



NEWSLETTER

UPDATES & IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

A letter was sent to all sensei from Prof. George Kirby, Chairman of the AJA Board of Directors, regarding a number of items that would affect their dojo. Below are listed some excerpts of that letter for your information as well.

Certificates should be coming more promptly. Robert & Jennifer Wong are perfecting the art of delegating responsibility, something we all have trouble doing -- usually because it takes more time in the short run. But in the long run you find out what your students' capabilities are.

As an adjunct to certificates, please don't ask the AJA to issue certificates for anything EXCEPT JU-JITSU. It won't happen. No Aiki Jitsu, Aiki Ju Jitsu, Karate-Jitsu, Judo Ju-Jitsu, etc! We will issue certificates for Ju-Jitsu ONLY!

Another adjunct to certificates, PLEASE write a separate check for memberships and certificates. When you send one check covering different items it takes longer to process because different people have to interact & make sure everything's right before any certificate can be issued. Help us serve you faster!

Prof. Tony Maynard plans to host the 1996 AJA Convention in North Carolina probably in August or fall, 1996! The last two conventions have been ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIC! Put this on your calendar and PLAN TO BE THERE! Call Tony for info. Remember, your trip is tax-deductible!

It is Prof. Kirby's understanding that Temporary AJA Membership cards will be available to sensei starting in January, 1996, so that you can issue AJA members a card immediately. Official cards should take 4-6 weeks to receive assuming you follow the same procedures as before. We've had a lot of input & discussion on this issue, if you'd like some temporary cards just contact Jennifer Wong @ AJA.

Newsletters will be shipped in bulk to sensei rather than to individual member's addresses.

The BOD may be looking at the issue of "titles," e.g., shihan, menkyo, etc. If you have any information pertaining to this, especially if it concerns your ryu, will you please send it to me. The more information we have the better assessment the BOD can make.

Many other high-ranking sensei in the AJA are available to do seminars. Please feel free to contact us.

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REGIONAL EDITOR FOR THE AJA

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THEM or directly to Dan Garrison, via the AJA.
They're listed as follows:

NORTHERN: George R. Parulski, P.O. 321,
Webster, NY 14580; Dojo: 716-872-2666

SOUTHERN: Wendy Watkins, 3328
Rockingham Rd., High Point, NC 27265; Dojo:
910-869-0594, Home: 910-869-5570

WESTERN: Robert Gausman, 12300
Willow Hill Dr., Moorpark, CA 93021; Home:
805-532-1103

Anything you send will be printed, as long
as it's in good taste. Demonstrations, weddings,
noteworthy students, awards received,
community service activities, etc., are all
welcome. The Newsletter is NOT just supposed
to be a "TOME from the top." It's purpose is to
let everyone know what everyone else is doing.

If you have an upcoming event
please notify the Newsletter AT LEAST 6
months in advance. As the Newsletter is
published quarterly, any shorter notice might
result in your event not being published in
time.

One more adjunct to certificates. If
there's an mistake on a certificate
you receive just send it back to Jennifer
Wong, c/o AJA. Jennifer will go by the
information on the application. If you made a
mistake on the application it will probably
show up on the certificate. If Jennifer can't
make out what you've written she'll do the best
she can -- so please P-R-I-N-T CLEARLY.

PROF. KIRBY IN SEATTLE

Prof. George Kirby conducted a seminar for
Sensei Christian Hendricks New World Dojo in
Seattle, WA, on Saturday, October 21, and
Sunday, October 22. The two-day seminar
covered instruction in knife defenses, hanbo
waza, ground grappling, escapes and counters,
ki development, and wrist techniques, to name
the major areas. Time was also allocated for
questions & answers regarding differences in
techniques, different attack situations, and
philosophy.

In addition to the two-day seminar, Sensei
Hendricks also took and passed the mat
examination and oral theory testing portion for
Yodan Budoshin Ju-jitsu. Hendricks
successfully passed these portions of the test
and when combined with other evaluation
material, he was awarded his 4th degree Black
Belt. Congratulations!

In addition to the seminar and testing
Christian and Helen treated Prof. Kirby to some
of Seattle's excellent cuisine at a variety of
ethnic restaurants. The weather in Seattle was
also excellent: crisp but overcast -- and no rain.

If you're interested in future seminars in
Seattle please contact Sensei Christian
Hendricks, New World Dojo, [206] 784-6872. If
you're interested in having Prof. Kirby conduct
a seminar for your dojo please write to him at
P.O. Box 801854, Santa Clarita, CA 91380-1854.

