



NEWSLETTER

1997 OUTSTANDING DOJO AWARDS

The following dojo are being honored because they have at least twenty AJA members for 1997:

BUDOSHIN JU-JITSU YUDANSHAKAI

43 Members Prof. George Kirby, Sensei Santa Clarita, CA

RESTON BUDOSHIN JU-JITSU DOJO

32 Members Bruce Jones, Sensei Reston, VA

WHITE MARSH/FULLERTON JU-JITSU DOJO

27 Members Wade Susie, Sensei Baltimore, MD

RO-JEN DOJO

25 Members Robert Wong, Sensei La Canada, CA

BUDOSHIN JU-JITSU DOJO

24 Members Mark Jordan & Ron Sekulich, Sensei Burbank, CA

AMERICAN SCHOOL OF SELF-DEFENSE

21 Members Prof. Tony Maynard, Sensei Kernersville, NC

MARU MARTIAL ARTS

21 Members Donna Mathews, Sensei Towson, MD

AIKI JUJITSU DOJO

21 Members Prof. Gene Roos, Sensei Metarie, LA

UNIVERSAL JU-JITSU DOJO

20 Members Linda Dellepelle & Bill Swope, Sensei Claremont, CA

Congratulations and thanks_to_these sensei who reallpush for 100% AJA membership -- and get it! Aware plaques will be mailed to these dojo around the end o January.

With the new simplified membership procedure for 1998 we are hoping to increase student AJA memberships. Hopefully there will be more Outstanding Membership Doje Awards issued in 1998!

MAJOR CHANGES FOR 1998

The AJA has had a number of problems in 1997. In order to resolve them the following changes in procedures for 1998 have been implimented:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIPS:

As of 1998 we will be going back to the old individual membership procedure. Sensei will issue AJA cards directly to their students & periodically send their rosters [& fees] into the AJA. Not only will this cut down processing and postage at both ends, but students will get an AJA card into their hands immediately. Instructors will be responsible to get rosters in to Mark Jodan, Membership Chairperson, so that he can make copies for Tony Damigo, Certification Chairperson.

CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS:

By separate mail sensei will receive a new Promotion Certificate Application Form. Please throw out ALL old forms. The major change is that applications for mudansha grades [below black belt] can be sent by the sensei directly to the Certification Chairperson. Sensei will not have to send certificate applications for mudansha grades to their higher] to their regional directors for approval.

PROCESSING TIME:

This year's watchword phrase will be "get on the ball." the AJA Newsletter. If it takes more than 45 days to get a certificate or 30 days WRITING or by e-mail & I'll get right on it. Include all Clarita, CA 91380, IMMEDIATELY! details & information in your correspondence. Don't just write or e-mail me & say: "There is a problem." Be specific & it will save time. DON'T WAIT until several certificate applications or a collection of several things have piled up before you contact me. My e-mail address is <bud>

doshin@earthlink.net></br>

I hope these changes will resolve some of the problems we've had over the past couple of years. Please, contact me in writing as soon as you suspect a problem. We're an organization of volunteers and sometimes our lives get stretched too thin. If you have any suggestions to improve service please let me know. All ideas have some value.

Best wishes for 1998!

-- George Kirby, BOD Chairman

RECENT PROMOTIONS!!

Congratulations to the following students on their promotion to Green Belt - 6th kvu during the fall session:

> BRANDON MEISTER CHARLES MEISTER SHERYL WENTHUR DAVID MEDINA ROY GUTIERREZ PAUL BLANKY TIM LEE RHONDA LAWRY

I hope all of you will be with us for many sessions to come as you work your way towards Black Belt.

TAX ID NUMBERS

For those of you who itemize your income taxes & can benefit from the Budoshin Ju-Jitsu Dojo's and American Ju-Jitsu Association's 501[c][3] tax-deductible charitable foundation status, here are the tax numbers for both organizations:

> BJJI: 95-4328326 AJA: 23-7362589

FREE MAILINGS

There are a number of individuals on the AJA's mailing regional directors for approval. Sensei WILL STILL HAVE list who are not representatives of national or international TO send applications for Yudansha grades [Shodan & organizations. Some of you have been on our mailing list for years simply as a matter of courtesy.

> We will be going through our mailing list to cut out those individuals who are no longer interested in receving

If you'd like to continue receiving the AJA Newsletter to get anything else from the AJA please let me know IN please contact George Kirby, P.O. Box 801854, Santa

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FOUR FOR FOUR AT LOCAL TOURNAMENT

Four students from our dojo participated in last November's AJA Freestyle Kata Tournament in Thousand Oaks, CA, and all four walked off with trophics.

FRANK BLANEY - 2nd place Intermediate Division DARRYI, LAMONT - 3rd place Intermediate Division Kim Kiriby - 2nd place Beginner's Division

DANIEL BLANEY - 3rd place Beginner's Division The AJA tentatively has another tournament scheduled for this spring. Hopefully there'll be more participants from our local dojo participating as well.

