

# Whitby club shines

ICKF's Chris Burke at Junior Pan Ams, half dozen at Ontario Games

**WHITBY** — Several members ICKF Karate School in Whitby competed at prestigious events recently.

Longtime ICKF student Chris Burke was right there with some of the hemisphere's best at the junior Pan American karate championships in Montreal. Featuring 17 countries from across North, Central and South America, the event allowed only the top two competitors from each country per category.

Burke finished fifth in the junior men's 18-20 +78-kilogram division and also helped Canada earn a bronze medal in

the team kumite (sparring) event. He was one of four to be chosen to compete on the Canadian team.

Six other members competed at the Ontario Summer Games in Sudbury. Karate Ontario was recently accepted into the 32-sport games, allowing for elite 14- and 15-year-old athletes to show their stuff.

Jonathan Kondziolka led the way for the local club by winning gold in the middleweight kumite division. Bronze medals went to Armando Iannuzzi in middleweight kumite, Liam Martin in lightweight kumite, Marika Gumienny in middleweight kumite, and Sami Iannuzzi, Morgan Martin and Gumienny in team kata.

"I am very proud of all the hard work the students have put in to compete at these high level competitions," said Ed Docherty, the ICKF club's chief instructor.



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