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Future Seminars

Mar 3rd - 5th, World Tai Chi Instructors workshop, taught by Master Peter Hill. Call 480-329-7294 or email jempeh@cox.net

If there is a topic or a presenter you would like to see ask your instructor or Master Li if it would be possible to have a seminar.

2005 Holiday Celebration Championship



The school will be holding a year end tournament open to all styles on Saturday, Dec 17th. Registration starts at **8:30am**, Events: **10:00am**. Entry fee: \$25 pre-registration for up to 3 events (\$30 at door). For each additional event add \$5.00. Spectator fee:

\$5.00. No spectator fee for age 7 & under. Certificates and medals will be awarded to all participants. **Huge Martial Arts Supplies Auction: 8:30am - 3:30pm** Sponsored by: World Martial Arts Supply. On the web at www.worldmas.com

Wushu to be part of Beijing Olympic Games (sort of).

BEIJING, Oct. 14 -- Wushu competitors at the 10th National Games yesterday had more than a medal to look forward to the martial arts genre will for the first time be included in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Jacques Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) sprung the pleasant surprise on wushu aficionados who had been pushing for the sport to be made an official event.

There will be a wushu competition during the Olympic Games. It's not going to be one of the official 28 sports but we will organize with BOCOG (the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad) a wushu competition," said Rogge at the opening ceremony of the Sixth Art Exhibition of Sports in China in Nanjing yesterday morning.

When Beijing won the right to host the 2008 Games, proponents wanted wushu, one of the traditional sports in China to be listed as an Olympic sport for the home Games. The IOC turned down the proposal but kept the door open for it to be a representation sport.

But Rogge did not clarify if wushu will be regarded as a demonstration sport like taekwondo and tennis, which were earlier demonstration sports and have now become official events at Olympic Games.



The Sexagesimal (60) system

In traditional Chinese science the 10 Heavenly Stems [天干] and 12 Earthly Branches [地支] were used to count the months and days, starting in the Shang Dynasty [商朝] (ca. 1766 BC - ca. 1050 BC). Legend states that the calendar was created by the Yellow Emperor [黄帝] (reign 2698-2599 BC). There is some debate amongst scholars on whether we are currently in the 78th or 79th sexagenary cycle, so that is why there is a variance in what year this may be. The Ten Heavenly stems are: 甲 jiǎ, 乙 yǐ, 丙 bǐng, 丁 dīng, 戊 wù, 己 jǐ, 庚 gēng, 辛 xīn, 壬 rén, 癸 guǐ. These are Yang & Yin aspects of the 5 Elements (or phases), Wood, Fire, Earth, Metal, and Water. The stems are used today in place of an alphabetic ordering system. The 12 Earthly branches are: 子 zǐ, 丑 chǒu, 寅 yín, 卯 mǎo, 辰 chén, 巳 sì, 午 wǔ, 未 wèi, 申 shēn, 酉 yǒu, 戌 xū, 亥 hài. These 12 are normally associated with the animals of the zodiac we are all familiar with. They are Rat 鼠 shǔ, Tiger 虎 hǔ, Rabbit 兔 tù, Dragon 龙 lóng, Snake 蛇 shé, Horse 马 mǎ, Sheep 羊 yáng, Monkey 猴 hóu, Rooster 鸡 jī, Dog 狗 gǒu, Pig 猪 zhū. The current year is 乙酉 yǐ yǒu, or Yin Wood Rooster.

Testing

We will be testing the in all our classes in the weeks leading up to the Holiday break. At SMAC tests will be held on Dec 14th and 21st. At WMAA main campus we will be testing on Dec 22nd. Make sure to check with your instructor about your testing date.

Winter Courses

After the holidays we will begin a new teaching cycle. We will begin training the following forms: SMAC 5:15 class 18 Broadsword. 6:00 class Nanquan [南拳] and Chain whip for the Brown and Black Belts. At WMAA the 5:30 class will train ###. 6:30 Sparring Set and Poison Hand for the kids. 7:15 will train 32 form Longfist [长拳].

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