



NEWSLETTER

PROMOTIONS

1993

4/15	Willis H. Brewer III	Sankyu
	Willis H. Brewer Jr.	Sankyu
	Steven Luce	Sankyu
10/30*	Jesse Trahan	Nikyu
1/30	Jesse Trahan	Ikkyu
3/31	Bruce Jones	Nidan
9/*	Scott Anderson	Nidan
12/17	David King	Ikkyu
5/24	Ron Sekulich	Shodan
	Mark Jordan	Shodan
5/14	Scot A. Dewerth	Ikkyu
	Cliff Jordan	Nikyu
	Tanya Stucker	Ikkyu
2/20	Kurt Marteney	Ikkyu
12/20*	Joseph F. Aldridge	Nidan
7/1**	Sason Rami	Shodan
12/***	Abraham Eliahu	Sandan
4/23	Mark Burton	Sankyu

*1992

**1990

***1989

RESTON DOJO DEMO

4/4/93 At the request of the Japan America Society of Washington D.C., Sensei Bruce Jones and the Reston Ju-Jitsu Dojo performed a two hour Ju-Jitsu and Kendo demonstration at Matsuurai 1993 festival, in Freedom Plaza.

April 4th was a brilliant spring day, which attracted as many as 10,000 to Freedom Plaza, for an annual bicultural celebration of friendship which has been held for 32 consecutive years. The demonstration was a great success.

Our heartiest congratulations to Sensei Jones and his students. It was a great honor for them to be invited to participate in Matsuurai 1993 - and a definite feather in the AJA's cap, as well.

--Walt Lenoir, Sensei
Dir. Of Communications, AJA

A ROCK IN A HARD PLACE

I just returned from a 7-day vacation at a "dude ranch" in Northern California, [which is one of the reasons this issue is late]. Although I didn't partake in the 4 hours of daily horseback riding [less painful than being a uke?] I did spend a lot of time contemplating the surroundings [high in the mountains -- trees, streams, little animals, etc.]. I have actually written articles for Black Belt there in the past. Anyway, to the point.

We [Adel, Kim & I] had a stream in front of our cabin. Rather than being quiet, the rocks in the stream caused the water to make a lot of splashing noises. [Or did the water cause the rocks to make the noise?] Even after a heavy rain and the stream subsided, the rocks remained in place and the splashing sound of the water continued.

It's amazing what simple things can make you think about. While the rocks caused the disturbance the water would ultimately wear the rocks down. [While the rocks won the battle -- the water would win the war.] It is not that the water is stronger, it is simply persistent -- or should I say patient. While the rock became an inflexible object -- remaining in its place, the water was flexible and simply went around the immovable object to continue its journey.

What the rock didn't know was that a small part of it would journey along with the water, absorbed by it. Ultimately all of the rock would make the journey -- but not for a long time.

Some people are like rocks and some are like water. Some are rigid -- unwilling to bend or see things from another perspective, while others are more flexible -- seeking alternate paths to their goal rather than sticking their feet into the mud [pardon the pun] and refusing to budge.

Which is right?

-George Kirby, Shichidan

INTEGRITY

Integrity refers to many things in life and in the martial arts. One of the responsibilities of martial arts organizations is to maintain contact with each other, especially in the area of cross-certification of ranks from other organizations.

Yes, sometimes a questionable certificate comes across Gene Roos's [Certification Chairperson] desk. Fortunately most organizations have or can get the addresses of most reputable sensei and all organizations, even internationally. Reputable organizations will ask questions if something seems awry. It is unfortunate that some people have been able to buy yudansha grade certificates, have printed their own & "created" signatures, or have even sent letters to other organizations [in lieu of certificates] with a forged signature.

Fortunately organizations do communicate quite quickly and effectively in this area when questions arise -- because it affects the integrity of the entire martial arts community. In effect we police ourselves to maintain our integrity.

What happens when certification is denied. It hurts the entire martial arts community because it hurts our integrity.

What does it do to the persons involved in the deception? It destroys their integrity because all of the reputable martial arts organizations and sensei involved become aware of the persons' indiscretion.

It all comes down to integrity!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Camp Budo -- Saturday Oct 2
Sponsor: Budoshin JJ Dojo
Location: Burbank, CA
Contact: Jeff Bridge 818 781 8958

Prof. Kirby Seminar -- Saturday, Oct 26 or Nov 6
Sponsor: Rod Lopez
Location: Littleton, CO
Contact: Rod Lopez 303 933 0843

NEW MAILING PROCEDURE

From now on, your AJA Newsletter will be delivered to your door. No more waiting in line at your Dojo, while students claw and tear at the pile of long awaited newsletters. Now, it'll be in your mail box, with your Newsweek, Blackbelt, and Mad Magazine.

