

# CHITO-ZONE NB

Chito-zone NB New Letter

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## Message from our President:



From our provincial technical clinic held in September with Higashi sensei to the present, this fall has been a world wind of activity. And that bustle is only going to continue. These are exciting times for karate on many levels! We have a vibrant Chito-Ryu family right here in N.B. and I have always said that we “punch above our own weight” very nicely! Our participation in Team NB competition is very strong and our athletes always seem to perform above average! We are growing our officiating base and looking forward to having more coaching opportunities in the future as well!

The cycle of activities on the karate calendar seems to have shifted in recent years to Spring, Summer and Fall and moving away from Winter events. However, we can balance that out with our own dojo training and kyu gradings etc. Please mark on your calendar the NBCRKA Tournament and Christmas Party to be held on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> in Rothesay. We would love to see as many participants and volunteers at this event as possible so please come out to support your home dojo and province! The Christmas Party will be held at the Hombu Dojo (KV Karate Martial Arts Centre) and we are so pleased to make use of this facility in this manner! This is an annual event that you do not want to miss!

At this time, I would like to thank all our dojo leaders and instructors for your efforts in making Chito- Ryu strong and vibrant! It all starts in the dojo and our future lies with the younger karatekas coming up through the ranks. I wish you “all the best” as you enter the winter training season and best wishes throughout the New year ahead!

Together we are strong and of one mind – “Ishin!”



## Calendar of Events:

- Nov. 23 KNB Grand Prix Tournament #3 (New Maryland)
- Nov. 30 KNB Meeting
- Dec. 14 NBCR Tournament (TBD)
- Dec. 14 NBCR Christmas Party



# NBCR Annual Report



The New Brunswick Chito-Ryu Karate Association has been very busy over the past 12 months and continues to evolve in numerous directions:

We are actively involved in the Provincial multi-style Karate Association of New Brunswick (Karate N.B.) where the following are executive and/or directors:

Don Mazerolle – President  
Kathryn Douglass – Recording Secretary  
Linda Corbett – Treasurer  
Terry Soucy - Tournament Director  
Aurelee McLean – Director at large  
Neil Pond – Director at large

Chito-Ryu is the most active style supporter of KNB and is continuing to support the development of athletes, coaches and officials in N.B. Additionally, our very own Randy Rix is the head coach for KNB as well as being the Eastern Region Coach for Karate Canada.

NB Chito-Ryu continues to support KNB in its efforts to host the “Atlantic Karate Open” and grow this event to a first-rate tournament for the eastern half of Canada. This initiative was developed by NB Chito-Ryu and for the first time in Atlantic Canada there has been significant support and participation from our neighbouring province of Quebec. We are very happy and proud of this accomplishment! It must be noted that Sensei Don Mazerolle played a key role in making this happen.

NB Chito-Ryu has been actively supporting athlete development at various levels in conjunction with Karate N.B. We are currently fielding several international competitors including Kate Campbell, Yashna Haithi, Hilary Pond and most recently Kristen Dixon.

There are approximately 4 Chito-Ryu national/international junior athletes and 4 national junior athletes as well as a host of provincial athletes. We are working hard on succession in athlete development currently targeting young candidates for the 2023 Canada Games to be held in P.E.I.



Lastly, but most newsworthy, KV Karate opened a new private dojo facility in Rothesay, N.B. which is the hombu dojo for N.B. under the direction of Sensei McInnes. This facility opened in March and we have already had several clinics and special events there. The dojo is fully equipped for karate training as well as athlete conditioning. When visiting New Brunswick, please make a point to visit as all Chito-Ryu members are welcome!

**Have a story for Chito-Zone NB? Submit it today and we will share it. Plus, we love to share your stories on our provincial Facebook page.**

**Just send them to us at**

**[NBChito-Ryu@outlook.com.](mailto:NBChito-Ryu@outlook.com)**

## Coaches Corner with Sensei Rix



My last Coaches report was at the May AGM, since that time there have been a lot of great updates to share.

This past June in Montreal, the first ever WKF Series-A event ever held in Canada took place. Kate Campbell, Hilary Pond and Yashna Hathi from team NB were all in attendance at this event and fought very hard. In addition, I received my WKF Coaches Accreditation and I had the opportunity to coach Hilary and Yashna.

In July, New Brunswick hosted the Atlantic Open tournament which was well attended by athletes from NB, NS, PEI, NFLD and Quebec. Our NB athletes did very well and took home lots of medals!

In August, Kristin Dixon from the New Maryland club attended her first Jr. Pan-Am Championship which was held in Ecuador. I could not be prouder to announce that Kristin won the Bronze medal in the Junior Female -59KG division. Kristin's performance at this event was simply spectacular as only 1 opponent out of 5 even scored any points on Kristin. This Pan-am medal has qualified her to attend the Jr. World Championships in Chile and, to my knowledge, Kristin is the only the second New Brunswicker aside from Kate Campbell to represent Canada at this event.



Also, in August, Kate Campbell from the New Maryland dojo won the Silver Medal in Lima at the Pan-am games after losing a close match to her Brazilian rival, Valeria Kumizaki. This is a world class event and we are all very proud of Kate's accomplishments. Most recently, Kate has just returned from Tokyo, Japan and Moscow, Russia. Her upcoming events will be in Spain, Paris and Dubai. All the best to Kate!

