



# Shoshin Ryu Yudanskakai Newsletter

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## A Recap of the Shoshin Ryu Reunion 2015

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Somewhere in the recent past, around August, Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai celebrated its thirtieth reunion weekend. The overall impression left from the weekend was that the people who attended had a good time, learned new things, and spent hours talking jujitsu with other like-minded people.

Among the people who attended Saturday, was 19 year-old Tyler Dorn, a judo student from Kona, Hawaii. "We don't do anything like this at my dojo," he said, "This whole thing is really cool." He started the day going to Professor Clyde Zimmerman's hand techniques class and was impressed. "That was probably the most eye-opening class for me. I learned a lot there."



Professor Zimmerman teaching during his yawara class.

After that class, Tyler went to Professor Steve McMillian's class on "follow-up techniques." Tyler looked at the class in a completely different manner. "We don't throw punches in judo, at least not like that. We do pins, but that class was a whole different level of pain."

Professor Steve Herzog, came from Tucson along with the members of the Kodenkan Yudanshakai to be part of the weekend. Being welcoming hosts, the Clinic Director, Professor Carlos Gallegos, put him to work. Professor Herzog taught a basic nage class, that was both basic and advanced at the same time. He didn't do anything new, he took old ideas and gave them a fresh perspective. "That was the one class I felt really comfortable in," said Tyler, "but he did things I had not done before, that made it fun."

The next class that Tyler attended was Professor Joe Ristrom's Escrima class. Once again Professor Ristrom took an art from outside the realm of Jujitsu and showed how it the training ideas could be applied to Danzan Ryu. He has done this in the past with Tae Kwon Do and Wing Chun. If you were not in that class, you really missed something. Professor Ristrom used the basic "sticky hands" idea from Escrima and showed how the flowing movements can be used to work into Danzan Techniques. "I don't even know what to make of that class," Tyler said. "In judo we don't do anything like that. But I liked what I did."

Obviously the morning and afternoon had a plethora of different classes, taught by wonderful instructors, such as, Sensei Mike Chubb, Professor William Randle, Professor Rich Charlebois – who traveled from Maine, Professors Dave Parker and Irene Swanson from Kodenkan Yudanshakai, Sensei Greg Poretz, and many others.

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McMillian, Medlin, and Chubb sharing a moment to reconnect.

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## Yudansha Notes



Professor Raymundo Suarez. Get well Soon!

### Get Well Raymundo

Many people already know and many people don't, and I'm going to spill the beans.

Professor Raymundo Suarez had a few medical issues in the past year. Those issues have been severe enough that he has been in and out of the hospital for the bet-

ter part of the past six months.

Professor Suarez has been the sensei of the Santa Ana Dojo for the past seventeen years. He has seen his class move from the Jerome Center to the Southwest Senior Center. He has had huge classes and small classes.

Professor Suarez is an

unassuming man. He does not call attention to himself in any way, shape, or form. I have had a the pleasure of working out with him, and the man is as smooth as butter.

Get well Raymundo, Shoshin Ryu needs you on the mat and at the Santa Ana dojo, working out and teaching.

## Membership Time

Every January Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai goes through the same event, our annual membership drive.

One of the questions that gets asked over and over again is "What does membership in Shoshin Ryu do for me?"

It's a good question. First of all, membership in Shoshin Ryu provides funds for Shoshin Ryu events such as the recent 2015 Reunion

Weekend and Awards Banquet. In that case the money went to rent the hotel facilities. The money also was used to provide awards for the three competitions that occurred on Sunday as well the annual awards presented at the Awards banquet.

Shoshin Ryu also provides contests and clinics during the year. Many of the contents and most of the clinics are free or discounted to Shoshin Ryu members.

Those Shoshin Ryu schools with more than ten registered members get a free space on the Shoshin Ryu website to promote their class.

Your membership also provides secondary insurance to help any medical costs that may be incurred in the event of an accident at a Shoshin Ryu dojo.

Finally, Shoshin Ryu is a service organization. Our purpose is to teach Danzan Ryu Jujitsu, to as-

sist those who teach Danzan Ryu Jujitsu, and to recognize those who have come before us. Shoshin Ryu uses the money that comes from membership to promote Danzan Ryu Jujitsu.

