



Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Newsletter

Vol. 39, Issue 1
Winter 2021

"It's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up." – *Vince Lombardi*

In this issue:

Membership – Page One
Ohana 2022 – Page One
Words of Wisdom – Page Two
Blast from the Past – Page Two
SRY Promotion Policy – Pg Two
Membership Time – Page Three
Membership Form – Page Four
On-Line Clinic – Page Five
Keep Your Chin Up – Page Five

Membership Extension

2020 was a rough year. It was just as rough on Shoshin Ryu as it was on every organization in the Danzan Ryu world. Shoshin Ryu was not able to provide the kind of services for our members that we like, no contests, no clinics, and no reunion. 2020 was pretty bleak.

That does not mean that 2021 is going to be same way. The Shoshin Ryu Board of Directors would like to make 2021 a little bit better. It was a decision of the board to honor the 2020 memberships of all kyu ranks for 2021. To make that clearer, all kyu ranks who paid for a Shoshin Ryu membership in 2020, your 2020 membership is good until December 31, 2021.

We hope that this will brighten your day a little and help those who might be struggling to make ends meet.

Ohana 2022

It is never too soon to think about Ohana, Danzan Ryu's biennial event. No one will fault the AJI for cancelling 2020's Ohana. They had to. There was no way to pull it off. The entire situation was just sad. We were all looking forward to going to Hawaii.

2022 is just around the corner. It is, because it will follow 2021. Not that we should write off 2021, the year just started, let's give it a chance.

Jujitsu America is going to put on the '22 Ohana at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Foster City, California. It will be from Friday, July 29, until Sunday, July 31. When it finally arrives, it will be the first time in four years that we will be able to see our Danzan Ryu brethren from around the nation. It will be fun.

If you travel with the family, remember that the San Francisco Bay area is one of the most diverse and interesting places in the United States. It provides a nearly endless amount of entertainment and fun. If you have not been to the Crowne Plaza before, it is a half-hour away from the Great America Amusement Park, again, fun for the entire family.

Professor Richard Bunch and the JA membership are going to work hard to make Ohana '22 a noteworthy event that will offer a good time, good learning, and good contests. They are planning out the schedule of events – clinics, banquet, and contests – and doing their best to make sure that all aspects of Danzan Ryu are represented.

By being there, we will ensure Ohana '22 is a success. More information will be forthcoming.



Words of Wisdom

"If you are working on something that you really care about, you don't have to be pushed. The vision pulls you." – *Steve Jobs*

"Security is mostly a superstition. Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." – *Helen Keller*

"Things work out best for those who make the best of how things work out." – *John Wooden*



A Blast from the Past



Let's all sing, "I was so much older then, I'm younger than that now."

This picture was taken at the 1986 Shoshin Ryu Reunion. It is Sensei Mike Chubb presenting Steve McMillan with his nidan promotion. What you don't know is that a Lebanese Polka band is playing on the other side of that partition at 150 decibels, and we could not hear what Sensei Chubb was saying, so no one knew to what rank Steve was being promoted.

Shoshin Ryu Promotion Policy

The Shoshin Ryu Board of Directors voted to change our promotion policy. The policy will read as follows: "Promotions for dan ranks are the responsibility of individual senseis. Senseis can promote up to their rank. Dan promotions are based on continuing membership and service to Shoshin Ryu."

This was given much thought and discussion. The reasoning for this policy is explained below.

Way back in the early '70s, Sensei Mike Chubb was tired of having to ask the AJJF Board if he could promote a student to shodan and beyond. His belief was that this is my student, I taught them, if I think they are a black belt, I'll vouch for them, that is all that is necessary. So, he went his own way, as the years progressed, he promoted his students to black belt as he saw fit.

(Continued on page **THREE**)



(Promotion Policy, continued from page TWO)

In the mid-1980s, Shoshin Ryu grew. Those students who Sensei Chubb promoted, went on to form their own dojos. Since they were loyal to their sensei, before they promoted a black belt, they would usually talk with Sensei Chubb, who did nothing more than say, "Ah, wonderful."

