

# Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Newsletter

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## Reunion 2008

By

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Patricia Chubb looked around the hospitality suite at the Knott's Berry Farm Resort Hotel and smiled. She gave the room a second look and shook her head. A few of the people sitting with her tried to find what she had been smiling at and surveyed the room as well.

"I look around this room," Patricia said, "and it's not like the old days. It looks like Shoshin Ryu has finally grown up."

The Labor Day weekend was the twenty-fourth reunion for Shoshin Ryu. Twenty-four years of clinics, contests, and banquets.

The Ryu is getting older. If it were a person, it would be getting a cut on its auto insurance, probably thinking about getting married, and starting a career in some solid occupation.

One constant in the twenty-four years of the reunion has been how it brings out the best in people. We see it in the clinic instructors who show their love for the art. We see it in the contest competitors who do amazing techniques that raise the bar for next year's competition. We see it at the banquet, when someone like Dr. H. Bruce Stokes delivers an address about community that makes one proud to be part of such a group as Shoshin Ryu. We see it from the people who travel thousands of miles – Dr. Rich Charlebois and the Maine contingent, Professor Ron Jennings and Sensei Sue Jennings from Washington, Rick and "Big" Jim DeHaven from South Dakota, and Joe Medlin from Alabama – just to be part of our weekend. The reunion may bring out the best in people, but it also brings out the best people.

The format of the weekend was the same as it has been for many years: clinics on Saturday, contest and banquet on Sunday. Saturday's clinics showcased the skill of the Professors and Senseis of Shoshin Ryu. We had a few guests from other organizations like Professor Jon Congistre, Professor George Arrington, and Professor Dave Chubb and everyone looked forward to their contributions.

Sunday's contest was finished by noon. For the kids, the competition was fierce. For the adults it was mainly demonstrations, which was disappointing. Everyone wants to see the "big guys" go out and compete. Hopefully, next year's contest will have a new multitude of adult competitors, which will give the junior students roll models for the future.

Sunday night's banquet was a mixture of old and new. It was a return to the days of the raffle. It was groundbreaking with a Polynesian band and a hula stage show. Dr. Rich Charlebois and Dr. H. Bruce Stokes – both Shoshin Ryu Professors – addressed the banqueters with thought provoking speeches that added a new twist to the evening. Keeping with the primary purpose of the night, Professors and senseis handed out awards and promotions.

Shoshin Ryu is growing up. Next year it will be twenty-five; hopefully, it will be just as strong and vibrant as it was at the first reunion, but only time will tell.

The following pages are littered with pictures from Sunday. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then this article is going to be waaaay toooo long.

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2008 Reunion Pictures













And that is the end of the pictures. Thanks to Shihan Fumio Demura and Professor Kolohe Soloman Kaihe Walu for joining us at the banquet.

The reunion organizers hope that this year's reunion was worth the time and money it took to be part of it all. So for another year we'll go our separate ways, keep in touch through e-mail and newsletters, and then come together again and do it all over.

Thanks for the memories. See you in 2009.

## Yudansha Notes

### **Santa Ana, New Nights and New Times**

For the next year, because of refurbishment to the Jerome center, the class in Santa Ana is going to be moved to the Senior Center on the other side of the park. The new nights for class will be Tuesday and Thursday, a change from the Monday –Wednesday format they have followed for the last twenty-plus years. In another change, the junior class will go from 6:30 to 7:30 and the senior class will go from 7:30 to 8:30.

### **Jeff Fischer, Feeling Better**

A few months after dealing with a bout of cancer, Jeff Fischer – the son of Professor Bill Fischer – says he’s feeling better. He’s still a little on the weak side, but overall he’s up and about. He was at the banquet, looking sharp for the world to see.

### **Welcome Back “Big Jim”**

Keeping with the news of good health, Professor “Big Jim” DeHaven was at the Reunion weekend as well. For a man who has had a lot of not so good stuff happen to him in the last year, he’s looking pretty good. True, he didn’t go out on the mat and do his patented Sumo Goshi, but it was really nice to see him anyway. All of Shoshin Ryu wishes you many happy returns Prof.

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## Words of Wisdom

“A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.” – *Mohammed*

“Failure is only the opportunity to begin again, this time more wisely.” – *Unknown*

“Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising up every time we fail.” – *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

“Only a fool knows everything. A wise man knows how little he knows.” -- *Unknown*

## Overwhelmed!

Over the years, I’ve always known that Camp Kokua and similar conventions were a lot of hard work, filled with sleepless nights and worries about how to make a good impression on your peers and fellow martial artists. It was comforting to find out that my colleagues and students were so willing to help carry the load and help with the immense work of hosting such an event.

