karate Federation (ISKF) were present. From ISKF Santa Monica was Shihan James Field, Director of the Southwest Region, member of the Shihankai and Chairman of the Technical Committee. Also from ISKF Santa Monica was Sempai Holly Forsyth, Sempai Lynn Franco and Sempai Miguel Franco. In attendance from the Venice Karate Club was Sensei Kei Fukuda and Sempai Tom Suzuki. Representing Shotokan Karate of Newbury Park was Sensei Michael Szydlowski, Sensei Brenda Yoshinaga and Sempai Steve Brand. From ISKF Los Angeles was Sensei Linda Mikell.

The tournament is a great training opportunity for all participants. The competitors gain experience in taking and following instruction as well as competing against their peers. The adults gain experience in all facets of organizing and running a tournament. The preparation before the tournament included the setting up of the competition rings, the placement of the judges' tables and setting up of the spectator viewing area.

After checking in the competitors, competition trees were organized by age and rank. Looking forward to when life returns to normal again.

Classes are held in the Social Hall on Mondays and Fridays, from 8:00PM to 9:00PM. For more information, contact Yuki Otaka at (818)-618-6161.

