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Larger than Life: Professor Bud Collyer

By Professor William Fischer, Esq.

In 2011, a new award was created by Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai to honor the life and achievements of the late Prof. James L. DeHaven. For anyone who knew "Big Jim," as he was universally known, the name of the honor, The "Professor James L. DeHaven Larger Than Life Award" was seemingly redundant. To select its first honoree would appear to be an almost daunting task for anyone, as these types seem to shy from the limelight. Notwithstanding this, the award's first recipient was found, hiding in plain sight.

Maurice H. "Bud" Collyer first became associated with the martial arts at age 5 while growing up in the tiny town of Milo, Iowa, about 30 miles south of Des Moines. He was characterized as "a handful," which was saying some when describing a Midwest preach-

er's kid. His father had heard about a man who was informally teaching boxing out of his garage and young Collyer was put into the impromptu class. As fun as it was, it did not provide the discipline which was needed.

In 1950, when Bud reached the age of 10, the Collyer family moved from Iowa to Anaheim, California. In looking for a continuation of his boxing activities, Bud came upon a Mr. Clark at the Anaheim YMCA who was teaching something called "aikido," and he began its study. 2 years later, he met judo sensei John Ogden, whose dojo was located on Cherry Avenue in Long Beach, and he trained under Ogden Sensei for the next 3 years.

It was then that Bud's passion for martial arts literally "kicked in," when a demonstration of Okinawan



Professor Bud Collyer (right) next to Shihan Fumio Demura (left)

karate was held at the Ogden dojo. Bud was fascinated by the art; however, being unable to drive, he had to rely on rides to practice from his father and others. He made inquiries and learned of a man by the name of Dan Ivan who had a karate school on 4th Street in Santa Ana. He began training under

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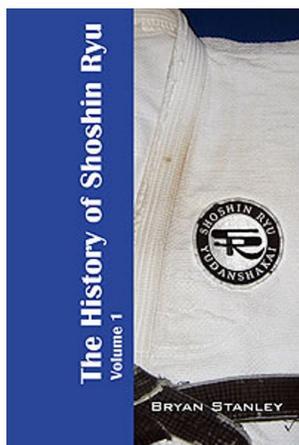
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The History of Shoshin Ryu: Vol. 1

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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"I can't wait for people to see the new Shoshin Ryu website. They are going to love it." — Professor Carlos Gallegos

New Website on-line soon

Shoshin Ryu is going to be up to on the cutting edge of cyberspace. The new website is going to have all the bells and whistles – maybe all the links and content – of the best martial arts sites on the internet. We will be linked in to Facebook, Tumblr, and other social media programs.

One of the most exciting things about the new website will be the

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new on-line membership capabilities. Yes, we are moving into the modern age. You will now be able to get that membership without using a postage stamp. We're moving up.

Ohana 2012 Update

In three short months, Ohana 2012 will be in full swing. From July 6 through July 9 the latest edition of Danzan Ryu's greatest event will take

place in Honolulu, Hawaii. It is shaping up to be an event that you will not want to miss. For all the pertinent information, go to <http://ohana2012.americanjitsuinstitute.org/>

and get all the forms and information you need. If you are having trouble with your plans, use Mor's Travel, the official Ohana 2012 travel agency, to get to Hawaii. Be sure to contact Olivia S. Lewin at (808) 672-8844.

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For more information contact:
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Black Belt Weekend Planned

On May 26 and 27, the Amador Jujitsu and Judo studio will be hosting the first official Black Belt Weekend in Shoshin Ryu history. The day-and-a-half event will offer three sessions of activities focusing mostly on the advanced boards. Classes will be instructed by Judan and Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame member Professor

Rory Rebmann; Professor Kevin Dalrymple, Hachidan; and others. The cost of the event is \$50.00 for Shoshin Ryu members and \$75.00 for non-members. It should turn out to be a great time.