PROMOTIONS

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97-312-7100	Anthony Rua	BLACK BEL	T SHODAN		Aiki Ju-Ji	tsu	Metairie	,
Louisiana . 250	January 47							
97-312-7100	Chame Deletno	BLACK BEI	T - SHODAN		Aiki Ju-Ji	tsu	Metairie	,
Louisiana 22nd	January 97							
97-310-7100	Gene H. Roos	BLABK BEI	T - HACHIDAN		Aiki Ju-Ji	tus	Ventura	, California
12th	October 97							
970-319-0300	Walter E. Lenoir	BLACK BEI	T - HACHIDAN		Har-Bro I	Dojo #1	Thousan	nd Oaks,
California 14th	November97							
970-320-3201	Phil Connolly	BLACK BEI	T - HACHIDAN		Har-Bro	Dojo #1	Thousan	nd Oaks,
California 14th	November97							
97-315-0125	Lawrence O'Bryan	BLACK BE	LT - NIDAN		Ro-Jen Ju	J-Jitsu / Ka	rate	La
Canada, California	2nd February	97						
97-316-0717	Dennis Dionisio	BLACK BE	LT - SHODAN		Ro-Jen Ju	ı-Jitsu / Ka	rate	La
Canada, California	2nd February	97						
97-317-0718	Samuel Rodrigues	BLACK BE	LT - SHODAN		Ro-Jen Ju	J-Jitsu / Ka	rate	La
Canada, California	2nd February	97						
97-318-0704	Sandra Chang	BLACK BE	LT - SHODAN		Ro-Jen Ju	u-Jitsu / Ka	rate	La
Canada, California	2nd February	97						
97-311-1550	Rick Demile	IKKYU /	American School O	f Self-Defe	ense Inc.	Kernersvi	ille, Nort	h Carolina
4th	May 97							
97-314-1542	Craig Jarrell	SANKYU /	American School O	f Self-Defe	ense Inc.	Kernersv	ille, Nort	h Carolina
11th	January 97							
97-308-3521	Chuck Wright, III	BLACK BE	LT - NIDAN	White Ma	rsh	Fullerton		
YMCA Baltimor	re, Maryland 4th	October	96					
97-273-3504	Michael Parks	BLACK BE	LT - SHODAN	White Ma	rsh	Fullerton		
YMCA Baltimor	re, Maryland 4th	October	96					
97-274-3502	Tomas Salander	BLECK BE	LT - SHODAN	White Ma	ersh	Fullerton		
YMCA Baltimor	re, Maryland 4th	October	96					
97-304-3511	Vernon Davis	IKKYU	White Marsh	Fullerton	YMCA	Baltimore	e,	
Maryland 25th	October 96							
97-305-3541	Pablo Fernandez	NIKYU	White Marsh	Fullerton	YMCA	Baltimore	e,	
Maryland 25th	October 96							
97-306-3506	Dennis Jones	NIKYU	White Marsh	Fullerton	YMCA	Baltimor	e,	
Maryland 13th	December 96							
97-307-3507	Patrick Jones	NIKYU	White Marsh	Fullerton	YMCA	Baltimor	e,	
Maryland 25th	October 96							
97-309-3527	Jerry Collins	NIKYU	White Marsh	Fullerton	YMCA	Baltimor	e,	
Maryland 24th	February 97							
97-300-3528	Susan McCall	SANKYU	White Marsh	Fullerton	YMCA	Baltimor	e,	
Maryland 12th	July 96							
97-303-3525	Chuck Dejong	SANKYU	White Marsh	Fullerton	YMCA	Baltimor	e,	
Maryland 4TH	October 96							

Jujitsu America's 20th Annual Convention

Washington, DC • August 28-30, 1998

Register NOW for the JA Convention

Come and train with a group of the World's Finest Martial Art Masters. The teaching staff is scheduled to include the Prof. Wally Jay (Founder of Small Circle Jujitsu). Prof. Sig Kufferath (Headmaster of Danzan-Ryu Jujitsu) and Prof. Willy Cahill (Two-time US Olympic Judo Coach). Each of these individuals holds the rank of 10th degree Black Belt in Jujitsu. Past convention instructors have included Prof. James Muro, Prof. Lee Eichelberger, Laura Welch, Ed Melaugh, Dave Castoldi, Ron Ogi, Prof. Tony Maynard, Connie Gallant and others. The final instructor slate will be announced later.

This year's convention will be held in the Crystal City Marriot Hotel in Arlington, VA. This site is next to Washington-National Airport and just across the Potomac River from the Nation's Capital. Such landmarks as the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, the Pentagon and the US Capitol building are clearly visible from the Crystal City Marriot. These and many other tourist sites are just a few minutes away from the convention site. In addition, shopping is very close in the Crystal City Underground and at Pentagon City Mall. To add to the convenience, the Metro subway station is one block from the hotel.

The theme of this year's convention is "Shoulders of the Masters." As martial arts students, we can excel and see farther only because we stand on the shoulders of the masters. At the 20th Annual JA Convention. such masters will teach and share their knowledge with us.

The convention will feature two days of classes, an awards ceremony & banquet, entertainment and demonstrations. Classes will be offered in a variety of martial arts such as Jujutsu, Kajukenbo, Aikijutsu, Cuong Nhu, Massage, Kid's classes and more .

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JULY 10 - 11

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Budoshin Ju-Jitsu
Judo
Chin-Na
Taiho-jutsu
Self-Defense Competition

DEMONSTRATIONS:

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MEET:

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