

Competition News

2008 TCAA National Competition

The competition was held at the well appointed Southport School Centenary Sports Centre on **Sunday 22nd June**. Although this year the competition was reduced as compared to previous years there were competitors from Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia.



Like in previous years **Dennis Watts** organised and ran the competition smoothly. He is to be commended for his efforts in promoting a friendly and harmonious event. Everyone appreciates the works he does and his attention to detail helps make the event enjoyable.

The Head Judge Sifu Charles Tsui-Po and the five judges were offered a variety of competition sets from the different styles and standard weaponry like the 32 Sword, 42 Sword, Tai Chi Fan, Broadsword as well as other weapon forms to judge. The competition was friendly and the scores between the competitors was close. At the end of the competition there was a display by various Masters, much to the enjoyment of the audience.

A team from South Australia consisting of competitors Jamie Clarbull, Lorraine Clarbull and David Peters, Judge Jennifer Bould, and Team Manager Helen Peters, all from the Tai Chi & Chi Kung Institute in Adelaide. Once again they went on their annual pilgrimage to the Gold Coast in Queensland to participate in the 2008 TCAA Open Competition. It was a glorious weekend with the opportunity to visit the Hinterland prior to the competition starting.

On presentation of the medals our team won **7 gold medals and 1 silver medal**. **Jamie won Grand Champion Open Mens category** and **Lorraine won 3rd place Over 60's Women category**. The hard training done by Jamie, Lorraine and David in the months leading up to the competition has paid great dividends and now they are planning for next years event.

Congratulations to all people who attended the event. See you next year.

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TAI CHI COMPETITION—VENUE EXCELLENT, ATTENDANCE LOW

Well, our annual competition was held in June at Southport School, Queensland. I thought the skills displayed were of a fairly high standard, with various forms on show. The venue was excellent, the seating capacity huge, but where were the people? Again we saw only a small number in attendance and many of them would have been fellow students/family members. I would have been pleased to see the venue packed out, but this was not the case.

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