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Recapping Ohana 2014

By

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Thank you, Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and Kilohana Martial Arts Association for making Ohana 2014 a good time. All the time spent organizing and planning the event showed. It went off without a hitch. Congratulations on putting on a first class event.

It is hard to say if Ohana 2014 started on Friday night or Saturday morning. Friday night was the first event, the 75th anniversary celebration of the American Jujitsu Institute. They had stuff, they had awards, and they had promotions. It was a real good celebration.

One of the most interesting things was a table that was used to present artifacts from the history of the AJI. It has newsletters from the forties. With such notable stories as "Take a look at Andy's New Belt." The fun thing about the newsletters was the names in them: Tony Gonzalez, Jack Wheat, John Cahill, and Ray Law for example.



"The Boards" the originals from Professor Okazaki's dojo.

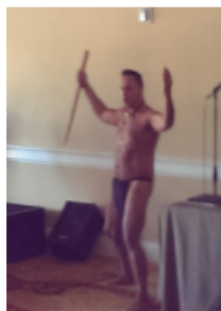
Then the AJI also had "The Boards." They were probably the most photographed item of the entire night. The AJI brought over the original boards that Professor Okazaki had on the wall of his dojo. Professor Mel Cansibog told the story of how they went from place to place and eventually ended up on a shelf in Professor Limbago's garage. They are safe now and are a part of Danzan Ryu history. Hopefully, someday, the AJI will open its archives to we can see all the historical artifacts from their seventy-five years.

The ceremony for the 75th anniversary started with a blessing by Professor Kai Li, who gave a brief explanation of the Hawaiian word "HA" which means "Breath of life." He went on to explain how the word fits in ALOHA and HAOLE. Then he did an impressive Hawaiian blessing that made more than a few people say, "Wow!"

After that Professor Dan Saragosa came forward to make award presentations. Among the various awards were certificates of appreciation to Senseis Randy Carrasco for his work on the Doctor Kaito Judo Tournament and Lee Firestone for his work with the Braille Institute. The AJI gave a certificate of appreciation to Professor Bob McKean for his work on Ohana 2014. There were many others to a whole host of worthy recipients.

The final part of the night was the promotions. Again there were many most of whom were part of the AJI. A few of the promotions went to members who also had Shoshin Ryu membership or were part of Shoshin Ryu history. Professor Sue Jennings promoted Peter Barnhill to nidan. Professor Ron Jennings promoted David Woodley to godan. Other promotions went to Ramon Gallegos and Randy Carrasco, both of whom were promoted to Rokkudan. O-Sensei Glenn Medici, was promoted to Hachidan.

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Prof. Kai Li giving the blessing.

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Trinity Lutheran Church
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Riverside, CA .
Mon & Thurs 6—8:30

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Sat. Morn. 8:45—11:00



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**Speaking of O-Sensei
Medici**

O-Sensei Glenn Medici was at Ohana 2014. He taught a clinic and was his general affable self. It was nice to see him considering just a few months ago he had undergone heart surgery. He told this reporter that he had been walking

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three or more miles a day, doing pushups, and was well on his way to getting back on the mat.

**Class Changes At
Golden West Dojo**

Sensei Mike Whitaker, the chief instructor of the Golden West Dojo, has announced that he will be expanding his do-

jo. The new class will meet in Riverside on Mondays and Thursdays. That means that Sensei Whitaker will be traveling in two different directions each week. One night in Westminster and the other the complete opposite direction. Maybe at the next banquet we should auction off a new set of tires.

Golden West Dojo of Riverside

By
Sensei Mike Whitaker

It has been four-and-a-half years since we have had a dojo open in Riverside. Over these past years there has been expressed interest in reopening a dojo back in Riverside. Current students have been loyal to drive from Riverside to Westminster in carpools and often alone. They set out to make the hour

long one-way journey, through heavy traffic on the 91 and the 22 freeways, just to work out and experience the camaraderie that exists on the mat.

It has always been my desire to reopen a Golden West Riverside. Many thanks go to Sensei Dale Evola, who was a primary component in getting Golden West Dojo of Riverside re-opened.

On July 7th we had our first workout in its new

location. Seventeen people attended and among them were Sensei Mike Chubb and Sensei Chris Chubb. As always, Sensei shared his wisdom, life long experience, and love for this art.

