

Local karate club mixing it up with the best

ICKF performs well on the provincial and international scene

WHITBY — The ICKF Karate School in Whitby continues to churn out some impressive results.

In the Karate Ontario Championship grand prix, a series of four events, 14 of the ICKF members picked up 29 medals and two qualified for the Ontario provincial team.

Sami Iannuzzi finished first in the province to qualify for the team in the girls' 14-15, 47-kilogram kumite category.

Chris Burke qualified in the Jr. men's (18-

20) over-76kg kumite and will make his fourth straight trip to the national championships.

Ed Docherty, chief instructor for ICKF, will accompany the two athletes as an assistant coach for the Ontario team. The 2009 Canadian National Championship will be held in Calgary in July.

Burke is also making his mark on the international stage, recently earning a pair of medals at prestigious events. He won a bronze medal at the U.S.A. Junior Olympics

and a gold medal at the U.S. Open, both in the 16-17 heavyweight advanced division. With Docherty at his side to coach him, Burke defeated competitors from Ecuador, the United States, Venezuela and Mexico to win the gold.

Other ICKF competitors in the Ontario grand prix included Marika Gumienny, Nicholas Gumienny, Morgan Martin, Liam Martin, James Ferry, Rachel Deadman, Jordan Naterer, Julia Oliver, Dylan Laval, Dylan Creaney, Joshua Dunand and Diego Varela.



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WHITBY — The ICKF Karate School recently brought home 29 medals from provincial competitions. Competitors included, from left: (back row) Chris Burke, Dylan Creaney, Dylan Laval, Jordan Naterer, Joshua Dunand, James Ferry; (front row) Diego Varela, Julia Oliver, Sami Iannuzzi, Marika Gumienny, Morgan Martin, Rachel Deadman, Liam Martin. Absent from the photo is Nicholas Gumienny.



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