

# Newsletter – February 2019

## A Message from Professor Bob McKean

The PJA started out this year with the PJA Winter Workout 2019. It was a great time for the PJA and our friends to get together to train and to socialize. I would like to thank Professor Chris Nicholas for organizing the event and a big Thanks to Professor Rory Rebmann for hosting it at his new dojo.

## Mark Your Calendar:

## Mokomoko Invitational

March 16, 2019 Martial Arts Tournament Campbell Community Center One West Campbell Ave. Campbell, CA 95008

## **Grappling Summit**

February 16, 2019 259 West Main Ave. Morgan Hill, CA 95037

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## PJA Black Belt Promotions

#### January 19, 2019

Professor Bob McKean – Kudan *PJA and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai* Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Hombu – Phoenix OR

Robbin Miller – Godan Fudo No Sei Katsu – Crescent City, CA Student of Professor Bob McKean

Mitch Stephens – Shodan Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Hombu – Phoenix, OR Student of Professor Bob McKean

Jack Hopfinger – Shodan Medford Judo Academy – Phoenix, OR Student of Professor Troy Shehorn

## **New PJA Schools**

#### Pacific Kodenkan Jujitsu Academy

Sensei Donovan Ely 977 Manor Blvd, San Leandro, CA 94579 (510) 559-0529 <u>donavanely@yahoo.com</u>

How many people have been promoted to the rank of Judan (10<sup>th</sup> degree) in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu? **The answer is at the end of this newsletter** 



January brought a new year and the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance winter workout. It was a well-attended event with many black belts taking advantage of training with some great instruction. We started the day with Sensei's Kathleen Nicholas and Robbin Miller teaching selected arts from the Fujin Goshin No Maki list. Followed by a great class on striking presented by Sensei Giordano. Sensei Keith Watanabe had people pulling Kodokan Judo style and Professor's McKean and Ingebretsen did some side by side jujitsu comparison. Prof Muro started with some striking but turned it into a small introduction on connecting the energy flow of the body with some basic striking and joint locks. Prof Rebmann shared the Professor Ray Law variations of Danzan Ryu and Grandmaster Ron Esteller destroyed Noeah during his Kajukenbo section. Prof Chris Peterson shared several arts from Small Circle Jujitsu. The day concluded with gun arts by Prof Dan Butler.

The highlight of the day was a special recognition of Prof McKean's 50<sup>th</sup> year in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. A Distinguished Service Award was presented by the PJA to Prof McKean. Prof. McKean was also elevated to Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> degree black belt) by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai.

Sensei Robbin Miller, of Crescent City, was promoted to Godan and Mitch Stephens, from Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Hombu, Medford, OR, was promoted to Shodan. The PJA

also presented a Shichidan (7th degree) rank recognition certificate to Professor Chris Peterson, who has been a long time supporter of the PJA and its events.

Special thanks to Professor Rory Rebmann and the Amador Judo and Jujitsu School for hosting the event this year.

Professor McKean (L) being presented with a Kudan (9<sup>th</sup> degree) certificate from Professor Rebmann and the Shoishin Ryu Yudanshakai. He also received a Kudan certificate from the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.



Mitch Stephens (L) was promoted to <mark>S</mark>hodan and Sensei Robbin Miller (R) was promoted to Godan by Professor McKean (C)



Pacific Ohana Self Defense Dojo Sensei Brian Rice Patterson, CA



Paladin Academy Professor Dan Butler Fairfield, CA



Jobu Shin Kan Sensei Jon Sylvia <sub>Eureka, CA</sub>



Since 1929 there has been 43 people promoted to the rank of Judan in Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. 22 of these people are alive today.

Check out the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance website for updates. <u>www.pacificjujitsualliance.com</u>