The benefits of membership are multi-fold. The form is on page Six of this newsletter. Or you can register on-line at [ShoshinRyu.com](http://ShoshinRyu.com)

Be patient about getting your stuff. It will get to you, eventually.

## Words of Wisdom

"Don't wait for something big to occur. Start where you are, with what you have, and that will always lead you into something greater." - *Mary Manin Morrissey*

"Accept responsibility for your life. Know that it is you who will get you where you want to go, no one else." - *Les Brown (Live Your Dreams)*

"Make sure that your actions and behaviors live up to and reflect the words and ideas, promises and commitments that come out of your mouth." - *Steve Farber*



# 古傳館

# 檀山流

# 家族



## Danzan Ryu Ohana 2016

June 17, 18, 19 & 20th - Sparks, Nevada USA

### Early Bird Pre-Registration Prices

- Main Banquet \$36
- 4 Day Clinic Pass \$59
- Main Banquet + 4 Day Clinic Pass \$95

Register Online @ <http://www.DanzanRyuOhana.org>



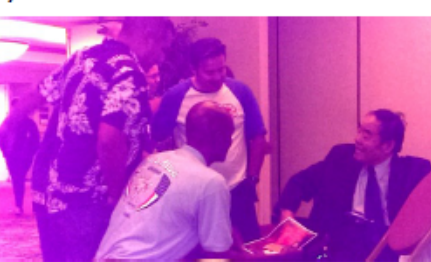
**(REUNION from page ONE)**

Saturday evening reconvened in the hospitality suite. Rather than have the suite in a hotel room, the Holiday Inn provided a conference room. It worked on so many levels. We didn't keep the people in the surrounding rooms awake with hours of comings and goings, door openings and closings, and shouts and laughs. The hospitality room had more than enough chairs to sit in, an entertainment center where the kids watched kung fu movies on Saturday night – the first of which was *The Adventures of Ozzie Twightly* – and more than enough space for people to move about and reconnect.

Sunday was competition day. The morning saw the Karate Kata contest, then the sumo contest, and finally the Doctor Kaito Summer Judo Tournament. The weekend had something for just about everyone. As they always do.

Sunday evening was the final event of the weekend, the annual awards banquet. It was attended by a number of special guests including: Professors Steve Herzog, Irene Swanson, and Dave Parker from Kodokan Yudanshakai, Dr. Mark Bock, Sensei Ron Moore, Ninth Degree Black belt Bradford Namoi, Professor Daniel Saragosa from the AJI, and Shihan Fumio Demura.

The first order of business, after dinner, was to present Professor Clyde Zimmerman with his 2014 plaque for the James L. DeHaven Larger than Life award. Apparently Professor Zimmerman has been underground for the past year and we have not been able to present the award to him.



Fumio Demura surrounded

Shihan Fumio Demura came up to the podium and spoke for a few minutes about his life and the movie that is coming out about him entitled, *The Real Mr. Miyagi*. Among the pearls of wisdom that came from Shihan Demura was "Be nice to your wife." Which made a huge portion of the banquet hall very happy.

The rest of the night was a matter of doing a raffle and handing out awards and promotions. The Raffle was the first one in more than a few years. It included bokken, a sake set, a sword set, and other jujitsu memorabilia. The best winner was the seven year old boy who won the sake set. He's going to have to wait a while before he can use that.

Shoshin Ryu has a number of annual awards that are given to members of the ryu and other notable martial artists. The James L. DeHaven Larger Than Life award was presented to Professor Charles P.K. Lee of the American Jujitsu Institute. The Francisco Limbago Spirit of Kokua Award was given to Professor Jason Spencer also of the American Jujitsu Institute. The Lamplighter Award was given to Eric Hakushi of Kaito Gakko. The Instructor of the year was Sensei Dan Kveen. Finally the Luciani Service Award went to Sensei Michael Whitaker.

Another annual event at the Shoshin Ryu reunion is inducting a noted martial artist into the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame. This year that distinction went to Professor Vinson Holck. Professor Holck has been studying martial arts essentially since birth. His father Dai-shihan Joseph Holck studied with Professor Okazaki and was one of the founders of Kajukenbo. It would take of the rest of this page and the next to list all the accolades associated with Professor Vinson Holck. Suffice to say, he deserves to be in the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame.

