**Charles Gracie Jiu-Jitsu of Ripon**

**April/May News**

**Academy Announcements**

**Charles Gracie Jiu-Jitsu Tournament**

The 2022 Charles Gracie Tournament went very well for Ripon.  Nearly 40 students went and competed, and all fought very tough against solid competition.  I hope everyone who was debating about competing this time, goes out and gives it a try next time.  Tournament jiu-jitsu is hard to replicate in the gym, and I feel students gain a lot from the experience weather they win or lose.

**Kids Advanced Class**

Thank you to all of the students who were coming to the tournament prep class (and parents for getting them there) for the last two months.  The student’s enthusiasm made the class a treat to teach.  We will bring this class back in the future for other upcoming events.

**No-Gi Classes**

The no gi classes for April will be on Monday 4/4, Tuesday 4/12, Wednesday 4/20 and Thursday 4/28.  The 2022 no gi schedule can be found on the website at  <https://www.gracieripon.com/no-gi-schedule/> .

**Easter Weekend Schedule**

The Academy will be closed Saturday April 16 and Monday April 18 for the Easter weekend.

**Belt Promotion Announcement**

The next belt promotion ceremony is scheduled for Saturday May 14 at the Tracy Academy.  Congratulations to all who are being promoted.  The next belt promotion will be in October, so if you are not being promoted this time, train hard and be ready for the next one.

The following students will be being promoted on the 14th:

Atreyu Gammon, Arturo Rodriguez, Ashtyn Gentlemen, Damian Midgley, Kaitlyn Boling, Luna McRoy, Maverick Reis, Russell Thalen, Vanessa Thalen, Weston Tickenoff, Wyatt Reis, Wade Ackerson, Aubree Bourne, Benjamin Boling, Lexi Calcagno, Darren Diaz, Gabby Hernandez, Hunter Wells, Jose Gazcon, Kyle Davis, Liam McRoy, Lila Rodriguez, Maximus Parrish, Maddox Parrish, Methaab Sandhu, Nolan Riemersma, Rosalie Rodriguez, Xavier Garcia, Adam Evans, Avery Broomhead, CJ Clevenger, Eric Mette, Harleen Kaur, Jackie Faria, Kyle Birmingham, Mel Castro, Michael Faria, Nathan Evans, Aubree Harmon