CAMP BUDO SCORES AGAIN

Camp Budo '95, hosted by the Budoshin
Ju-jitsu Dojo in Burbank, CA, was a rousing
success again this year. The one day camp
featured such notable sensei as Prof. Gene
LeBell - Grappling, Prof. George Kirby
Budoshin Ju-jitsu, Prof. Tony Raven - Judo,
Mestre Amen Santo - Capoeira, Sensei Benny
"The Jet" Urquidez - Kickboxing, Sensei Kimo
Hatchie - Okazaki Massage, Sensei Gokor
Chivichyan - Sambo, Sensei Zane Frazier -
American Kenpo Karate, Sensei Steve Uhrig -
Arrest & Control, Sifu Carl Totton - Chinese
Kung Fu, and Sensei Eric Lee.

With such a terrific list of sensei to choose
from everyone had a very difficult time
deciding what mat to get onto and which sensei
to miss.

One of the major changes that made this
year's camp different from previous Camp
Budo was that it was the first one held at the
Los Angeles Police Academy. The Budoshin
Ju-jitsu Dojo is very appreciative of the Los
Angeles Police Academy for making providing
their facilities available. They also served an
excellent lunch!

AMERICAN JU-JITSU NEWSLETTER

The 21st annual American Ju-Jitsu Association Northern Regional Shihan
was held on Saturday, June 10, 1995, at the Towson YMCA Daitobukan
Dojo, Towson Maryland. The annual event, first initiated by William D.
Fromm, VP of the AJA, is an invitational event, and limited to Ju-Jitsuka.
It is also a Dai-Nippon Seibukan Budo/Bugei Kai recognized event. A total of
76 players, children and adults, entered the competition representing 11
dojos from the east coast. The event is divided into self-defense kata and free
form fighting Jiu-kumite. The kata part of the tournament follows the
guidelines of the AJA and kumite follows the northern regional free form
fighting rules developed by the staff of the Daitobukan and Yama-Ji dojos.

During tournament intermission weapon demonstrations were given.
Niesha Parulski demonstrated Nagi-gata while her husband Shihan
George Parulski, Yama-ji, demonstrated the sword kata of Tenshin Shin'yo
Iai-jutsu. Dick Lab of Anne Arundel Community College Judo and the
Washington Kendo Club demonstrated Kogen-ito ryu Iai-jutsu. Shihan
Dennis McCurdy demonstrated Seitei-gata laido of the Kendo Renmei. The
three iai-jitsuka were on the mat at the same time so as to provide
observers a continuum of sword action.

The following Dojos were present for tournament:

Daitobukan, Towson Md, Shihan Dennis McCurdy, Northern Regional
Director, AJA
Yama-ji, Webster, NY, Shihan G. R. Parulski, Jr., International Director
Seibukan
White-Marsh Fullerton YMCA, Baltimore, MD, Sensei Wade Susie
Reston Virginia Dojo, Sensei Bruce Jones
New Life, Baltimore, MD, Sensei Terry Greenwood
Rising Sun Dojo, Rising Sun, MD, Sensei Debbie Lilly
Anne Arundel Community College, Sensei Dick Lab
Cho Dojo, Catonsville, MD, Sensei Tony Posinski
Brothers Dojo, Fairfax, VA, Sensei Scott Anderson
YMCU/Seigneurly Dojo, Bel Air, MD, Sensei Butch Veader
Tokishin Dojo, Kingsville, MD, Sensei Dave Scribner

First, second and third places for Jiu-kumite are:

Women
1st Carmella Boden, White Marsh Dojo
2nd Joan Parker, Yama-ji
3rd Karen Curley, White Marsh
Youngmen
1st Joel Mills, Cho Dojo
2nd Adam Laser, Yama-ji

Mens

Beginners kyu

- 1st Frank Jonczak, Tokishin Dojo
- 2nd Scott Seitler, Anne Arundel Community College Dojo
- 3rd Jason Clark, Yama-ji

Mid-kyu

- 1st Matt Doherty, Brothers Dojo
- 2nd Chris Magyar, Daitobukan
- 3rd Scott Roe, Yama-ji

Advanced-kyu

- 1st Ron McGuire, YMCU/ Seigneury Dojo
- 2nd Marc Joric, Brothers Dojo
- 3rd Vern Davis, White Marsh

Black belt Ranks (Yudansha)

- 1st Steven White, Yama-ji
- 2nd Joe Tubicolo, Yama-ji
- 3rd Richard Potochney, YMCU

No one participated in the Masters event.

