



# BANDO



Newsletter #15

November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

ABA/NBAA Members,

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Wheeling Bando Club and the Weirton Bando Club did a joint demonstration at the Wes Banco Arena in Wheeling, WV. This demonstration was held before and during the Wheeling Nailers professional hockey game. The Wheeling Nailers invited our clubs to be a part of the Martial Arts Night. Members from both clubs joined forces to perform a variety of drills, forms and sparring matches displayed in front of a large crowd prior to puck drop. Sayaji Cordell Blackshere of Weirton Bando spearheaded a large group from his club along with members from Wheeling Bando. Bando disciplines that were displayed consisted of Bando Naban, Bando boxing Bando middle style as well as different levels of Bando freestyle sparring and forms along with their functional drills. A salute to our veterans was also done with the performance of the 3x9 kukri cuts. During the kukri cuts, there was a live bag pipe performance. This was a great addition to our salute. Bando appreciates the dedication of all our members, and a special thank you to those Wheeling and Weirton Bando members who were in attendance, in assistance, and active for this event. The demonstrations by both schools were very informative and most importantly, right on course with the Bando standards set by Dr. Gyi whom I believe would be very proud of our demos.



I would also like you to please keep the date of January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, noted on your calendars. A Bando function is currently in the works and details will be provided as soon as possible. We would also like to thank Dr. Duvon Winborne for a successful clinic held 11/19 weekend in the Baltimore area as we strive to stay active /on a national level.

Additionally, it was brought to my attention that Bando member Phil Alloy recently passed away. He was a dedicated Bando member who trained hard and was very close to Dr. Gyi and Sayaji Dale Minor. Our condolences go out to his entire family in which he will be missed.

Lastly, please have a great Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving to you all and your families. Until we meet again.

Respectfully,

Jerry A. George, President and Chief Instructor

