



NEWSLETTER

0001991 NATIONAL OUTSTANDING MEMBERSHIP AWARDS000

The 1991 Outstanding Membership Awards were presented to the following seven dojo for maintaining AJA memberships of twenty or more students for 1991, as of November.

American School of Self-Defense: Clemmons, North Carolina
 -- Bryan Hebert, Sensei --
77 students

Budoshin Ju-Jitsu Dojo, Burbank, California
 -- George Kirby, Anthony Ibbott, Kenneth Harte, Sensei --
55 students

Greater New Orleans Judo/Ju-Jitsu Dojo, New Orleans, Louisiana
 -- Gene Roos & Jack Garrett, Sensei --
50 students

Jukite Ju-Jitsu School, Rapid City, South Dakota
 -- Julio Usera, Sensei --
33 students

Towson YMCA Ju-Jitsu Dojo, Towson, Maryland
 -- Dennis McCurdy, Sensei --
27 students

Institute of Martial Arts, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado
 -- Lawrence Lamz, Sensei --
26 students

North Carolina Ju-Jitsu Academy, Greensboro, North Carolina
 -- David Russell, Sensei --
24 students

These dojo were sent commemorative plaques for their outstanding support of the AJA. These dojo maintain 100% membership of all of their ranked students. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

The 1992 Outstanding Membership Awards will be presented at the AJA's first national convention, to be held June 5,6&7, in North Carolina. Dojo with 20 or more members as of May 1, 1992, will be eligible.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Fellow Martial Artist,

I have been very fortunate during the last five years, as a seminar attender, to have been able to participate in 39 seminars. These seminars have featured 26 very prominent instructors. Although some of the seminars featured the same instructor teaching the same technique as the last of their seminars I attended, there was always some big part or some small part of the technique that I had missed. I was glad to work the technique again under the instructor's guidance to further my understanding of the technique.

During these seminars I have also had the opportunity to meet and train with many nice people. During this time I have also found there are two types of seminar goers.

The first of these is group A. Group A are martial artists from many different cities, they are of many different nationalities and many different styles. These martial artists may attend one seminar or many. The only real common bond group A has is the desire to learn. During the seminar, if you are able to work with a person from group A, you will feel good about your seminar experience. Group A listens to the instructor, watches the instructor, then begins to train the techniques as the instructor has shown. The people in group A know who they are, and I thank you.

This brings us to group B. These martial artists, although similar to group A in appearance, background, style and training, are different in one aspect. The difference being the desire to learn.

If you have to work with a person in group B, your seminar experience will not be as pleasant. Group B listens to the instructor, watches the instructor, then begins to do techniques from his/her system or some technique he thinks would work better. Group B is also responsible for these statements. "In our school, we don't do that. I would just do this. (Or) Oh, I've done that before." Group B will also confess to knowing all the techniques he/she will ever need to know. When the instructor shows a technique group B already "knows," group B will disregard all the details and principles the instructor is trying to get across.

I have yet been able to understand why someone of group B's superior knowledge of the martial arts would spend the time and money to attend a seminar for which everything taught they already know. Maybe what group B does not fully understand is that the instructor has probably been teaching his/her art longer than group B has been alive, and would not be able to display their 30, 40, or 50+ years of experience in one afternoon, one week, or even many years. It is a shame group B does not grab as much knowledge as they can from these masters when given the opportunity. This would not be a problem if only group B worked with group B. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. Group A sometimes has to suffer by not being able to take in as much information as possible, which is what they came for.

Now for the suggestions. Group A, hang in there, attend as many seminars as time, money and your spouse will permit. Group B, save your money, stay home and tell yourself everything you know. Because at the seminar, if you tell everyone else what you know, you will still be the only one listening.

Allen Hopkins
Budoshin JuJitsu Dojo
Protection, KS

INTERNATIONAL QUESTI

Krzysztof Staniszewski, of the Poznan Ju Jitsu Centre, Poland, is looking for information about different ryu of the art. He is particularly looking for information about Tenjin-shinyo-ryu, Takenouchi-ryu, Daito-ryu, Hakko-ryu, Goshindo-ryu, Yanagi-ryu, Ketsugo-ryu, Danzan-ryu, and Katho-ryu. He also welcomes information on any other ryu in the art.