We have a Facebook page where people can get updates about the dojo. Reopening GWDR is only step one in our overall plan for continuing to teach and spread the techniques of Professor Okazaki.

Words of Wisdom



"Boredom is the feeling that everything is a waste of time; serenity, that nothing is." —

Thomas Szasz

"Always remember that you're unique, just like everyone else." - Anonymous

"There are only two mistakes one can make along the road to truth; not going all the way, and not starting." - Buddha

"Humor is mankind's greatest blessing." — Mark Twain



Another Conversation with Sensei

By
Myron Dixon

Recently, I had the opportunity to travel with Sensei Chubb to Tucson, Arizona, over the Memorial Day weekend, and work out with the folks from Kodenkan Yudanshakai. The six-hour return trip gave me ample time to question our leader on various topics. One such topic that has been raised within the Danzan Ryu community as of late is the question of standardizing the requirement for “Professor.”

A. I suppose it was inevitable.

Q. I’m sorry, what did you say?

A. I said, “I suppose it was inevitable,” that someone would consider the differences between the several organizations on when the title of “Professor” is conferred and what is required to achieve it.

Q. But, how did you know I was...

A. There’s no mystery, Myron. Last night at dinner you mentioned the subject and I said that there are times when we should mind our own business. That apparently didn’t mollify you at the time and I suspected you would want to discuss it further. This morning, you are sitting here staring at your notes from the weekend while your finger is tracing the word “professor.”

Q. What are the requirements?

A. Good question. Some would say it is based upon one’s morals and ethics. Others believe it is earned through technical skill and tenure. And still, others believe it is a combination of all of these elements. Adding to the confusion is the question of whether it is awarded automatically or as a separate acknowledgement. Currently, there is no uniformity within the several groups with respect to the title.

Q. What is your position?

A. Kodenkan Yudanshakai does not use the term. Instead, they use the term “Shihan.”

Q. What is your position on this issue?

A. I’ve already stated it: There are times when we should mind our own business.

Q. No, I mean what do you use as a yardstick when awarding the title?

A. Actually, I award the title automatically with the rank of Godan. Someone who has been in the system for that length of time, has reached that level of skill, and has revealed his/her character through service and devotion, certainly qualifies for that singular distinction in my book.

Q. If the various organizations come to an agreement on the qualifications for “Professor” would you abide by them?

A. No.

Q. Don’t you think there should be consistency within the Danzan Ryu community?

A. Certainly, for those that need it.

Q. And, you don’t?

A. Look, there was only one “Professor” and his name was Henry Seishiro Okazaki. He died in 1951 and, as far as I’m concerned, so did the title. Let us honor him for his uniqueness and quit trying to make ourselves into his image. When I heard of the discussion about standardizing the title I decided then and there that I would give up the title rather than let it divide us further. We should be grateful to have had the opportunity to learn this great system and, with some of us, the good fortune to teach it to others. We should be satisfied to be called “sensei.” I think there should be only two titles: “Sensei,” for those teaching at their own dojo, and “Mister” or “Ma’am,” for those holding the black belt rank.

Q. When would you begin this practice?

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After the last promotion was made, the AJI's 75th anniversary was effectively over. It was a nice way to start the Ohana weekend and the members of the AJI deserved to take the spot light for a little while and celebrate their longevity.

The day of clinics started at 8:30 on Saturday morning with the introduction of the instructors. It was an impressive array. The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and the Kilohana Martial Arts Association took a lot of time to make sure that every organization was represented and that there was a varied selection of clinics was available. The clinics themselves started at 9:00 and to look around the room, at hundreds of clinic attendees, was a testament to viability of Danzan Ryu.

More than a few people were drenched in sweat. Those same people also had smiles on their faces. It could be sadism; it could be masochism. It does make a statement about how causing pain to someone else and having them give you pain, brings people closer together, but on some weird level makes everyone happy. Maybe it was what Professor Bill Fischer once said to me, "You can learn a lot more about someone from five minutes on the mat than you can in hours of conversation." Could it be that beating the snot out of each other is like a caveman way of introducing ourselves?



In a different move, the classic Ohana format was changed for the banquet. In the past the banquet was held on Sunday night after Sunday's contest. In 2014 they held the banquet on Saturday night and it turned out that it was a nice way to do the weekend. Having it like that offered very little down time after the clinics, and kept the weekend moving along.

