



## Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

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# ***Newsletter – July 7, 2012***

### **Message from Professor Bob McKean**

I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Jill and I ended the day by attending a BBQ at the home of Professor Troy Shehorn. There was lots of good food and conversation between all the friends, family and fellow members of the Medford Judo Academy who attended. It just does not get much better than that.

I hope you have a safe summer and hope to see all of you on the mat.

Professor Bob McKean

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### **2013 Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend**

*Professor Bob McKean*

A Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend is in the planning stages for next year. Tentatively the weekend will be hosted by the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance, Kilohana Martial Arts Association and Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai. Professor Rory Rebmann has offered his dojo, Amador Judo & Jujitsu Studio in Livermore, CA. as the location to hold the event.

The 2013 Danzan Ryu Ohana Black Belt Weekend will be open to all DZR black belts from any of the DZR organizations. We hope to have the dates and more information available to everyone soon.

## **New PJA Black Belt Member**

*By Professor Bob McKean*

I would like to welcome Sensei Gerry Halligan to the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. Sensei Halligan is an old friend that I first met many years ago while attending Professor Pat Browne's Camp Midwest. Sensei Halligan is bringing a considerable amount of DZR experience and knowledge to the PJA. He is also the sensei of PJA members Robert Korody, Robert Kunkel and Joe Pisano.

## **Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu**

*Professor Bob McKean*

For the past six months I have been compiling information and writing, *The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu*. It is designed to be a living document which contains the detailed history of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu in a timeline format. All entries are based on information obtained from historical documents, personal interviews, Danzan Ryu newsletters and website postings of many of the Danzan Ryu organizations

This is not a copyrighted document. It is being made available free of charge to the Danzan Ryu community for historical and educational purposes. The history of Danzan Ryu does not belong to any one person. It belongs to the Danzan Ryu family – our Ohana.

I plan to send a copy of *The Historical Timeline of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu* to the PJA membership and select members of the Danzan Ryu community within the month. The document will also be posted on the PJA website, [www.pacificjujitusalliance.com](http://www.pacificjujitusalliance.com) where it will be periodically updated as new information is received.

## **Spring Fling**

*By Professor Bob McKean*

I was invited to attend this years Spring Fling hosted by Sensei Jose & Chantilly Ortiz of Mountain Storm Jujitsu in Sonora, CA. - May 26.

Jose and Chantilly have been putting on this event for the past 17 years. The all day tournament included freestyle jujitsu, sumo, knife sparring and combat jujitsu.

The tournament was well organized and staffed. Each event was pooled according to age and rank. Sportsmanship and safety was the number one rule and everyone one had a great time. I would encourage PJA members to attend this event next year. I also recommend that PJA school heads encourage their students, especially their juniors, to attend this event.

## **Summer Gathering 2012**

### ***A TIME TO REMEMBER***

*Sensei Sue Heist*

This year's gathering was to honor a fallen friend and fellow black belt, Sensei Eric Soares.

Eric was the student of Professor Larry Nolte who in 2010, came up with the idea to hold a yearly gathering. For the past three years it has become a very successful and well attended event.

This year's clinic was attended by 34 participants, 18 of which were black belts, and they came from coast to coast. They came from as far away as New York City and as close as Crescent City, CA. Others came from Eureka, Chico and Napa, California – Medford, Corvallis and Albany, Oregon.

A Time to Remember fits this clinic in two ways. One was to honor Sensei Eric Soares. His wife Sensei Nancy Soares attends Medford Judo Academy, and helps with the children's class. The other was to remember how some of our second generation Professors learned (the arts) Danzan Ryu from their Sensei. We had Professor Nolte teaching the arts of Yawara, Nage and Shime as he was taught by his Sensei, Professor Bud Estes. Professor John Congistre taught the same arts as he was taught by his Sensei, Professor Ray Law, and Professor Bob McKean taught the same arts as he was taught by his Sensei, Professor Bill Montero.

Prof. Nolte started at the top of Yawara and would demonstrate the technique and the students would do the art. Then Prof. Congistre and Professor McKean would demonstrate the same technique as they had been taught. Everyone had time to practice the different arts.

During the six hour intensive class on Saturday, we were able to complete both the Yawara and Nage boards, and a good selection of the Shime board. Some of the techniques were the same, some were just a little different, and some were totally different.

Prof. McKean jokingly said, "My Sensei must have been out sick that day when this art was taught like that".

During the class the students changed partners, so everyone was able to work with different students that they may not have known before the class. It is good to be able to work with different body types and sizes. It was a very good time to meet fellow students from different dojos, and to make new friends.

After Saturday's class everyone was invited to a Southern Oregon type BBQ. The weather was not in agreement that we should have a BBQ, as it started to

rain. But we made due with a large garage and close friends, very large amounts of good food and good conversation.

Sensei Eric Soares was posthumously awarded the rank of Sandan by Professor Nolte of the Medford Judo Academy and by Professor McKean of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance. The rank certificates were presented to Sensei Nancy Soares along with a shadow box commemorating Eric's life.

Sunday's class focused on mat massage, which was instructed by Sensei Robert Korody, head instructor of the PJA Dojo Massage Program – based on the Okazaki massage method. We partnered up and were instructed on how to give each other a basic after class mat massage after a hard workout. Sensei Korody's credentials include NYS licensed physical therapist, and he is also an acupuncturist. One person would work on their partner from head to toe, and then it was their turn to work on the other partner. A lot of information was presented to us in a very logical and systematic manner.

We all want to thank Sensei Korody for coming out and working out on Saturday and then teaching us how to fix each other on Sunday.

The Medford Judo Academy will be looking forward to seeing everyone at next years Summer Gathering.

## **Kodenkan Police Course Clinic**

*Professor Bob McKean*

I was invited to the Amador Judo & Jujitsu Studio by PJA member, Professor Rory Rebmann, to teach a Kodenkan Police Course clinic – June 9<sup>th</sup>. The clinic was attended by 34 martial artists eager to learn the first 40 arts of the 120 arts in the Kodenkan Police Course. During a very intense five hour workout all 40 arts were covered with students only taking three five minute water breaks.

I would like to thank Ernie DeMoss, husband of PJA member Kate DeMoss, for video taping the clinic. Three weeks after the clinic, Ernie mailed me an edited DVD of me giving the introduction lecture and demonstrating each of the 40 arts. Great job, Ernie! Thanks again.

I would also like to thank Professor Rebmann and his wife Patricia for being such great hosts.

**You still have time to register for the August  
K.I.T.W. but time is running out.**

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual K.I.T.W.

## Combat Knife Training Course

**August 10, 11 and 12, 2012**

Hosted by Sensei Robbin Miller

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**Participation Fee: \$125.00.**

*A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is due by June 15, 2012.*

*The balance of \$75.00 is due by the August 10, 2012.*

*Participation fee goes up to \$175.00 after July 15, 2012.*

**Space is limited so pre-registration is a must**

**Fee includes:** Friday night lecture, two days of intense hands on field training, 1 dinner and 2 lunches. A certificate of participation and a course tee shirt will be awarded upon course completion.

### **Registration Information**

Registration forms, equipment list, lodging and course requirements can be obtain from Sensei Robbin Miller at [randsmiller@frontier.com](mailto:randsmiller@frontier.com). This course is open to Danzan Ryu brown belts and above (green belts with the approval of your sensei), active military personnel and sworn law enforcement personnel.

*This is a physically and mentally demanding course. You will have the opportunity to learn and to test your warrior skills in a controlled and safe environment.*

### **Instructors**

Professor Bob McKean and other KITW staff instructors

*New and expanded course material has been added to the 2012 KITW*