



Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

NEWSLETTER – December 2010

Message from Professor Bob McKean

Holiday greetings to all PJA members, associates and friends. 2010 was a good year for the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Most of us were able to attend many good training events and to meet new people and to reconnect with many old friends.

In January 2010 the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance will be celebrating its 10th anniversary as a Danzan Ryu organization. As many of you know we were recognized by the Danzan Ryu community at the 2010 Ohana event.

One of our long term goals has been to keep the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance as non-political as possible and to promote the spirit and true meaning of Ohana. We once again met this goal during 2010 because of the quality and integrity of our members.

An organization is only as good as its members. As we enter 2011 let us all continue our dedication and efforts to promote the teaching of Danzan Ryu as it was passed onto us by many of the early black belt students of Professor Henry Okazaki.

Jill and I hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe Christmas and New Year. We will be traveling back to the Chicago area for the holidays to be with family and to spend some quality time with our two beautiful grand kids.

Merry Christmas from Bob & Jill McKean

2010 PJA Black Belt Promotions

Our members have the option to either have their Danzan Ryu black belt rank recognized by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance or to participate in a PJA rank examination. During 2010 the following members met PJA rank requirements and received Dan rank promotions from the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance.

Troy Shehorn	Rokudan
Chris Nicholas	Godan
Brandon Johnson	Nidan
Isaac Leija	Shodan
Jim Nicholas	Shodan

PJA Dojo & Membership Update

2010 was a year of growth for the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. We saw 4 new chartered schools join our ranks. The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance goes into 2011 with 17 chartered schools.

We also saw 15 Danzan Ryu black belts join the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance in 2010. Our membership is now at 76. This may be seen by some as a small membership for an organization but we are an invitation only black belt organization. Our membership may be small in numbers but we are high in quality.

A Review of 2010 Events

January: Sensei Chris Nicholas (Pleasanton, CA) held his first black belt exam. Jim Nicholas passed his PJA shodan exam, becoming the first black belt from the Pacific Self Defense Academy under Sensei Chris Nicholas.

March: Sensei Kevin Colton (Santa Clarita Valley Jujitsu) hosted his annual southern California weekend clinic. This event is an AJJF sanctioned event and has always been well attended. I will be looking forward to attending Kevin's event in 2011.

April: Sensei Mike Tucker hosted the 6th Annual Bob Krull Memorial in Hayward, CA. As always, Mike's special touch and attention to detail made this a memorable event. The Kilohana Martial Arts Association co-sponsored and supported our annual hospice benefit event. Sensei Kevin Colton and Kerry Segó traveled from southern California and Professor Bob Hodgkin traveled from Utah to attend and teach classes.

June: Sensei Robert Korody hosted this 3rd KITW - New York weekend event. Sensei Troy Shehorn and I made the coast to coast trip to workout and socialize with some real outstanding people. Our New York members are a real asset to the PJA. We are looking forward to see them again in 2011.

The 2010 Summer Gathering was at the Medford Judo Academy in southern Oregon. This was an AJJF sanctioned event and we had a great turn out. Sensei Kevin Colton and Kerry Segó were able to stop by for part of the weekend. We hope to make this an annual event. The 2011 Summer Gathering is scheduled for June 18 & 19 in Medford, OR.

July: Professor Bob Hodgkin held his annual Rocky Mountain weekend clinic in Alpine, Utah. This was an AJJF sanctioned event and the list of clinic instructors has always been impressive. I have enjoyed attending this event for the past 3 years and I hope to be attending in 2011. Good people, good food and good training. What more does a student of DZR need?

August: This was a busy month. We started out with Ohana which was held in Anaheim, CA. While in southern California I was invited to teach two classes at the dojo of Sensei Kevin Colton – good people, good food and good workouts. Again, what more does a student of DZR need?

Ohana 2010 was a great time. A lot of PJA members were in attendance. Some were there representing other DZR organizations. Sensei Kevin Colton and Kerry Segó represented the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation and Sensei Hans Ingebretsen represented the Kilohana Martial Arts Association. Other PJA members in attendance included, Sensei Chris Nicholas, Kathleen Nicholas, Jim Nicholas, Dominic Beltrami, Chris Pritchard, Barb Gessner and Bruce Anders.

A special congratulation goes out to PJA members Hans Ingebretsen and Barb Gessner. At the 2010 Ohana event Hans was awarded the title of Associate Professor by the Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Barb was awarded the title of Professor by the Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. These are two very dedicated and deserving individuals.

