

Taconic Valley

STEPHENTOWN

Earning A Higher Level Black Belt

Submitted by Sensei Bob Fish

On April 17 Nathaniel Court from Stephentown was promoted to 3rd Degree Black Belt in a ceremony held at the Green Island Academy of Martial Arts. Nathaniel is the son of Jess and Susan Court. His Dad and sister Katherine are 4th Degree Black Belts and his sister Patricia is a 3rd Degree Black Belt.

Nathaniel began his training in 2005 at the age of 6 and after serving his country in the Marines

he recently returned home to resume his training. Nathaniel has developed a passion for martial arts and hopes to one day own his own martial arts school.

Nathaniel is not only my student but has become one of my most trusted and respected instructors. His hard work and dedication is a reflection of his character and integrity.

Nathaniel's rank is recognized by the following organizations: John Izzo's Okinawan Karate Association, Bassallo's School of Martial Arts, Green Island Academy of Martial Arts and Stephentown Self Defense Systems.

A special thanks to all of the Black Belts who assisted in the testing and promotion of Nathaniel.



Nathaniel Court holds his third degree Black Belt certificate. On his right is his instructor, Sensei Bob Fish. Photo provided.

BERLIN

They Are Indeed Masters Of Their Craft

Submitted by the Berlin CSD Communications Department

Congratulations to the JV and Varsity Berlin Masterminds on a season to remember! Jordanne Brazie, Bridget Hermann, Gavin Bink, Holly Hermann, Connor Sniger and Ray Erikson all competed in the double elimination playoffs this week. They played their first match against Galway where they lost by just one question. They came back strong in the 2nd match against Hudson Falls to take the win 160 to 100 before falling short in the 3rd match against Burnt Hills. Coach Overocker, Coach Christian and the BCSD community are all so proud of your accomplishments this year; you all did an amazing job! Congratulations to Berlin's Modified Masterminds on their last meet of the season!

In the first half of the meet, Nathaniel Mace answered two strong questions maintaining a lead over Menands. In the second half, Menands came back strong. On the last question, Xavier Laminca, one of our new 6th grade players, buzzed in for the win!!! 140-130.

In the second game, Berlin played St. Thomas the Apostle. Although it was a tough game Berlin showed great teamwork on their lightning round and bonuses. St. Thomas won 205-80. Way to work together: Nathaniel Mace, Owen Lowry, Tamaz Devine, Xavier Laminca, Nathan Goodermote, Juliann Maldonado, and Jack Hart.



The Berlin CSD Varsity and Modified Mastermind teams. Photo contributed.



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