If you can help Krzysztof please send your information to him at the following address:

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Poznan Ju Jitsu Centre
P.O. Box 368
60-959 Poznan 2
POLSKA - POLAND

Tournament Results: 11/16/91 Sierra Madre

White

1st Roberto Morales, Sierra Madre
2nd Robert Smith, Tetsu Hana Ryu
3rd Dan Calderaro, Harbro #2

Green

1st Ryan Simmons, Claremont
2nd Jon Poplawski, Verdugo
3rd Giovanni SaviAZoa, Verdugo

Purple

1st Walt Henry, Verdugo
2nd Jeffrey Bridge, Verdugo
3rd John McTagve, Tetsu Hana Ryu

Brown

1st Ron Sekulich, Verdugo
2nd Carlos Ramirez, CSULA
3rd Peter Jones, Verdugo

Black

1st Eduardo Camacho, CSULA
2nd Barry Posner, Granada Hills
3rd David Newton, Monrovia

Tournament Champion: Eduardo Camacho, CSULA

Thanks to all participants, judges, referees, and spectators for making this a successful tournament--Robert Phebus, Godan

Sensei Profile: Robert B. Knight

Rank: Shodan

Year Began: 1971

Style: TacJitsu

"The Police Martial Art"

Studied Under: John Rock, Sandan

Awards: 1986 Int'l Kumite Police Olympic Championship-
World Champion Light Heavyweight

1986 Florida State Kumite Police Olympic
Champion, Light Heavyweight

1984 Community College Judo Tournament

1982 Florida Police & Fire Judo Tournament

1976 Golden Gloves Boxing Championship

Notes: B.A. Liberal Studies, FBI National Academy Graduate, working on M.S. in Public Admin., full time Police Lieutenant, Dir. Tactical Advantage Consultants, Master in TacJitsu, AJA Member since 1981, Motivational Speaker.

JULIO USERA: NATIONAL AWARDS CHAIRMAN

Julio Usera, Head Sensei of the Jukite Ju-Jitsu School, Rapid City, South Dakota, has volunteered to conduct the 1992 National Awards program. At this point here will be Regional Awards for outstanding students, black belts, and instructors. There will also be an award given for the Outstanding Instructor on a nationwide basis.

The winners will be announced and awards presented at our 1992 convention.

Sensei should keep their eyes open for the nomination forms.

Classified:

Classic wooden Wing Chun Dummy, platform mounted, spring tensioned, is available to a Los Angeles Dojo, or student, for \$ 300. Please leave message at 818 897 3901

During the middle part of July the National Karate and Ju-Jitsu Union held a summer camp at Chowan State College, near Raliegh North Carolina. Going for about a week, karate, judo, akido, ju-jitsu, and swordsmanship were topics for training. Members of the Towson YMCA Dojo worked their collective butts off I'm told. And it was hot too. Shihan Sergio DeCasien, Mainland Ju-Jitsu Society, Linwood, New Jersey, is the Ju-Jitsu Director for the NKJU, and a AJA member Dojo. Soke Tola Lewis is the Director of the NKJU, Elizabeth City, North Carolina. North Carolina is the home of our good friend, Southern Regional Director, Sensei Tony Manyard.

On September 21, 1991, Shihan George R. Parulski, Jr., Yama-Ji: School of the Traditional Japanese Martial Arts hosted the first Northeastern Martial Art Symposium in Rochester, New York. The event was held at the facilities of the Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester. Instruction in Karate, Judo, Ju-Jitsu, Aiki-Jutsu, and Kobudo was available from the best instructors in the area. Members of the Towson YMCA Budoshin Dojo participated. The symposium was sponsored by the American Society of Classical Judoka, the Seibukan, USA, and the Chili Recreation Center. It was a fun day. We managed to observe some different approaches to things.

Shihan Parulski instructed in Judo Ukemi, Nage Waza, and Osaekomi Waza, assisted by Bill Hughes, Joe Tubiolo and Ron Appel. Sensei Al Grimaudo instructed a session in knife kata of the Shin Tenshin Shin'Yo Ryu Aiki-Jutsu. Shihan Parulski demonstrated the Iai-Jutsu of the Shin Tenshin Shin'Yo Ryu.

On October 21, 1991, a symposium was held at the Towson YMCA Dojo, presenting elements Shin Tenshin Shin'Yo Ryu Aiki-Jutsu by Shihan Parulski. The Shihan was assisted by members of Yama-Ji. The Towson teaching staff has been very much interested in Aiki-Jutsu ever since Shihan Parulski and Yama-Ji students have been participating in the Northern Region Shiai. Some interesting concepts were encountered in application of many techniques claimed to be the invention of Ueshiba and Aikido but, in fact are incomplete techniques of Ju-Jitsu and Aiki-Jutsu. We had some fun with an Akido-ka who is a friend of one of my students.