A number of these people have proven always willing to help and to give unselfishly of their time: I would like to thank Professor Kevin Dalrymple, Professor Bill Fisher, Professor Jon Jacques, Sensei Donn Hearn and Julie Hearn, Professor Mel and Yvonne Cansibog, Professor Sam Luke, Professor Dan Saragoza, Professor Charlie Lee, for their tireless help and support.

I also would like to thank all the clinic instructors for their outstanding classes: Olohe Salamon Kahiwalo, Professor Mike Chubb, Professor Gregory Fernandez, Professor Ken Eddy, Coach Dan Cotes, Professor Jim Lambert, Sensei Mark and Sensei Denise Ramsey, Dr. Lori Jefcolt, Zane Graham and Deborah Graham, and Professor Joe Calderon.

Thanks finally to all the parents, instructors, coaches, friends, and helpers who brought students to our clinics and competition. Without your support for the students, we would not be able to pass on the martial arts and healing traditions we’ve practiced for so long.

I was honored to be able to host this year’s Camp Kokua, and hope it was as great an experience for you as it was for me. I was overwhelmed by all those who helped and participated, and I thank you all again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Professor Carlos Gallegos



## Promotions

### Shodan:

Jamie Beyhmer	Amador
Tara Clark	Amador
Steve Davis	He No De Ryu
Nick Gohn	Amador
Christopher Harriss	Amador
Patrick Le	He No De Ryu
Phillip Le	He No De Ryu
Grayson Lindstom	Amador
Nikki Movaghar	Amador
Tommy Olson	Amador
Dev Patel	Amador
Tony Perazzo	Amador
Quoc Pham	He No De Ryu

### Nidan:

Peter Goss	Golden West, Riverside
Scott Hargis	South Coast YMCA
Natalie Laursen	Amador
Jarra Maratea	Amador
Bill Wall	South Coast YMCA

### Sandan

Ken Blaedel	Amador
Lee Firestone	Kaito Gakko
Bill Hawkey	Amador
Donn Hearn	Kaito Gakko
Craig Kutil	Amador

### Yodan:

Ashley Rebmann	Amador
Dave Woodland	Kaishin Kai

### Godan:

Ryan Rebmann	Amador
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### Rokkudan:

Sensei Joe Ristrom	Hombu
Prof. Bryan Stanley	Hombu

### Shichidan:

Prof. Rich Charlebois	Shoshin Ryu Maine
Prof. Ron Jennings	Kaishin Kai
Prof. Roger Medlin	Hombu

## Reunion Awards

### Danzan Ryu Hall of Fame:

Professor Imi Okazaki Mullins

### Instructor of the Year:

Sensei Tom Borr

Sensei Donn Hearn

### Lamplighter Award:

Shihan Fumio Demura

Kolohe Soloman Kaihewalu

### Don Luciani Service Award:

Professor Kevin Dalrymple

### Awards of Thanks and Praise:

Shihan Fumio Demura	Esoteric Principles
Shihan Bud Collyer	Esoteric Principles
Prof. William Fischer	Congressional Award
Prof. Mike Chubb	Congressional Award
Prof. Kevin Dalrymple	Congressional Award
Prof. Jon Jaques	Congressional Award
Rebecca Gallegos	Special Thanks
Paula Diaz	Special Thanks
Mindi Carrasco	Special Thanks
Randy Carrasco	Special Thanks

## Promotion Certificates

If a sensei wants to make a Dan promotion and get a certificate for their student please be aware of the following:

1. All SRY certificates are currently being executed by SRY Registrar Professor Clyde Zimmerman. E-mail: [ProfCZ@aol.com](mailto:ProfCZ@aol.com)

2. Since most of the SRY certificates are forwarded to senseis via the U.S. mail service, it is important for senseis to request the certificate with enough time to get it done.

3. Although we encourage senseis to make their own promotions, based on sound judgement, NO SRY certificates will be created for ranks 6th Dan through 10th Dan without prior approval of Professor Mike Chubb. This is not to say that a sensei cannot make a promotion to one of those ranks, promotion warranted, but SRY will not issue a certificate for that person without prior approval.