The Amador Judo and Jujitsu Studio is located at 847 Rincon Avenue, Livermore, California, 94551. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Professor

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or by e-mail at ProfReb@aol.com. You can also contact Professor Bryan Stanley at Srynews-letter@aol.com for information.

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Words of Wisdom

"People often say that this or that person has not yet found himself. But the self is not something one finds, it is something one creates." — *Thomas Szasz*

"The quickest way to double your money is to fold it in half and put it back in your pocket." — *Anonymous*

"I choose my friends for their good looks, my acquaintances for their good characters, and my enemies for their intellects. A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies." — *Oscar Wilde*

"Three things cannot be long hidden: the sun, the moon, and the truth." — *Buddha*



The Importance of Keeping Up-to-Date

By Professor Len Riley

I think my reaction to the following event is a direct result of the training that was instilled in all of us in Shoshin Ryu from the time we first qualified to get our black belts. Mike Chubb made it a requirement for each of us to learn and be certified in first aid and CPR. Most of us kept the training up to date, and now we require the same of our black belt students.

That being said, I was at the Saddleback YMCA one Friday night in November 2011, setting up the mats and preparing to get class started. One of the parents came running to the doorway of the class and said there was a guy on the floor that might be having a stroke.

I dropped everything and told that person to call 911 and to tell me when the paramedics are on the way.

I rushed around the corner to find a convulsing man on the floor. He was not breathing in a regular pattern, just gasping every few seconds. I checked for other injuries and tried to communicate with him. He was unresponsive. His friend, with whom the victim had been playing racquet ball, gave me the victim's name and some information as I worked.

I felt for a pulse and did not find one. I checked for breathing. He no longer struggled for breath, he had stopped breathing altogether. The pool lifeguard showed up and I had him bring the first aid kit and AED.

Then I started chest compressions.

The lifeguard brought the kit, and I asked him to retrieve the rescue breathing mask. I instructed him to start breathing for the patient in between my sets of compressions. I stopped periodically to see if a pulse returned. After about 5 minutes, I still did not feel a pulse so I stopped and connected the AED.

The machine delivered a shock and then paused. It delivered a second shock and then instructed to resume compressions.

About twenty minutes into this situation, the paramedics arrived and started an IV, stuck a breathing tube in the man's throat, and relieved me of the chest compressions. I got out of their way. The paramedic's heart monitor machine showed that the heart suddenly started beating and the patient was now able to breath on his own again. He did not regain consciousness, but he was stable. The paramedics transported him to the local hospital.

I checked in with the hospital the next day and found that he had survived.

I feel honored that I was able to respond with the training I learned, and I know if I had not been a part of Shoshin Ryu and had the importance of this type of training drummed into me since the start of my jujitsu training, I would not have been able to help save this man's life.

It is great feeling to know I was a part of this, and I wanted to share it with our martial arts brothers and sisters who might think they may never use their training.

Just a side note, this heart attack victim is five years younger than me. I made all my black belts renew their training, because the next time it might be one of our students or me on that floor.



Professor Len Riley at a clinic in 2009.

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Ivan Sensei in 1958, riding his bicycle to and from his home in Anaheim.

The Santa Ana dojo was a vortex, drawing in the talent and expertise from all over Southern California. Master Hidetaka Nishiyama (1928-2008), one of the pioneers of Shotokan karate in America, would come to the dojo to teach. Later, Master Tsutomu Oshima of Shotokan Karate of America, would also come in from time to time to instruct.

It was in 1964 or 1965 that Bud was asked to take over instruction at the dojo while sensei Ivan went over to Japan with the hope of finding another sensei to bring over. When he returned, he brought with him the winner of the 1961 All Japan Kumite (sparring) Championship named Fumio Demura. At that time, Bud was living at the dojo with another advanced student, Frank Noel. Senseis Ivan and Demura would teach the Tuesday-Thursday advanced classes and Bud would handle intermediate and below.

