

Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Newsletter

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Prof. James L. DeHaven **1937 – 2009**

After a long bout with cancer, James “Big Jim” DeHaven passed away on September 5, 2009, at his home in Custer, South Dakota.

He is survived by his wife Carol, three black belt sons – Rick, Jim, and T.J., and their wives and five grandchildren.

Jim started his study of Danzan Ryu Jujitsu in the early 1980s under the watchful eye of Professor Michael Chubb.

He received his shodan in 1987 and rose to the rank of Rokkudan in 2003.

During his time with Shoshin Ryu, Jim served as “The Hammer” for the Santa Ana Dojo for many years. As “The Hammer” Jim would oversee the nightly 25 cent charge for class, make sure the mats were set out straight and cleaned, and yell “SUMO!!!” anytime someone threw a Sumo Goshi.

He served on the Shoshin Ryu Board of Directors for over a decade and, along with his son Rick, organized the H.S. Okazaki Nationals for many, many years.

Professor Reverend H. Bruce Stokes oversaw Jim’s funeral, which had a final bow out performed by Jim’s sensei Professor Chubb.

It’s hard to say just how many people’s lives Big Jim touched through his involvement with Shoshin Ryu, undoubtedly most of us who were around before Jim and Carol moved to South Dakota have numerous stories about him.

I’m just glad he was my friend.

Aloha, Jim.

Prof. Lamar N. Fisher **1926 – 2009**

AJFF Senior Professor Lamar Fisher passed away on September 10, 2009, in Chico, California.

He grew up in Chico, was a graduate of Chico Senior High School, and received a Bachelor of Arts degree in business from Chico State University. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Pacific Theater.

Professor Fisher received the rank of Judan from the AJFF and lived his life practicing jujitsu. In 1948, he started practicing Jujitsu as student of Professor Bud Estes.

Eventually Professor Fisher taught at the Chico Judo and Jusitsu Academy from 1950 to 1972, achieving the rank of professor in 1956. Professor Fisher taught women's self-defense courses for ten years at Butte College. In 1981, he became school head of the Nibukikan in Chico. Professor Fisher had been the current Senior Professor of the AJFF.

Professor Fisher was inducted in to the Danzan Ryu Hall of Fame in 2000, along with is sensei, Professor Bud Estes.

Professor Fisher is survived by his loving wife of fifty-eight years, Charlotte "Betty" Elizabeth Fisher, and his three sons and their spouses; Dennis and Mary Fisher of Spanish Fork, Utah, Gary and Patricia Fisher of Germantown, Maryland, and Marlan and Gloria Fisher of Chico, California, twelve grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Aloha, Professor

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Yudansha Notes

Thanks

The DeHaven family would like to thank our Shoshin Ryu family for sending the most beautiful flower arrangement for Jim's service. There are no words to express our appreciation or begin to list names for thoughts, prayers, and cards during this past year and half. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Carol;

Rick, Adriana, Michelle, and Sean;

Jim, Brenda, and Brittany;

T.J., Cindy, James, and Bre DeHaven

Upcoming Event

Upcoming Event Hosted by Amador Judo & Jujitsu Studio, Prof. Ray L. Law Memorial Kata Tournament, November 22, 2009, Livermore, California. For more information ask Patricia Rebmann: Popeye2529@aol.com

School Heads Meeting Goes Hi-Tech

For the first time Shoshin Ryu used technology to link people together. With the help of Skype, the recent school heads meeting was a coast-to-coast event. Professor Rich Charlebois was present from Maine and Professor Ron Jennings was present from Washington.

AJF Senior Professor Succession

With the passing of Professor Lamar Fisher, the American Judo and Jujitsu Federation Board of Professors has passed on the title of Senior Professor to Professor Tom Ball. They also created a Sr. Professor's Council and named Professors John Congistre and Jane Carr as advisors to Professor Ball.

Yawara Book On-line

George Arrington has converted his 1993 book on Yawara to a PDF format. You can check out a couple of pages at the following address:

www.danzan.com/HTML/BUY/buyyawara.html

You can buy the e-book from his website. He also has for sale a book on the Mokuroku scroll translation at the same website.

