

2007 Southeast Kansas Open Karate Tournament in Columbus



Fourteen members of the Japan Karate-Do Genbu-Kai of Pittsburg attended the recent 2007 Southeast Kansas Open Karate Tournament at Columbus and returned home with eight first-place trophies among 24 top-four finishes. The Pittsburg school produced two grand champions - Kolton Darrow in the juniors under black belt division and Brenton Garrett in the adult under black belt division. Competition was held in kata, kubudo and kumite.

Pittsburg participants in the junior divisions:

- * Collor Balthazor, did not place.
- * Kolton Darrow, grand champion under black belt, first in boys advanced kumite, first in advanced kubudo and third in advanced kata.
- * Jacob Otter, second in advanced kubudo, second in advanced kata and fourth in boys advanced kumite.
- * Jillian Otter, did not place.
- * Joseph Otter, second in black belt kata, second in black belt kubudo and third in black belt kumite.
- * Corbin Russell, did not place.
- * Casey Steinmiller, second in black belt kumite.
- * Kyle Steinmiller, first in advanced kata and third in boys advanced kumite.
- * Laura Yancey, fourth in advanced kata.

Pittsburg participants in the adult divisions:

- * Brenton Garrett, under black belt grand champion, first in advanced kubudo, first in advanced kata and first in advanced kumite.
- * Kameron Konek, first in novice kata.
- * Bradley Russell, fourth in advanced kata.
- * Amy Murray, second in women's black belt kata, third in women's black belt kumite and third in black belt kubudo.
- * James Otter, first in senior black belt kata, second in black belt kubudo and third in men's black belt kumite.