Sensei Mike Chubb along with his brother Professor Dave Chubb presented Fumio Demura with a proclamation from the City of Santa Ana for his distinguished service as a martial arts instructor. Sensei Demura has been teaching at the same location for nearly fifty years and has affect thousands of lives. Among those people are Shoshin Ryu's own Professor Len Riley and Professor Dave Chubb.

No banquet goes past without a few promotions; this banquet was no different. To begin with, Professor Carlos Gallegos promoted Sensei Leo Lopez to yodan. Then Professor Rich Charlebois from Maine Shoshin Ryu promoted Amy Charlebois to nidan. Professor Ron Jennings from Kaishinkai in Washington promoted Dave Woodland to Godan and Professor Sue Jennings to Rokkudan. The Last man at the podium was Sensei Mike Chubb who promoted Kenna Chubb to Nidan, Mike Archer to Nidan, Chris Chubb to Sandan, Professor Carlos Gallegos to Hachidan, Professor Steve McMillian to Hachidan, and Professors Roy Center and Clyde Zimmerman to Judan. To finish off the night Sensei Chubb presented both Professor Center and Professor Zimmerman a Proclamation from the Governor of Nevada congratulating them on reaching the milestone of Judan.

With that the 2015 Shoshin Ryu Reunion Weekend was over. Hopefully those in attendance will have memories that they can keep for the rest of their lives.





# Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai



## Membership form

Please check one: \_\_\_\_\_ New member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (MI) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: M / F Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ Dojo affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor \_\_\_\_\_ Your current rank \_\_\_\_\_

Dues/ fees: \$25.00 per year for children, \$30.00 per year for adult kyu ranks, and \$40.00 for dan ranks. Membership dues include mandatory liability and supplemental medical insurance. Membership is for the current calendar year from January 1 through December 31.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parental consent if under 18 years \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: **SRY Membership**  
**26621 Brandon**  
**Mission Viejo, CA 92692**

Please enclose your check payable to Shoshin Ryu



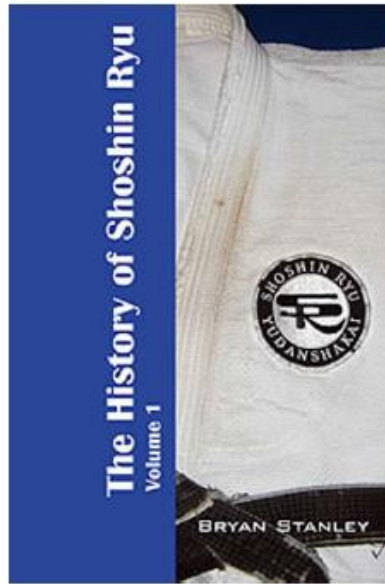
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## The History of Shoshin Ryu, Vol. I

The History of Shoshin Ryu is now available on Amazon.com and on the OutskirtsPress websites. It took nine months to write and was produced through countless interviews with Professors Mike Chubb, Bill Fischer, Len Riley, Jon Jacques, Kevin Dalrymple, Steve McMillan, Roger Medlen, and a host of others. For some it will be a trip down memory lane, for others it will be an essential part of understanding the roots of Shoshin Ryu.

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## Promotions

### 10th Kyu:

Elijah Reboloso BCJC

### 9th Kyu:

Violet Armstrong BCJC

Samantha Medrano BCJC

### 8th Kyu:

Luke Dickinson BCJC

### 7th Kyu:

Kyle Chapman BCJC

A.J. Armstrong BCJC

Maeli McNary BCJC

Carolanne Coe BCJC

### 5th Kyu:

Jordan Quintana BCJC

### 1st Kyu:

Aaron Archer BCJC

### 1st Dan:

Gunner Gatlin BCJC

### 2nd Dan:

Denzil F. Mooney BCJC

## A Parting Shot



So what's the story here?

- A) Steve Davis is having a stroke.
- B) Kevin Dalrymple just said something really dumb.
- C) Steve Davis is channeling the spirit of a thirteen year-old girl.