Six months after sensei Demura came to the United States, a pivotal happenstance changed Bud's life direction. The Santa Ana Police Department would require that their officers complete a 6 week 'defensive tactics' course under Mr. Ivan (who, as a U.S. Army C.I.D. agent in Japan, included down-and-dirty street survival into the repertoire). A captain on the department by the name of Jordan asked Bud to take the police officer exam. Santa Ana needed police officers and the written test was administered each Saturday.

Although Bud had selected his future vocation to be that of a karate instructor, he had decided that he could likely modify both schedules to dove-tail with each other. At the end of the selection process, he was offered a position as a City of Santa Ana police officer.

As part of the academy process, Bud was required to attend a course described as "weaponless defense," taught by local special agents of the F.B.I. What they were teaching, however, was charitably described as woefully ineffective. The instructing FeeBee took some exception to Bud's comments about this and invited him to come out in front of the class and "put his money where his mouth was." As it would happen, it was not Bud's mouth but the agent's nose that was drastically modified. The second agent, now charged with teaching the class, asked Bud to take it over.

Bud was with sensei Ivan from 1958 through 1969. By then, sensei Demura had taken over the classes. He now had a command of the English language and became more confident with it. During this time, in 1966, Bud was asked to take over a class in Laguna Beach and get it established for the new sensei there. From there, Bud went on to establish the Westminster school (just down the street from the bar frequented by the Hessian motorcycle gang). When Bud's schedule as a police officer conflicted with teaching, his colleague, George Garcia, would pinch-hit for him.

During the 1960's and 1970's, Bud competed actively against the premiere competitors in Southern California, among them Caylor Adkins, Don DePree, Frank Smith, Takashi Aoki and Jim Yabe. Other groups, headed by Chuck Norris and Mike Stone, also would regularly mix it up with the Orange County contingent.

As conflicts became more frequent, Bud realized that he could not continue his martial arts career at the same time that he was required to be a street cop with shifts at any time. He resigned the Santa Ana Police Department and joined the Orange County Marshal's Office in 1968, providing courtroom security during the day in order to keep his nights free.

Bud's stint with the Marshal's Office was short lived, however. Sergeant Ed Parker of the Garden Grove Police Department, one of Bud's students, was transferring to the newly formed Fountain Valley Police Department, and recruited Bud for a slot as a patrol officer. Bud stayed with Fountain Valley, first as (See **Collyer**, on page SIX)



Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame

Professor Louise Imiko Okazaki-Mullins

Inducted 2008

Louise Imiko Okazaki was born on October 10, 1938, and was the youngest daughter of Professor Henry Seishiro Okazaki. She began practicing jujitsu with her sisters Betty and Myrtle when she was a child. Their father taught them jujitsu and massage techniques from the very beginning of their training.

Imi and her sisters also learned jujitsu from Iwalani Tanaka and Jackie Wong. In the early sixties, the

three of them studied with Keiko Fukuda, the highest ranked female judoka in the Kodokan.

Imi taught both Kodokan and Danzan Ryu techniques until 1970 when she had to retire for health reasons. In 1993, Professor Clyde Zimmerman encouraged Imi to come out of retirement and return to teaching. In 1994, Professor Mullins was promoted to Godan and Professor by Shoshin Ryu.

She was an ardent supporter of Danzan Ryu and would appear at nearly any

reunion where her father was honored. In 2004 she was promoted to Shichidan, seventh degree, by Shoshin Ryu.

At numerous Shoshin Ryu reunions Professor Mullins taught Fujin Goshin No-Maki and was always on hand with her big smile and wonderful spirit.

Professor Imi Mullins went in for surgery and the surgeons ran into complications associated with her procedure. She passed away on January 5, 2008.



Professor Imi Mullins and her usual room brightening smile.

April 14, 2012: Sumo Contest

Twenty-seven junior students from dojos around southern California, put their sumo talents on display on April 14. It was typical "Ram, Bam, Bump, and Smush" action symbolic of a hard fought sumo tournament.