Judge/Referee Certification Course

On September 20, 2009, eighteen black belts went through a full afternoon of rules, rules, and more rules. They tackled randori, sumo, and kata rules. After a slick PowerPoint presentation by Steve Davis, Professor Bill Fischer made an appearance then vanished in Batman fashion. The afternoon concluded with American Shotokan Karate Professor Bud Collyer and Professor Carlos Gallegos explaining the finer points of karate kata. No one left feeling cheated.

Another Upcoming Event

The Jujitsu Kata Contest will be at Braille Institute on Saturday Oct 10. Registration is at 9:30a.m and contest starts at 10:30. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Prof. Carlos Gallegos @ carlosllegos@att.net.

Another Other Upcoming Event

Be there or be square. October 24, 2009, Professor Mike Chubb is going to be at the Downey YMCA for a day of "Shoshin Ryu Arts." A flyer will be forth coming, but the day will contain, a lengthy workout and dinner at Portofinos, a local Italian restaurant. If you need more information, contact Professor Jon Jacques: Jon_Jacques@ca.rr.com

Words of Wisdom

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one." – **George Bernard Shaw** to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one." – **Winston Churchill**, in response.

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it." - *Groucho Marx*

Promotions

Kinder Yellow:

Triston Wood Amador

Jr. Yellow Belt:

Marco Lazzarato Amador
Nickolas Butcher Amador
Brenna Grier Amador

Jr. Adv. Yellow:

Julia Ledesma Amador
Cassandra Dorrance Amador

Jr. Orange:

Dan Ikegami Amador
Kai Ikegami Amador

Jr. Adv. Orange:

Chandler Orluck Amador

Jr. Adv. Green:

Fabiola Valle Amador
Rafael Valle Amador
Xavier Pelican Amador

Jr. Blue:

Avneet Singh Amador
Chaya Bakshi Amador

Jr. Adv. Blue:

Raina Bakshi Amador

Int. Purple:

Charlemagne Pelican Amador
Josie Martinez Amador
Amber Toothman Amador

Int. Adv. Purple:

Ben Singer Amador
Paige Hawkey Amador

Shodan:

Jeff Hagerty Amador
Marysia Gunderson Amador
Bradley Maratea Amador
Michael Mendoza Amador

Nidan:

Jeff Chapman Amador



Amador Black Belts

The Literary Ninja

A Fighter's Heart

Sam Sheridan

345 pages

\$14.00

The subtitle for this book is “One man’s journey through the world of fighting.” It is that and more. In his travels, Sam Sheridan goes from Massachusetts to Thailand to Brazil to Iowa to Oakland to... Along the way he studies and fights in kickboxing, boxing, and MMA. He writes about his training, the people he meets, and his fights, but it is the people he is around that make the book.

In Brazil he trains with the Brazilian Top Team and spends time with Mario Sperry, Rodrigo Nogueira, Murilo Bustamonte, and other top Brazilian fighters. In Iowa he trains with Team Miletich. He spars with Robbie Lawler, Tim Silvia, and others. He works out in Thailand and sleeps in a room with so many bugs that even a mosquito net won’t keep them out.

The only disagreeable part of the book is the chapter on dog fighting. Sam Sheridan does not practice or participate in the activity. He does talk with people who do. His purpose is to better understand fighting and what it means on the most basic level.

On a final note, I read this book in about four days. My wife read it in about three –she reads faster than I do. The point is it is an easy read and super interesting.

On the Literary Ninja’s scale of white to black belt, I give *A Fighter’s Heart* a BROWN belt.

-- *The Literary Ninja*

<p>Kata Contest Saturday, October 10, 2009 At the Braille Institute 527 North Dale, Anaheim, California</p> <p>REGISTRATION STARTS AT 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>CONTEST STARTS AT 10:30 a.m.</p> <p>Contact Professor Carlos Gallegos for more information. carlosllegos@att.net</p>	<p>Shoshin Ryu Arts Clinic Saturday, October 24, 2009 At the Downey YMCA 11531 Downey Ave., Downey, California</p> <p>9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>The cost is to be determined</p> <p>For more information contact Jon Jacques Jon_Jacques@ca.rr.com</p>
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Professor Ray L. Law Memorial Kata Tournament

November 22, 2009

At the Amador Judo and Jujitsu Studio

847 Rincon Avenue, Livermore, California

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