

The 42nd Steveston Invitational

The 42nd Steveston International Invitational Tournament was held at the Steveston Indoor Tennis Court on Mar. 7, 2015. Guest referees **Chuck Sweigart** (WKF Referee), **Zvonko Celibija** (WKF Referee and PKF Referee Committee) explained about the new WKF Kata and Kumite rules at the morning referees meeting prior to competition. We had special guests; Instructor **TAKAMASA ARAKAWA** from Chiba Japan's University of Kokusai Karate-Do Club with students, last **Jr. WKF Kumite Champion JOANE ORBON** and many National Champions participate. Akira Uchida (Deputy Consul General of Japan) brought the **General Consul of Japan trophy** (donated by Seiji Okada) to the Steveston Karate Club.

The Men's Kata division is the toughest division at this tournament. The top 4 from the 2015 Canadian National Championship along with athletes from Japan and USA entered.

Toshihide Uchiage won this Div. and **Seiya Takeuchi** was 2nd, **Andrew Moore** from Denver, CO and **Khyber Barnett** were 3rd place.

Results:

Event Kata	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	
Women's Black	HIDEMI UCHIAGE	RITA NGO	SHALENE LEE	GWYNDOLINE TINGEY
Men's Black Belt	TOSHIHIDE UCHIAGE	SEIYA TAKEUCHI	ANDREW MOORE	KHYBER BARNETT
Event Kumite	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	3 rd Place
Women -60Kg	VIENNA KRUMWIEDE	JOAN ORBON	CLAUDIA LAOS-LOO	RITA NGO
Women Open	JOAN ORBON	VIENNA KRUMWIEDE	DANIELLE FOOKES	JOHN SAWAL
Men -70Kg	KENICHIROU YAMAURA	JUNYA TERASAWA	TY NGUYEN	HAYATO TAKASE
Men Open	YUJI MATSUDA	KOSUKE OKUYAMA	NAOKI OHKUBO	KENICHIROU YAMAURA



Sensei Takeshi Uchiage, President Keith Whittle and Deputy Consul General Akira Fukuda *from left



Sensei Uchiage and Sensei Takamasa Arakawa