Calendar Of Upcoming Events:

Team Tryouts for 1992 USA JuJitsu Team will be held Feb 8th, 9th (Sat&Sun) in Kernersville, North Carolina. These tryouts will be for the 5th World Ju Jitsu Championships in Mar Del Plata, Argentina, 11/14-15/92. Contact Sensei Tony Maynard, P.O.Box 1943 Kernersville, N.C. 27285-1943

World Championships Tournament and World Team Championships--All Martial Arts Disciplines.
Location: Akron, Ohio.
Grandmasters' Seminar 4/17/92
Tournament Sat 4/18/92
Contacts: Sensei Lee Harris 216-762-2535; Sensei Russell Neal 216-535-5532; Dorothy Kidd 216-253-5614; Sifu Juan Burgos (Puerto Rico) 809-874-3669 (or 874 5750)

CAMP KOKUA

Start thinking about Camp Kokua now. Last year a number of distinguished masters shared their knowledge during in depth seminars at a martial arts weekend camp. Plans are being made for another Camp Kokua this April 4-5. Contact Sensei Mike Dingman for further details: 310-823-3852(w); 310 390 5477(h).

SENSEI PROFILES

Following a suggestion by Sensei Skip Koepke, who thought the readers of the newsletter might enjoy hearing more about the sensei in the AJA, a profile form was sent out with the last mailing. The response has been tremendous, so much so that several will appear in each newsletter (otherwise, it would take years to print them all). All profiles will be printed in the order they are received, and must be edited to 1/2 page. Thanks to all who have sent in their bios. For those who haven't, you can use this format as a guide, or make up one of your own. We just want to hear from you. Please mail to address on back of newsletter.

Instructor: Grandmaster Dr. Louis Fried, Hanshi

Rank: Kudan, 9th Degree Black (Red) Belt

Year Began Martial Arts: 1955

Dojo: Cal State University, Los Angeles

Style: Dikiru-Ryu Karate-Jitsu

Studied Under: Rick Garver, John DeSantos, John Osake, Ed Parker, Al Thomas, Gene LaBelle, Rodney Shenarnoski, Takano Sensei, Jim Grunwald, Mr. Kim, and others

Awards: Instructor Of The Year USA Korean Karate Association, All Ohio Karate Champion 1959, Regional Director JJBBFA, Presidential Sports Award Conferred By President Nixon In Judo & Karate, Ass't National Director International Martial Arts League, Vice President Of Instruction USA Korean Karate Assn.

Ranks: Kudan, Dikiru-Ryu Karate-Jitsu

Hachidan, Kobu Jitsu

Hachidan, Tae Kwon Do Chang-Hun

Hachidan, Tae Kwon Do Moo Duk Kwan

Shichidan, Hapkido Shim Duk Kwan

Rokudan, Kenpo Karate

Rokudan, Kenpo Jitsu

Godan, Kodokan Judo

Godan, ShorinjiRyu JuJitsu

Yondon, Kyokushinkai Karate-Do

Sandan, Kamishin Ryu JuJitsu

Police (P.O.S.T.) Stick/Weaponless Defense Instructor

Teaching Philosophy: I teach the philosophy of non-violence and to use martial arts as only the last resort.

Instructor: William D. Fromm

Rank: Godan, Budoshin Ju-Jitsu

Godan, Nihon-Rhyu, Seibukan Ju-Jitsu

V.P. American Ju-Jitsu Association 1975-85

Dojo: Towson YMCA Budoshin Ju-Jitsu Dojo, Towson, MD

Studied Under: Bruce Lloyd, Hapkido; Kurt Schmucker, Kendo, Iai-do; Richard Lab, Judo; Dale Thompkins, Tang Soo Do, Mu Duk Kwan; Richard Rood, Aikido; George Parulski, Shin Tenshin Shin'yo Ryu.

Awards: Several shiai awards in Ju-Jitsu and Kendo;

Several outstanding dojo awards, AJA

Clinics: Numerous clinics in Ju-Jitsu, self defense, Kendo, Iai-do, Judo, Karate, Aikido, Kung Fu, & Iai-Jutsu

Teaching Philosophy: To be hard when the situation requires hardness, bending when it is in your best interest to bend. A stress of basic ukemi-waza, nage-waza, geri-waza, and zuki-waza. Traditional goshinjutsu, use of the weapons of the samurai, sword and short staff. A can-do approach. The ground is your friend.

Comments: We need to keep traditional aspects of the art alive while maintaing eclectic American styles.