So, it's all the more important to make sure we have your right address. If there's any doubt, send your name and complete address to Sensei Jennifer Wong, American Jujitsu Association, P.O. Box 1357 Burbank, CA 91507-1357.

Also, make sure your AJA dues are current, so that you are eligible to receive the AJA Newsletter. After all, where else would you hear about up coming events, read so many Jujitsu articles, and see your name in lights under the Promotion column?

And where else would you have a 99% chance to get published? Send in your article, or comments, to: AJA Newsletter, same address as above (Attn: Dan Carrison). Thanks!

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BOD ACTIONS

The Board of Directors has been looking into establishing state directors. Within the next month BOD members will get a final look at how state directors will be selected and what their duties will be.

The BOD will also be looking into reconfiguring the regions with the possible addition of a central and/or south-central region. In order to make any decision the BOD will be looking at the number of dojo in each state and the number of registered AJA members.

The issue of state directors should be resolved by the end of the summer. Reorganizing the regions will hopefully come up for a vote by the end of the year.

OOOPS.....

If you have a copy of Professor Kirby's JuJitsu, Intermediate Techniques Of The Gentle Art, please be aware of the following typographical errors & corrections in the printing of this book:

Page 36: (2) seizes his gi with both hands (not "arms")

Page 66, paragraph 3, 4th line: appearing calm can (not "is") also work in a multiple attacker situation if (not "of")...

Page 110, 6th line: This version is (not "if") to...

Page 184: (7) your left hand then grabs on top of your (not "his") right hand...

Page 218, 2nd line: tries to straighten (not "strighten") out...

Page 249: BUDOSHIN (not "BODOSHIN") Ju-Jitsu

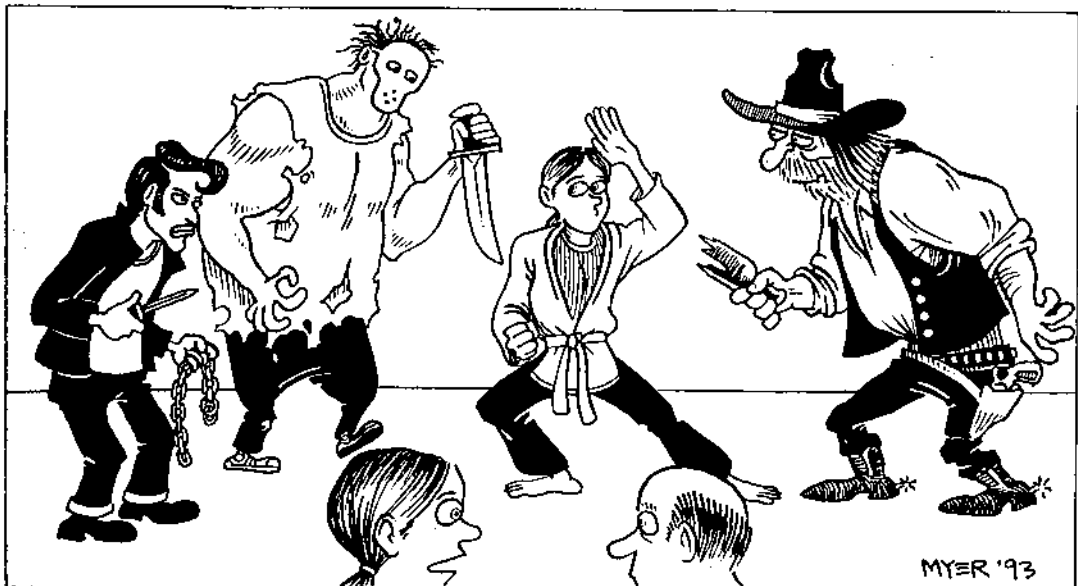
Page 252, 3rd line: are nine (not "six") Ude Guruma...

Page 252, insert below 3rd line (under Obi Nage): Osoto Gari.....Outer rear sweeping throw --64+

The above corrections will help clear up any possible confusion.

Thank You

PUNCH LINES



WOW! THIS DOJO HAS A REALLY TOUGH PURPLE BELT TEST!