At the end of August, we had a Labor Day weekend training camp in New Maryland. There were 21 athletes in attendance from around NB and Nova Scotia, and everyone had a positive experience. I would like to thank Coach Romain Losier for looking after the Kata portion of the camp, Coach Glen and Coach San Fung for their assistance in the Kumite section, and Hilary Pond who not only got us all into the UNB High Performance Gym, but also led the athletes through some rigorous fitness testing there. I would also like to thank Terry Sousy for the donation of Sausages at the BBQ portion of the event, as well as all the parents that cooked a fantastic lunch for all the athletes. This would not have been possible without them, thank you so much! After expenses all the money raised will go directly back to the team for the National Championships.

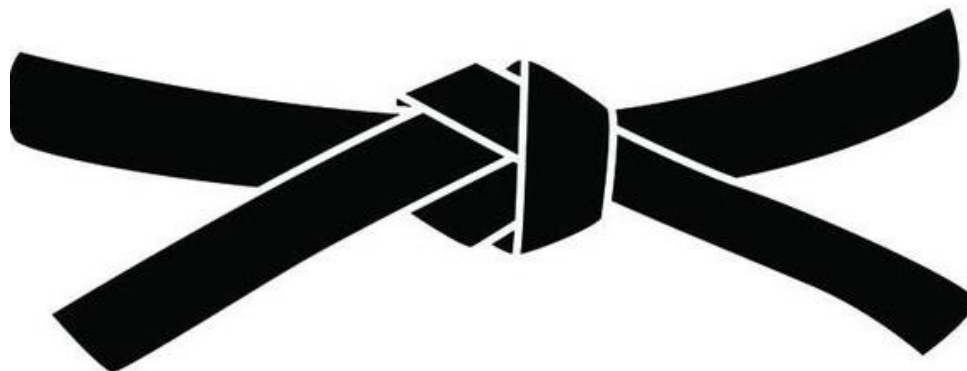
In October, the Atlantic championships were held in Charlottetown, PEI and Team NB had an impressive showing. The results have not been released yet however every single member of team NB that competed, won a medal. Most athletes received more than one medal and a big shout out to Brooke Daigle who came away with 5 medals, wow!!

At the end of October Kristin Dixon completed at her first World Jr. Championships in Santiago, Chile where she placed in the top 9 in her division!! Congratulations Kristin!

Next up for the team is Senior Nationals which will be held in Calgary in March, and Jr. Nationals will be in Toronto in early May. I am really looking forward to working with everyone this year, I am extremely fortunate to be working with such a hard-working group of athletes. Go NB!!



## Recent Gradings:



Congratulations to the following karateka for successfully achieving the rank of Jr. Shodan or above:

### May 2019

Hope Claire	Jr. Shodan	KV Karate
Gary Granter	Sandan	North Brook Karate

### September 2019

Brook Daigle	Jr. Shodan	KV Karate
Alec Hoquard	Shodan	KV Karate
Aurlee Mclean	Shodan	Woodstock Karate
Carter Moore	Shodan	New Maryland Karate
Christian Granter	Shodan	North Brook Karate
Jason Gumke	Shodan	Fundy Karate
Pam Carey	Shodan	KV Karate
Scott Winters	Shodan	Fundy Karate
Mark McDevitt	Nidan	KV Karate
Mike Quinn	JunShidoiin	KV Karate

## Registration Fees are Due!

Please do your best to submit your registration fees to our treasurer, Linda Corbett, before it gets spent on something else ☺ That way, it is out of the way and you don't have to worry about the Sherriff knocking on your door! 🙄

**KEEP  
CALM  
AND  
PAY YOUR  
DUES**

# NBCR Fall Clinic



NEW BRUNSWICK  
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KARATE

## Fall Clinic

Featuring Kyoshi McInnes and Renshis Mazerolle and Douglas

**Saturday November 16th**

*For Fun! For Sport! For Life!*

Free Admission to Clinic

KV Karate Martial Arts Centre      Pre-Grading Friday Night  
For full Schedule of Clinic Visit  
[www.NBChitoryu.com](http://www.NBChitoryu.com)

Location:

KV Karte Martial Arts Centre  
67B Marr Road Rothesay

PreGrading Assessment  
Friday Nov. 15, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

This is open to those who wish to challenge for a black belt or teaching title (from Shodan - Sandan, Junshidojin - Shidojin)

Please send names of candidates to Neil Pond asap. Please include rank or title being challenged as well as date of birth.

There is a \$50.00 fee for this session (please pay in cash).

Clinic Saturday Nov. 16:

9:00 M - 10:30AM Brown & Black Belt Class (Grading candidates should attend)

10:30AM - 12:00 PM Kids Class (Jr. Black Belts to assist)

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM All Kyu & Up; age 12 & up

3:00 PM- 4:30 PM Green Belt & Up; Age 12 & Up

**No charge for this clinic.**

Bring your PTR for signing.

Clinic ends on Saturday (no clinic on Sunday)

<http://www.nbchitoryu.com/nbc-fall-clinic-2019.html>



Please check the NB Chito-Ryu website periodically for updates to our schedule and news from recent events.

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