RISEING SUN SCHOOL OF SELF-DEFENSE JOINS AJA

The AJA Board of Directors approved dojo membership for the Rising Sun School of Self-Defense, taught by Debbie Lilley, Nidan in Ju-Jitsu. Debbie's dojo is located in Westminster, Maryland. Debbie is a Teaching Assistant. She has been teaching Ju-Jitsu for two years. Debbie's dojo will be a welcome addition to the AJA and the Eastern Region.

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CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION ISSUED

The Board of Directors voted to extend official recognition to Herr Sigfried Bodeker of the World Kun-Tai-Ko Budo, Germany. Herr Bodeker holds the rank of Kudan in Kun-Tai-Ko-Jitsu, awarded by Goshin-Kai International in 1990. We welcome Herr Bodeker into the AJA.

Seminar by Penland !#####

Master Kenneth L. Penland, 8th Degree Black Belt, Shorinji Ryu JuJitsu, 7th Degree Black Belt, Shorin Ryu Karate, will instruct a seminar 2/15&16/92, at the YMCA 815 Kansas City Street, Rapid City, SD. Hosted by Rapid City YMCA Jukite JuJitsu School. Contact Sensei Julio Usera for info. 605 342 7717 or 605 348 1700. Master Penland teaches numerous seminars throughout the country. This is a great opportunity to expand your your knowledge.

**THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS
GREETINGS!**

Thank you all for the many Christmas Cards you have sent me from throughout the U.S. and the world. I really appreciate it. They really added a special touch to the Christmas decorating Adel [my wife], Kim [daughter] and I do. Unfortunately I couldn't send cards out to everyone so I do want to thank you here.

JU-JITSU: INTERMEDIATE TECHNIQUES OF THE GENTLE ART BACK IN PRINT!!

Professor George Kirby's second book is back in print! This was made possible thanks to all of your petitions & letters, plus a sales reevaluation by Ohara Publications.

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Kirby's other books are also available. Ju-Jitsu: Basic Techniques is available at \$8, Jutte: Power of Ten Hands is available at \$10, and Budoshin Ju-Jitsu [a.k.a. the Big Book] is available at \$35. Be sure to add \$1/book shipping & Calif. residents add 7.5% sales tax. Quantity discounts are available.

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Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous 1992.

-- George Kirby, Shichidan

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"THE POLICE MARTIAL ART"

HISTORY

Tacjitsu is derived from the martial art of Jujitsu which means the "gentle art" (ju - means gentle, jitsu - art). Jujitsu is a root martial art from which many martial arts have evolved. This art dates back more than 2500 years ago from Japan. It is a very complex martial art which takes years to master all of the techniques.

Techniques from many popular martial arts today can be traced directly to Jujitsu. Aikido, Judo, and many styles of Karate (especially kenpo) are such examples.

Because of Jujitsu's complexity, there are many techniques available which offers a variety of self defense options in hostile situations. Jujitsu is commonly known as "the gentle art of self-defense".

Self-defense techniques may not be appropriate in all situations. There are situations where techniques must be performed on a person but are not rendered defensively.

Law enforcement, corrections, and private security officers all play a role in our society for public safety and protection. These trained men and women, at times, must be on the "offensive" in order to afford this protection to the public.

Proper training for these people must involve a variety of controlling, restraining, and defensive techniques. Jujitsu offers many of these however, there is a void that is essential to these jobs. These professions require training in handcuffing, baton, handgun retention, disarming tactics, proper use of force and liability, to name only a few.

Tactical Advantage Consultants Inc. (TAC) is a private organization comprised of active police personnel who are professional law enforcement trainers. TAC has trained thousands of officers and has certified hundreds of instructors in police defensive tactics.

Many of our students have asked which martial art they could practice in order to improve upon their proficiency. This was difficult to answer because there is no single martial art which covers the wide spectrum required for these professionals. Jujitsu is probably the closest martial art which meets these needs.

Tactical Advantage Consultants Inc. (TAC) has combined the police defensive tactics with the techniques of Jujitsu and has formed the police martial art of "Tacjitsu".

--Submitted by Robert B Knight, Shodan
3506 Dundalk Dr. Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Gene's Laugh Corner

1. My Green belt (6'4", 250 lb.) needs a partner.
2. When you correctly hit this cinder block, it will break and you won't feel it.
3. Escaping from this technique is like falling off a log.
4. There is no defense against this technique.
5. Don't worry, my students always maintain complete control when sparring.
6. Bruce Lee was one of my students.
7. When you complete this four hour course, you will be a certified instructor.
8. Ignore the small print, it's just a standard contract.

If any of the above starts to happen, run, don't walk to the nearest exit. Remember when everything fails, the best option is a hasty retreat.

Sincerely,

Gene H. Roos
Gene H. Roos

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IN UNEXPECTED WAYS.



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