Results:

6-7 A Division

Jagger Mills

Marshall Mills

6-7 B Division

Danny Morones
Kate Neglia
Garret Liao

8-9 A Division

Mackenzie Davis
Diego Morones
Zakery Langford

10-11 A Division

Katrina Liao
Angel Gomez
Erin Neglia

10-11 B Division

Angelica Loya
Adam Sharif Hasim
Coley Carey

12-13 A Division

Andrew Longmore
Kaylene Davis
Cailee Taylor/Braeden Bailey

15 A Division

Stacy Rios
Daniel Romero
Lidia Rios

16-17 A Division

Hector Jarequi
Kimberly O'campo
Manuel Wibauo

16-17 B Division

Jason Arias
Javier Luna

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Promotions

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Aiden Murray BCJC

Gage Pearson BCJC

Peyton Pearson BCJC

Gokyu:

Gunner Gatlin BCJC

Yonyu:

Fritz Vanderford BCJC



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a police officer and then as a firefighter/paramedic, from 1970 to 1975.

Fate is often something of a coin-flip, and so it was with one of Bud's senior students. Around 1971, Dave Chubb had just got out of the service and was lying around the pool of his condominium in Fountain Valley when his brother, Mike, chided him about 'less than manly figure,' brought on by post-service inactivity and suggesting that some exercise might be in order. After a short walk by his fingers through the Yellow Pages, Dave hustled northbound up Brookhurst Street. A right turn on 17th Street would take him to Bob White's kenpo karate studio, while a left turn on Bolsa Avenue would take him to another style of karate. Dave turned left, driving to the Shotokan karate studio where he first met sensei Bud Collyer and beginning a 40+ year journey of study and friendship. It was about this same time that Bud had parted from Dan Ivan, giving birth to a new organization, American Shotokan Karate.

Having dodged the bullet (literally) as a policeman for so many years, Bud was not so fortunate in his firefighter role. He broke his neck in the line of duty and was off for over 6 months to heal. He returned to work, only to have a second accident, breaking the same 3 vertebrae in the neck. In 1975, he was forced to go on disability leave. While recovering from his injuries, Dave Chubb and other senior students took over the teaching assignments at the dojo.

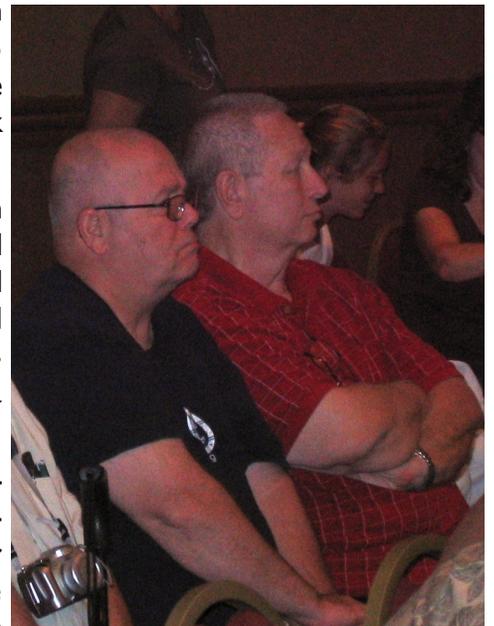
In 1976, Bud approached Mike Chubb with a request to take over the baton class at Golden West College. Teaching responsibilities had increased and time had become limited. Mike agreed and was later asked to take over the self defense class at Golden West, an opportunity that would result in drawing fledgling students destined to become the core of Shoshin Ryu's senior instructors.

As happens with many true martial artists who saw competition points and back-stabbing politics overshadow the quest for technical excellence and moral perfection, Bud had become somewhat disillusioned with the state of affairs in karate going into the 1990's, and he began to back away from active participation, which gave him more time to devote to his wife and two sons. His students would not let him leave completely and Bud would dutifully be involved once or twice a week as he always had: teaching and leading by example.

Although his path had crossed many times over the decades with that of Danzan Ryu jujitsu in Southern California, a more formal and permanent connection had not yet been established. In 2004, he had occasion to attend a Shoshin Ryu weekend with Dave Chubb and thereby became reacquainted and reinvested with martial arts in general and karate in particular, lending his expertise to the karate kata competition, which has continued to the present.

