



## Pacific Jujitsu Alliance

# ***Newsletter – May 2011***

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

In January the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance celebrated its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Danzan Ryu organization. Our organization continues to grow slowly in numbers because quality is more important to us than quantity. An organization is only as good as its members. Recently we had a temporary hold on new members. This hold has been lifted and we are accepting new applications for membership to the PJA. As a PJA school head, your black belt students are welcome to join the PJA.

As you continue to read this letter you will see that 2011 has become a busy and exciting year for the PJA.

I hope everyone has a safe and wonderful summer. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on this mat this year.

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### **PJA Website**

The PJA website has been updated. Check out [www.pacificjujitsualliance.com](http://www.pacificjujitsualliance.com) to see the most recent PJA rank promotions, new articles, updated calendar of events and the newest DVDs that are now available. A big THANKS to Karen Lollis for updating our website.

I would like to thank Professor Ron Jennings for permitting the PJA to post his updated Danzan Ryu family tree on the PJA website. Click on *Articles About Danzan Ryu* and then click on *Danzan Ryu Extended Family*.

## **New DVDs**

Several new DVDs have been released and are now available on the PJA website. They include:

1. **Shingin No Maki**  
Professor Bob McKean demonstrates the 38 arts of Shingin No Maki as they were taught to him and Professor Bob Krull by Professor Bill Montero. An additional 10 arts from other DZR sources have been included in the DVD. This DVD is only available to DZR black belts.
2. **250 Photos – Professor Okazaki and the Early Years of DZR.**  
This is a slide show of historic DZR photos with traditional Japanese background music.
3. **Professor Francis Merlin “Bud” Estes (1909 – 1981).**  
Professor Estes demonstrating and teaching Yawara, Nage No Kata, Shime No Kata, Oku No Kata and Shinin No Maki at the 1<sup>st</sup> AJJF Black Belt Convention, 1977.
4. **Professor Bob Krull (1936 – 2004)**  
Professor Krull teaches and demonstrates a series of Olympic Judo warm-up exercises, 1987.
5. **Professor Pat Browne (1947 – 1996)**  
Professor Browne demonstrates 92 arts and variations of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. The 92 arts are played at normal speed and then at a slower speed. Traditional Japanese music has been added to the background.

See the PJA website for more information on these and other DVDs.

Proceeds from the sale of the DVDs is used to offset the production expenses of making new DVDs.

## **2011 Bob Krull Memorial**

The 2011 Bob Krull Memorial was held in Hayward, CA on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This year's event was limited to black belt ranks only. Sensei Robert Korody came out from New York and Sensei Bruce Anders came up from Southern California. Four PJA members traveled down from Eureka/Crescent City, CA. and four came down from Medford, OR. Our friends from the Kilohana Martial Arts Association were well represented on the mat. In all we had thirty-nine black belts in attendance.

Our guest instructors for this year's event were Professor James Muro and Professor Tom Jenkins. Not too often do DZR black belts have the opportunity to attend an all day advanced black belt class.

A special thanks goes out to Jim Nicholas for providing the training site and to Chris Nicholas and Mike Tucker for hosting and coordinating the event.

The workout was outstanding and so was the BBQ and potluck hosted by Chris and Kathleen Nicholas. In keeping with PJA tradition, there was lots of good food and drink along with good friends. It seems that tequila has replaced sake as the adult alcoholic beverage of choice for some of the PJA senior black belts, but that is a story for another time. ☺

## **Recent PJA Black Belt Promotions**

Congratulations to the following PJA members who received rank promotions during the Bob Krull Memorial event on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

Godan Dominic Beltrami

Sandan Jesse Ellis

Shodan Brandon Hamlet

Shodan Tucker Plunk

## **2011 KITW August 12-14, 2011**

The registration deadline for the 2011 KITW event is rapidly approaching. We are expecting a large turnout this year so get your forms in now. If you sign up late the registration fee is higher and you are not guaranteed an event tee shirt.

Some of our school heads are bringing a number of their students to KITW for the first time. We will also have a large number of instructors present at this year's event. Remember to bring all of the required safety equipment. If you do not bring your safety equipment you don't get to workout.

For more information about the August 12-14, 2011 KITW, contact Sensei Robbin Miller at (707) 464-5632 or [randsmiller@charter.net](mailto:randsmiller@charter.net)

## **Summer Gathering June 18 – 19, 2011**

The Summer Gathering will be once again held at the Medford Judo Academy in Phoenix, OR. The primary instructors for this year's event will be Professor Larry Nolte, Sensei Kevin Colton, Sensei Troy Shehorn and Sensei Dominic Beltrami. Classes will focus primarily on weapons – hanbo, tessen, yawara stick, knife and gun defenses.

We are planning a social event on Saturday night. In Southern Oregon that usually means large quantities of BBQ dead animal flesh.

Please contact Professor McKean at [cop2rn@aol.com](mailto:cop2rn@aol.com) if you are planning to attend. Registration will be held on Saturday morning. A mat fee donation of \$10 would be appreciated.