

Portland Open Border Challenge 13 July 2019

It is always a great weekend in Portland and this year was no exception. The event was run seamlessly thanks to the hard work of Sempai Natalie, Sempai Rachel and Suzanne and all other member of the Portland dojo.

We had 114 entries over the Non Contact and Knockdown and they came from all over Victoria, South Australia and 2 competitors from Sydney.

The Non Contact event was huge and gave all competitors a chance to display their technique. There were very few penalties for excessive contact and that shows the competitors and instructors have a great understanding of the rules.

The Knockdown event was terrific with all competitors well matched and having the opportunity to test themselves. There were only 2 Ippons and 1 Waza Ari so that shows the evenness of the matches. I am sure all competitors gained some great experience and that was the whole purpose of the event.

I have listed the results below. There were many examples of fighters achieving something special. Some that come easily to mind are Lily Shields scoring a win in her Junior Colts match showing that the "Shields Dynasty" is continuing. Kobi Buckland moving up into the Junior colts and winning the title as well as the Non Contact.

A great example of the progression of our fighters through the junior ranks. Melinda Baulch winning the Female Novice Middleweight on her first attempt and runner-up in her Non Contact division.

Shayla McEwan-Robertson winning both non contact and Knockdown. Seth Northam winning the Male Open Non contact and Runner-Up in the colts.

Everyone that fought was a great example and we were all so proud of them.

In addition we "blooded" so judges and referee's so that officials gained valuable experience as well.









Female 8 Years & Under: Non Contact
Champion: Charlie Holmes (Colac)
Runner-Up: Yalda Yousefi (Werribee)
Third: Natalie Hollingdale (Narre Warren)

Male White Belt 8 Years & Under: Non Contact
Champion: Tyler Zandora (Traralgon)
Runner-Up: Dominic Broadley (Warrnambool)
Third: Zain Maklevits (Portland)

Male Coloured Belt 8 years & Under: Non Contact
Champion: Nate Shields (Bellarine)
Runner-Up: Chayce Wagner (Lucindale)
Third: Blake Wales (Colac)

Female 9 & 10 Year Old: Non Contact
Champion: Taylor Holmes (Colac)
Runner-Up: Summah Wilson (Colac)
Third: Lily Irwin (Portland)

Male 9 & 10 Year Old: Non Contact
Champion: Ned Pyle (Birregurra)
Runner-Up: Cooper Harkins (Leopold)
Third: Isaac Bock (Birregurra)

Female 11 & 12 Year Old: Non Contact
Champion: Yenna Joyce (Mt.Gambier)
Runner-Up: Casey Evans (Naracoorte)
Third: Chloe Homa (Adelaide)

Male 11 & 12 Year Old: Non Contact
Champion: Tyler McDermott (Traralgon)
Runner-Up: Joel Anderson (Frances Martial Arts)
Third: Ashley Zandora (Traralgon)

Male 13 & 14 Year Old: Non Contact
Champion: Kobi Buckland (Portland)
Runner-Up: Tadeo Gale (Coogee)
Third: Hayden Lakey (Warrnambool)

Female 13, 14 & 15 Years Old: Non Contact
Champion: Kyrah Budge (Bellarine)
Runner-Up: Gemma Gallpen (Portland)
Third: Janelle McCluskey (Portland)

Male 6th Kyu & Under: Non Contact
Champion: Trevor Meade (Portland)
Runner-Up: Ricky Luke (Portland)
Third: Ali Yousefi (Werribee)

Female Open: Non Contact
Champion: Shayla McEwan-Robertson (Bellarine)
Runner-Up: Serina Bogers (Warrnambool)
Third: Casey Makevits (Portland)

Male Open: Non Contact
Champion: Seth Northam (Naracoorte)
Runner-Up: Dylan Ross (Ballan)
Third: Dylan Meade (Portland)

Female Veterans: Non Contact
Champion: Deb Millard (Portland)
Runner-Up: Melinda Baulch (Bellarine)
Third: Ivonne Schneidenbach (Coogee)

Female Over 50 Years: Non Contact
Champion: Michelle Hamblin (Winchelsea)
Runner-Up: Veronica Anderson (Frances Martial Arts)
Third: Jane McDonald (Warrnambool)

Female Junior colts: Knockdown
Champion: Lily Shields (Bellarine)
Runner-Up: Gemma Gallpen (Portland)
Third: Janelle McCluskey (Portland)

Male Junior Colts: Knockdown
Champion: Kobi Buckland (Portland)
Runner-Up: Seth Northam (Naracoorte)
Third: Alex Glen (Werribee)

Female Colts: Knockdown
Champion: Shayla McEwan-Robertson (Bellarine)
Runner-Up: Catherine Klenkowski (Ballan)

Female Novice Middleweight: Knockdown
Champion: Melinda Baulch (Bellarine)
Runner-up: Hailee Wilkinson (Narre Warren)
Third: Sophie Robinson (Horsham Allied Martial arts)

Male Novice Middleweight: Knockdown
Champion: Julius Wolfe (Narre Warren)
Runner-Up: Kyle Snape (Ballan)
Third: Jos Heacht (Adelaide)

Female Novice Heavyweight: Knockdown
Champion: Abbey McPherson (Ballan)
Runner-Up: Casey Makevits (Portland)

Male Novice Super Heavyweight: Knockdown
Champion: Adam Wilkinson (Narre Warren)
Runner-Up: Kenneth Hollingdale (Narre Warren)
Third: Ricky Luke (Portland)

Male Novice Veterans Middle Weight: Knockdown
Champion: Alistair Wilby (Warrnambool)
Runner-Up: Jamie Cook (Timboon)

Female Open Heavy Weight: Knockdown
Champion: Serina Bogers (Warrnambool)
Runner-up: Karyn Wagner (Lucindale)

Fighting Spirit Award: Jamie Cook (Timboon)