

Whitby karate club sends seven to nationals in British Columbia

Silver for Dylan Creaney, bronze for Marika Gumienny at Karate Canada championships in Richmond

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WHITBY -- From left, Megan Sorichetti, Tianna Kovacic, Shayne Lewis, Cameron Martin and Kaitlyn Morrish of Whitby's ICKF karate club were among those who qualified for the nationals championships in Richmond, B.C. from Friday, Jan. 30 to Sunday, Feb. 1, 2015. - Submitted Photo

WHITBY -- Whitby's International Chito Ryu Karate and Fitness club sent seven athletes to compete at the national championships in Richmond, B.C., and two of them brought home medals.

Competing at his fifth nationals, Dylan Creaney took the silver medal in the 18-20 under-84kg division and made the Canadian junior team for the third time.

Marika Gumienny, at her fourth nationals, won the bronze medal in in the women's 18-20 age group and made the Canadian junior team for a second time.

Kaitlyn Morrish finished fourth in the girls' 14-15 over-54kg. She had five matches at her second trip to nationals.

Competing at their first nationals, Tianna Kovacic finished fourth in girls' 16-17 under-48kg, Cameron Martin fifth in girls' 14-15 over-54kg and Shayne Lewis fifth in boys' 12-13, under-48kg.

Megan Sorichetti, at her second nationals, was seventh in the girls' 16-17 plus-59kg group.

The Whitby club qualified 10 students for the Ontario provincial team, but Liam Martin, Morgan Martin and Meghan Boland could not attend the nationals this time due to university commitments.

"We are all very proud of our students. Their hard work, skill, positive attitudes and determination have earned them their spot to represent Ontario at the Canadian championships," said Ed Docherty, chief instructor at the ICKF club. "It is great to see these young adults grow to be so well mannered, poised and successful at their karate competitions."

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