The "*DeHaven Larger Than Life Award*" recognizes great accomplishments, to be sure but, more importantly, it recognizes the life-long investment of a teacher in his students, inspiring them along their martial arts journey and motivating them to great heights. It is the rare martial artist with the mental and spiritual stamina to persevere with this dedication, decade after decade.

Mahalo, Bud.



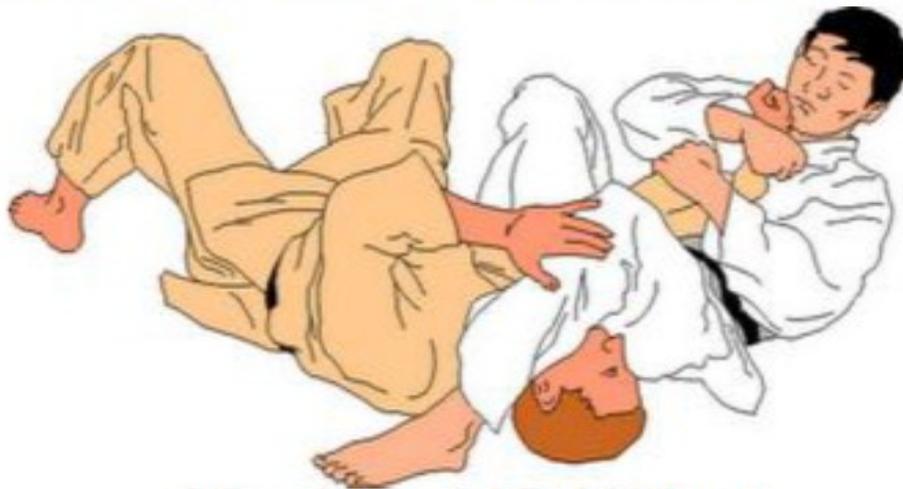
Professor Collyer (right) seated next to Professor Dave Chubb (left).



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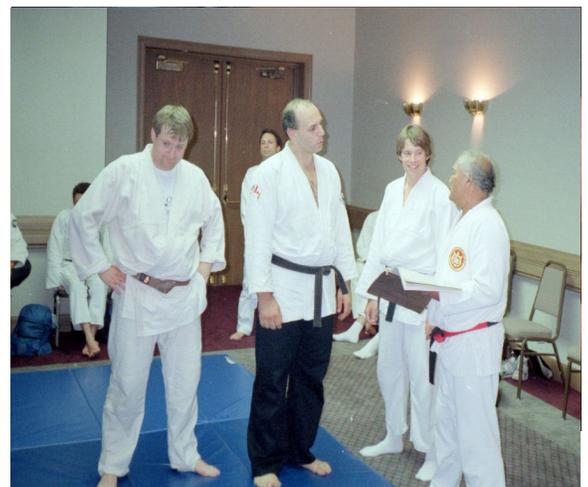


A Look at the past through pictures

It may be a little difficult to decide what his picture is about, but obviously four people are having a discussion. From the looks of it, Dave Harvill, furthest left, is distracted or uninterested. Rich Charlebois has professor Professor Limbago's attention about some technique, probably Oku. In between the discussion is Roger Medlen, who looks as if he is waiting for something to happen, so he can either pile on or run away.

The question is where are they now? Dave Harvill

no longer practices Danzan Ryu, he lives in Seal Beach and is quite happy. Rich Charlebois lives in Maine and is the chief instructor of Shoshin Ryu Maine in Waterville. Roger Medlen is living in Tempe, Arizona, runs a dojo at the Tempe YMCA, and just recently ran the Catalina Marathon, because he's crazy. Finally, Professor Limbago passed away in 2005.



Dave Harvill, Rich Charlebois, Roger Medlen, and Professor Francisco Limbago having a discussion about an Oku Technique at the 1991 Shoshin Ryu Reunion.