Self-defense Kata

Youth Division

8th kyu

- 1st Michael McCurdy, Daitobukan Dojo

7th kyu

- 1st Kelsey Havens, Cho Dojo
- 2nd Grace Weaverling, Cho Dojo
- 3rd David Jonczak, Tokishin Dojo

6th kyu

- 1st Kevin Branch, Cho Dojo
- 2nd Cedrick Havens, Cho Dojo
- 3rd Wesley Duncan, Cho Dojo

5th kyu

- 1st Caleb Lund, Yama-ji
- 2nd Donald Pimenter, White Marsh

- 3rd John Boden, White Marsh

4th kyu

- 1st Alania Wonders, White Marsh
- 2nd Matt Shandrach, White Marsh
- 3rd Chip Hooper, White Marsh

3rd thru 1st kyu (Brown ranks are combined)

- 1st Dustin Green, New Life Dojo
- 2nd Frank Kelly, Jr., Daitobukan
- 3rd Michael Holzer, New Life Dojo

Adult Division

8th kyu

- 1st Debbire Weaverling, Cho Dojo
- 2nd Eric Huber, Cho Dojo

7th kyu

- 1st Adam Laser, Yama-ji
- 2nd Frank Jonczak, Tokishin Dojo
- 3rd Jason Clark, Yama-ji

6th kyu

- 1st Cynthia Vice, Cho Dojo
- 2nd Sue Weaverling, Cho Dojo
- 3rd James Lundin, Cho Dojo

5th kyu

- 1st Daniel Beradini, Yama-ji
- 2nd Joan Parker, Yama-ji
- 3rd Shawn Carr, Reston dojo

4th kyu

- 1st Chris Magyar, Daitobukan
- 2nd Dale Wierbowski, White Marsh
- 3rd Karen Carmer, Rising Sun Dojo

3rd thru 1st kyu (Brown Ranks are combined)

- 1st Joel Mills, Cho Dojo
- 2nd Mike Parks, White Marsh

3rd Marc Jurek, brothers Dojo
Yudansha

1st Jeremy Freer, Yama-ji
2nd Steve White, Yama-ji
3rd John Frank, White Marsh

Each Tournament Official is asked to nominate an outstanding junior and senior martial artist. The winners were Grace Weaverling for junior award and Joel Mills for senior award, both students of the Catonsville Maryland Recreation Association, Cho Ju-Jitsu Dojo.

Shihan J. Dennis McCurdy, Roku-dan
Northern Regional Director
American Ju-Jitsu Association

The Kobushi Journal is a premier journal for the traditional martial arts. The cost is \$25.00 per year and is put together by the staff of Yama-ji: School of the Traditional Japanese Martial Arts. The founder is Shihan George R. Parulski, International Director of the Dai-Nippon Seibukan Budo/Bugei Kai. You can make your check out to Yama-ji. The address is:

Yama-ji
P. O. Box 321
Webster, New York 14580

I recommend that you do this for your martial art growth.

Best regards,

Dennis McCurdy
Northern Regional Director

QUOTABLE

Techniques which require excessive force, lengthy or tedious movements usually are not going to work. Every technique should be evaluated on its risk factor and the resulting consequences. The best solution is the Kiss theory (Keep it simple student)

Any instructor can teach a big man a technique with a high degree of success. But if you teach a small framed student the same and it works on a larger individual, you know this is a good technique.

— Prof. Gene Roos, Shichudan - Ju Jitsu, Yondan, Judo

Table with columns: Rank, Promotion Month, Day, Year, Dojo Name, and other details. The table contains numerous entries of martial artists and their associated information, including names like Kaori L. Linn, Kelly G. Bish, and others.

Promotional Certificates

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The credit for the successful camp must go to Sensei Ken Harte one of the three head sensei at the Budoshin Ju-jitsu Dojo. Ken has been the coordinator of the camp since its beginning. He has always been able to get his class behind the project 100%. A special thanks also goes to Jeff Bridge, Carmen Harte, and Tom Heiburne for their close assistance and support of Ken's efforts. It should also be noted that the dojo, mostly Ken's class, raised over \$1500 in advertising donations to help cover the costs of running the camp and related activities. That's super & really shows commitment!

Camp Budo '96? You'd better believe it -- the first Saturday in October. You'd better be here. For information write to Budoshin Ju-jitsu Dojo - Camp Budo, P.O. Box 80185-1, Santa Clarita, CA 91380-8154.

SEND US YOUR "DOJO" BUSINESS CARD

If you send us your "dojo" business card we will put it in the Newsletter dependent upon the availability of space. Please don't send anything bigger than a standard size business card. We won't be able to print it.

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George Kirby
9th Degree Black Belt

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