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2023 ABA/NBAA BANDO ANIMAL CLINIC

The 2023 ABA/NBAA Bando Animal Clinic held on the weekend of August 26th was a huge success. Leading to this success was the 50+ members that participated in the two day training session. Thank you all for your commitment. We proudly had the following members participate; George Aresco, Ron Auch, Paul Braddock, Chet Buffington, Barry Bell, Pat Butler, Nathaniel Clark, Rob Crown, Andrew Coppler, Dave Decker, Mo-Dieterle, Dan Dimmick, Brek Dimmick, Zoe Dunlap, Motern Dunlap, Michelle Estel, Buzz Evans, Dick Ferda, Caleb Fields, Derek George, Jerry George, Pat Gryszka, Gabe Gaskins, Victor Gomez, Heather Hogan, Amy Huenke, Curtiss Jayjohn, Eric Jackson, Dave Kinney, Steven Knoyer, Carl Knoyer, Dwight Lucas, Abigail Lupso, Casey Maynard, Brandon Maynard, Anthony Osso, Maggie Perko, Mike Pipo, Mike Phan, Gabe Rqia, Nick Sorokin, Mark Semmingson, Jeff Stanton, 7 Simovart, Taavo Simovart, Malachi Tatum, Emel Vujnovic, Greg Vasey, EJ Vujnovic, and Norm White. Dr. Gyi would be very pleased by everyones attendance.

The purpose of this clinic was to reestablish and teach as many and as much of the 9 Bando animal systems as possible. As we all know, you can't learn an animal system in a weekend. However, we got a good start. The five of nine systems that were instructed during the weekend were the Boar, Bull, Cobra, Eagle and Tiger. A big thank you to the instructors that were able to make the clinic possible. Instructors were Sayajis Dave Kinney, Jerry George and Sayas Dan Dimmick, Carl Knoyer, Jeff Stanton, Steven Knoyer and Derek George. All are well rehearsed in each of their specific system. We are also trying to establish a new wave of instructors for the future of the ABA/NBAA. Additionally at the clinic, NaBan Master Sayaji Buzz Evans instructed another portion. He demonstrated and performed the function of the nine basic naban animal system defense techniques to show the relevance of the animal and naban grappling systems working in unison. Sayaji Evans was assisted by Saya Derek George of Wheeling Bando and Saya Mo-Dieterle of Tennessee Hiwassee Bando Club. The clinic was a stepping stone for more animal system clinics in the future. It is our goal to hold the next animal clinic as we have done in previous years in the outdoor setting. Lastly as a part of the weekend, there is a big congratulations to Saya Pat Gryszka Athens Bando who was promoted to the fourth level of achievement in the ABA/NBAA. He met the requirements of 1: active/perform, 2: current member, 3: recommended and approved by Sayaji Dr. Dale Minor Mexico Bando. Congratulations, Saya Gryszka! He is conducting a free kickboxing seminar on Saturday, September 30th, 2023. Please contact him if you plan to attend.

Moving along to another event will be full contact fights in honor of Veterans Day held November 11th 2023 at the Total Athlete Club in Triadelphia, WV. This event will be a spring board for putting together an ABA/NBAA full contact team to represent our organization at outside tournaments. If you are interested please reach out to Jerry to obtain more info. Talks have already been held amongst Bando Members Sam Jones, Lon Walls, Eugene Johnson, Chad Blevins, Derek George and Jerry George about this. We must make this happen for the ABA to continue its growth in the martial arts world. As many of you already know, Bando is one of the first in this country to have full contact teams. We need to have an active effort to get this up and running on a national scene. Once again thank you to all for making the ABA/NBAA Bando Animal Clinic a success and a reason to have more in the future. Also, please note if you are having trouble logging in to the website on your account please contact me so I can help. Thank you again and we will be coming out with more information for the November full contact fights.

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