Late August took many of us to Crescent City, CA. for the 18th Annual K.I.T.W. Sensei Robbin Miller knows how to put together a great weekend clinic. This was an AJJF sanctioned event and, like always, well attended. Sensei Bob Farrell was awarded a Basic Combat Knife Instructor certificate at the end of the weekend. Good job, Bob. Once again, lots of good people, lots of good food and a great workout.

September: Sensei Chris Nicholas (Pacific Self Defense Academy) hosted the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance Fall Workout at his new dojo location in Pleasanton, CA. The event was well attended as we covered arts from the Nage II, Shime II and Oku II lists. We also had a short black belt class on Shinin No Maki and Shinyo No Maki. I'm not sure what the best part of the weekend was. The hard workout or the BBQ that Chris and Kathleen Nicholas hosted at their home afterwards.

November: The Kilohana Martial Arts Association held its annual Deep Roots Seminar and Annual Awards Banquet in Campbell, CA. It was a great opportunity to work out and socialize with a lot of old friends. The PJA is a supporter of the Kilohana Martial Arts Association and many of our members also belong to Kilohana.

Professor Tom Jenkins, one of the PJA's senior advisors, was presented with the Kilohana Legend Award for his many years of dedication to DRZ. Congratulations to Professor Jenkins and thank you for your service to the ryu.

Sensei Dominic Beltrami invited me to teach a clinic at his dojo, Renkiohen Budokai, in St. Helena, CA. Dominic has a great bunch of students and I had a great time working with them. Dominic and Cary were great hosts and I am looking forward to a return trip to the wine country in 2011.

December: Sensei Robbin Miller held her annual winter clinic and dojo dinner. This year's the event was held at her new dojo. 17 people were in attendance -10 were black belts. We had a good hard 6 hour workout and covered more than 40 arts from the Montero Keisatsu Gijutsu list.

New DVD's Are Now Available

We have just completed several new DVD's. They are ready for purchase but will not be listed on the PJA website for a couple more months. Special thanks goes out to Kevin and Karen Lollis for helping to make these DVD's available to the Danzan Ryu community.

Historical Photos of Professor Okazaki – 250 photos of the early years of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. This is a CD slide presentation with each photo titled. The CD presentation contains Japanese background music. Cost: \$20.00 + shipping.

Olympic Judo Warm-Up Exercises by Professor Bob Krull. In this DVD Professor Krull demonstrates and explains a series of Olympic Judo warm-up exercises that were being used by the international judo community in the mid 1970s. Cost: \$20.00 + shipping.

Kodenkan Jujitsu as taught by Professor Bud Estes - 1977. This is a two DVD set. Professor Bud Estes teaches, demonstrates and supervised the teaching of the Kodenkan Jujitsu lists of Yawara, Nage No Kata, Shime No Kata, Oku No Kata and Shinin No Maki. Cost: \$35.00 + shipping.

If you are interested in any of these DVD's please contact Professor McKean at cop2rn@aol.com or (541) 512-2770. Again, they are not yet posted on the PJA website.

We are also working on some additional historical DVD's that we hope to make available in 2011.

- Professor Pat Browne performing 90+ arts in the late 1970's. We may be adding additional footage of some of his later classes.
- Professor Wally Jay and his students in the late 1960's performing Yawara, Nage No Kata, Shime No Kata, and Oku No Kata.
- 1943 footage of Kodenkan Jujitsu demonstrations in Hawaii.

Other DVD's containing the Professor Montero arts are in the works and hopefully will be available by the end of 2011.

- Keisatsu Gijutsu – 120 arts
- Tessen No Maki – 40 arts
- Shinyo No Maki
- Shingin No Maki

PJA Website

The PJA website is usually updated 4 times a year. A big thanks goes out to Karen Lollis for doing an outstanding job maintaining our website.

www.pacificjujitsualliance.com

Time to mark your 2011 calendar

American Judo & Jujitsu Federation National Convention

March 4-6, 2011

San Ramon, CA

Go to www.ajjf.org for more information

Kufferath 2011 International Ju Jitsu Symposium

Celebrating Professor Sig Kufferath's 100th Birthday

March 26-27, 2011

Santa Clara, CA

Go to www.kilohana.org for more information.

Bob Krull Memorial

May 14-15, 2011

San Jose, CA.

More information will be coming soon

2011 Summer Gathering

June 18 & 19, 2011

Medford, OR

Go to www.ajjf.org for more information

or contact Professor McKean at cop2rn@aol.com

18th Annual K.I.T.W. 2011

August 12-14, 2011

Crescent City, CA.

Go to www.ajjf.org and go to the calendar of events for more information.