



Press Release. Ben gets a kick from kung fu

Praying Mantis Kung Fu Academy

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Seven year old Ryde resident Benjamin Chin will be fighting it out at the World All Styles martial arts tournament on the Gold Coast in June. He recently qualified after winning 1st place in an elimination round for the 7 and under forms competition at the National All Styles (NAS) martial arts tournament.

"I'm really excited because I really love doing kung fu... and I get to go to Movie World!" he said. When asked how he got started he replied, "I really wanted to be a Jedi Knight and my dad told me kung fu was just like Jedi training. It's pretty cool."

Ben attends St Charles Primary School and has been practising kung fu since the age of five. He travels to Leichhardt three times a week to attend the Praying Mantis Kung Fu Academy under the instruction of Master Yun Kuo Wang.

Ben is learning several styles of kung fu including traditional Praying Mantis Kung Fu (from Northern China) and Wu Shu (a modern sport derived from traditional Chinese martial arts).

Master Wang said, "Ben has a lot of talent. If he trains hard he could go to the World Junior Wu Shu Championships one day." There is also a drive to have Wu Shu recognised as an official sport at the Beijing 2008 Olympics. "He is too young to compete at the next Olympics. Maybe he will be ready for 2012," Master Wang said.

Ben will be competing at the next elimination round at Ryde Aquatic Centre this Sunday (28 May). If he does well, he will qualify for the NAS state and national championships in October and December.

Photographs

Image 1: Benjamin Chin and his mother Jennifer Lim at a recent NAS qualifying round.



Image 2: Benjamin Chin and Master Wang.

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www.prayingmantis.com.au/pressreleases.asp

Further Information

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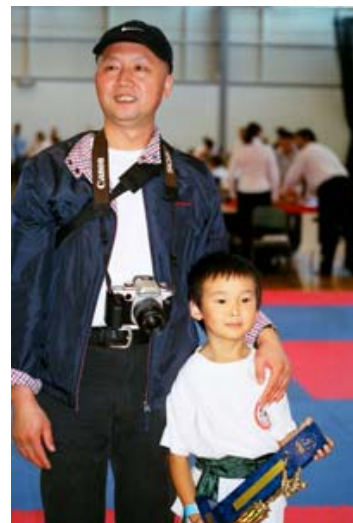
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Student: Benjamin Chin

Achievement: 1ST Place, NSW Elimination Round 2. NAS Martial Arts Tournament

Qualification: World All Styles Tournament



Notes to the Editor

The Praying Mantis Kung Fu Academy was established in August 2000. Located on Parramatta Rd in Leichhardt, the school teaches traditional and modern kung fu and tai chi to students of all ages. For more information visit www.prayingmantis.com.au

Mister Wang Yun Kuo is the Shifu (master) of the Praying Mantis Kung Fu Academy. He was born in Shandong province PRC and migrated to Australia in 1996. A biography of Shifu Wang is available at www.prayingmantis.com.au/shifuwang.asp

Wu Shu (translation "martial art") is a modern sport based on traditional Chinese kung fu and is growing in popularity in Australia and internationally. It is governed by the International Wu Shu Federation (www.iwuf.org) and holds an international competition every two years. For more information about wu shu visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wushu_%28sport%29

The National All Styles tournament is open to all martial artists of any style. The next NSW elimination round is on 28 May at the Ryde Aquatic Centre. NSW State titles will be held on 29 October 2006 at Ryde Aquatic Centre. National titles will be on 9 December at the Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre. For more information visit www.nationalallstyles.com.au

The World All Styles tournament is an international martial arts tournament being held on the Gold Coast 30 June to 2 July 2006. For more information visit www.worldallstyles.com.au