The banquet had a fair share of memorable moments. Perhaps the most impressive was when Alberta Jay, did a hula to show her gratitude for the recognition of Bernice Jay, her mother, to the title of Professor by all the Danzan Ryu organizations.

It was a banquet packed with notable promotions and awards. It would take quite a bit of time to go through all of them, so here are a few of the highlights.

The American Jujitsu Institute presented Professor Rory Rebmann with a Phd for Jujitsu. They then awarded Ramon Gallegos the AJI instructor of the year award and Professor Kevin Dalrymple the Sam S. Luke award.

Next Shoshin Ryu presented its promotions and awards for the year. Those receiving promotions were Sensei Peter Barnhill to nidan and Sensei David Woodyly to godan. Other promotions were for Professors Barbara Gessner, John Tessier, and Owen Gallagher to shichidan, and the recognition of Professor John Medlen to shichidan. The next order of business was to hand out awards. Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai made the following presentations: the Instructor of the Year award to Sensei Dave Wojick, the Jim DeHaven Larger than Life award to Professor Clyde Zimmerman, the Lamplighter award to Professor Gary Jones, and the Luciani Service Award to Professor Len Riley.



Prof. Harold Akira
Horiuchi

The Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame was created by Shoshin Ryu as a way to celebrate the significant achievements of those people who have spent a lifetime studying Danzan Ryu Jujitsu. This year Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai inducted two people into the Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame Professor Harold Akira Horiuchi and Professor Bob Krull. It was an honor to be the person who inducted Professor Horiuchi into the Hall of Fame, and one that I will not forget.

The Pacific Jujitsu Alliance made a number of promotions and handed out a few awards. They awarded Sensei Robert Kunkel their Distinguished Service Award. Also Professor Bob McKean was promoted to Hachidan, and, in a very moving gesture, the members of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance presented him with Professor Bob Krull's belt.

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Finally the Kilohana Martial Arts Association made their presentations for the banquet. The promotions were mostly to shichidan and hachidan, and among them were Professors Bob McKean and Russel Coelho to hachidan.

The last presentation of the night went to Professor Herb Lague. The members of the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and the Kilohana Martial Arts Association gave him a ball and chain with the number 2016 painted on it. All together fitting since Professor Lague is going to be organizing the next Ohana set for Reno, Nevada.

Ohana was not finished on Saturday Night. Sunday morning brought out the prepared. It was contest time and all those teams who practiced and practiced for the chance to be crowned National Champion came with their best techniques polished and ready.

It was, as always, a great event. Both junior students and senior students put on quite a display of Danzan Ryu. Techniques were sharp and combat scenes were like watching a 3-D version of Fists of Fury. All the competitors should be proud of their efforts, regardless of place or scores.

For those hearty jujitsuka with more energy to burn, the other side of the hall had still more clinics to attend. Shoshin Ryu's Professor Jon Jacques taught a clinic on Sunday morning which was well attended and a good time for all.

With that Ohana 2014 ended. As usual, the people who showed up had a memorable time. The clinics, the banquet, and the contest were all first rate. The organizers from the Pacific Jujitsu Alliance and the Kilohana Martial Arts Association are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to making Ohana 2014 a success.



Professor Herb Lague and the 2016 ball and chain.

More Pictures from Ohana 2014



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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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Peter Barnhill KaishinKai

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Shichidan:

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Prof. Jon Tessier West Coast
Prof. Barbara Gessener Rutgers Jujitsu Club
Prof. John Medlen Quiet Storm Jujitsu

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A. I already have. From now on I will not confer the title "Professor" to any future students I promote to 5th Dan and above and I will endeavor to ask those whom already are so titled how they prefer to be addressed. And, I no longer add the prefix when I sign hombu certificates. Problem solved.

Q. What do you call Professor Randle?

A. Sensei.

Q. If Professor Randle called you Professor Chubb, would you correct him?

A. I am what Sensei says I am. Usually, he calls me "boy." Make no mistake: for those of us holding the title it is as if a mill stone was hung around our necks. The higher in rank one goes, the greater the responsibility and the lower the head is bowed.

Q. Do you think others will follow your lead?

A. That's not for me to say; we each take different paths in our journey. We truly are the sum of our knowledge and experiences.

