

2017 DORFMAN KARATE REPORT

The year gone by was one of the most successful for the Malcolm Dorfman Parktown North and Shane Dorfman Norwood/ Highlands North schools.

Possibly the most noteworthy achievement, history in the making in the Shotokan karate world, was Malcolm Dorfman successfully passing the stringent examination for 9th Dan at the KWF World Conference. This was the first time a Japan based mainline Shotokan organisation has conferred this prestigious rank on a Westerner.

The Malcolm Dorfman Parktown North and Shane Dorfman Norwood members that were selected to represent South Africa at the KWF World Karate Cup in Malta in October certainly brought home the honours. Top of the list was the incredible win by the KWF SA team in the senior 3-member unison kata category, pipping the formidable Japan team in the final to take the world title in this event. The three, all Dorfman Karate members, Nick Baker, Prianka Pillay and Kevin Croft, richly deserved the ovation and applause from spectators and competitors alike for their incredible performance.

The three also did both Dorfman Karate and South Africa proud in the individual events, with Nick Baker taking the senior male kata category silver medal runner-up spot and Kevin Croft the bronze medal in a close finish with the Japan champion Masamichi Otsuka who took the gold medal. Prianka Pillay received two second place silver medals, one for senior female kata and the other for senior female kumite. Also, worthy to be mentioned is the bronze medal won by Tony Maunder, who achieved this together with two SA team members from other dojos in the senior 3-member team kumite category.

Not to be outdone by the seniors, the Dorfman Karate junior members took their share of the spoils with aplomb. In the junior unison kata team category won by Japan, the SA B team of Noa Burke, Matthew Pine and Aaron Friedlein took the silver medals followed in third place by the SA A team of Grant Booyesen, Tihan Enslin and Gadija Essop. The six members of both SA teams came from Dorfman Karate.

A good number of medals were achieved in the junior individual categories by the Dorfman members - a silver medal from Matthew Pine (12-14 years kata), a bronze medal each from Aimee Muha (15-17 years kata) and Dylan Harry (10-11 years Ippon Kumite) and two bronze medals from Aaron Friedlein (12-14 years kumite and 12-13 years jiyu-ippun kumite).

On a national level in 2017, the members excelled in the tournament sphere especially in the KWF South African National Karate Championship, achieving 21 medals in the senior events of which 6 were gold. The most important gold medals attained were by Prianka Pillay who became KWF SA Female Grand Champion, winner of both female black belt kata and female black belt kumite categories and Nick Baker who became KWF SA Male Black Belt Kata Champion. Other 'Dorfman Karate' members who won gold medals in the various senior categories were Warren Nel, Arnold Sachs and David Hamlyn.

The juniors were outstanding with a haul of 78 medals of which 8 were open category gold medals and 20 were development category gold medals. Grant Booyesen became 2003 KWF SA Open Grand Champion by taking the gold medals in both the 2003 kata and kumite categories. The other open category gold medallists in the various age groups were David Hamlyn (2000-2001), Tihan Enslin (2002), Gadija Essop (Female 2003), Aaron Friedlein (2004), Matthew Pine (2005) and Reynier Landman (2006).

THE FULL LIST OF 'DORFMAN KARATE' GOLD MEDALLISTS AT THE KWF SA CHAMPIONSHIP FOLLOWS AT THE END OF THIS ARTICLE

Several invitations from various parts of the world were extended to Malcolm and Shane Dorfman requesting seminars. Time constraints prevented all from being accepted. Besides sessions given by both Malcolm and Shane at the KWF International Seminar in Malta, time however was made despite a heavy South African schedule to give seminars in Germany, Scotland, England, USA and India.



KWF SA NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

Dorfman Dojo (Total 21 medalists of which 6 were gold medallists)

- Prianka Pillay FEMALE BLACK BELT KATA
- Prianka Pillay FEMALE BLACK BELT KUMITE
- Nick Baker MALE BLACK BELT KATA
- Arnold Sachs VETERAN BROWN & BLACK BELT KATA
- Warren Nel VETERAN BROWN & BLACK BELT KUMITE
- David Hamlyn MALE BROWN BELT KATA

KWF SA NATIONAL CHILDREN AND KIDDIES CHAMPIONSHIP

Dorfman Dojo (Total 78 medalists of which 8 were open category gold medallists and 20 were belt category gold medallists)

Open Category Gold Medallists

- Aaron Friedlein MALE OPEN KATA (born in 2004)
- Grant Booysen MALE OPEN KUMITE (born in 2003)
- Gadija Essop FEMALE OPEN KATA (born in 2003 and younger)
- Grant Booysen MALE OPEN KATA (born in 2003)
- Tihan Enslin MALE OPEN KATA (born in 2002)
- David Hamlyn MALE OPEN KATA (born in 2000 - 2001)
- Reynier Landman MALE OPEN KATA (born in 2006 and younger)
- Matthew Pine MALE OPEN KATA (born in 2005)

Belt Category Gold Medallists

- Daniel Hermann MALE KIHON IPPON KUMITE (born in 2008)
- Shreyan Dukhi MALE KIHON IPPON KUMITE (born in 2006)
- Matthew Heynike MALE NOVICE WHITE KATA (born in 2008)
- Temidayo Oyetan MALE KIHON IPPON KUMITE (born in 2007)
- Nikhil Bhaga MALE KIHON IPPON KUMITE (born in 2009 and younger)
- Aaron Friedlein MIXED ADVANCED KATA (born in 2003 - 2004)
- Nikhil Bhaga MALE KIDDIES KATA (born in 2009)
- Matthew Pine MALE ADVANCED KATA (born in 2005 - 2006)
- Kitso Mmoledi MIXED JIYU IPPON KUMITE (born in 2007 and younger)
- Joshua Organ MIXED JIYU IPPON KUMITE (born in 2000 - 2002)
- Grant Booysen MIXED JIYU IPPON KUMITE (born in 2003 - 2004)
- Catherine Sweeney MIXED JIYU IPPON KUMITE (born in 2005 - 2006)
- Daniel Hermann MALE NOVICE YELLOW KATA (born in 2008)
- Benjamin Obel MALE NOVICE YELLOW KATA (born in 2007)
- Mia Kessopersadh FEMALE NOVICE WHITE & YELLOW KATA (born in 2007 - 2008)
- Pedro Fiuza MALE KIHON IPPON KUMITE (born in 2003 - 2005)
- Jennifer Sweeney FEMALE KIHON IPPON KUMITE (born in 2007 and younger)
- Reynier Landman MIXED INTERMEDIATE KATA (born in 2006)
- Prisha Thambiran FEMALE ADVANCED KATA (born in 2005 - 2006)
- Jethro Crawford MIXED INTERMEDIATE KATA (born in 2007)