The growth of Shoshin Ryu was not limited to Sensei Chubb's students. Black belts who had learned in other organizations, some with different styles of martial arts, started joining Shoshin Ryu. These senseis did not have the same connection to Sensei Chubb as his students, and promoted their black belts, the same way Professor Chubb saw it, as they deemed necessary. The communication between Sensei Chubb and the new dojos was not as strong as it was with his original students.

In December 2005 the Shoshin Ryu Board of Directors printed a short statement in the Shoshin Ryu Newsletter that read, "All promotions for dan ranks 1-5 are the responsibility of individual senseis. Dan promotions for ranks 6-10 need the approval of the Advisory Board. Dan promotions are based on continuing membership and service to Shoshin Ryu." The idea was to have a clear dan promotion policy that would treat everyone in the organization equally.

The problems were that no advisory board was ever formed and no one paid any attention to the new policy to anyway.

Over the years, the unofficial promotion policy became, "Call Sensei Chubb if you are going to promote someone above the rank of 5th dan." For Sensei Chubb's loyal band of students, again this was no problem. It was always a short conversation that ended with Sensei Chubb saying, "Ah, very good."

Other professors, including professors from different arts, joined Shoshin Ryu, they were 8th, 9th, and 10th dans who had promoted students to the rank of 6th and 7th dan themselves, why should they have to talk with Sensei Chubb about making a promotion?

Similarly, Sensei Chubb's students now had their students who were Professors in their own right. These students did not have the same connection to Sensei Chubb as much as they did to their sensei. Why would they then contact Sensei Chubb and tell him about their promotions?

Shoshin Ryu had two promotion policies, neither of which was official. Two unofficial policies are just as good as having no policy. Throw in the students who had only a secondary bond to Sensei Chubb, and it is easy to see that Shoshin Ryu had a promotion policy problem.

On January 10, 2021, the Shoshin Ryu Board of Directors met and after a lot of discussion made a decision about a promotion policy. "Promotions for dan ranks are the responsibility of individual senseis. Senseis can promote up to their rank. Dan promotions are based on continuing membership and service to Shoshin Ryu."

If you would like to call Sensei Chubb and let him know who you would like to promote above 5th dan, please give him a call. I'm sure he would love to hear from you, most of his students will probably continue to call him and let him know about their dan promotions.

The Shoshin Ryu Board of Directors wanted to try and make sure that the promotion policy was clear and fair. Whether anyone pays attention to it is a whole different story.

It's Membership Time

Just a reminder that January starts our annual membership drive. Kyu ranks, who were members last year, get a pass for 2021. All new students need to sign up, and black belts need to renew for '21.



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 are per year. Membership dues include mandatory liability and supplemental medical insurance. Memberships are for the current calendar year from January through December 31.

_____ \$25.00 General Membership Dues (for Adults & Juniors)

_____ \$30.00 Adult Kyu Rank Membership Dues

_____ \$40.00 Black Belt Membership Dues

Signature _____ Date _____

Parental consent if under 18 years _____

Mail to: **Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai**
C/O Remi Pintang
242 S. McCarron St.
Placentia, CA 92870

Phone: 714-654-0800

Please enclose your check payable to: **Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai**
For more information, visit us at www.Shoshinryu.com



On-Line Clinic

In an attempt to keep Shoshin Ryu Members active, Professor Kevin Dalrymple has assembled a group of Shoshin Ryu black belts to teach an on-line clinic on Saturday, February 13, from 2 – 4 pm (Pacific Time). The clinic is open to all Shoshin Ryu members and will feature techniques that can be practiced alone or with a partner.

Professor Dalrymple has been teaching on-line jujitsu classes since the fall of 2020 and has learned a thing or two about how to present information. Instructors include: Professor Carlos Gallegos, Professor Dave Williams, and others.

If you have the time, the space, and the energy, sign up for this event. The price is right.

Go to www.shoshinryu.com to find more information.

Keep Your Chin Up!

2020 was not so kind to Professor Rick DeHaven. He had a bad year. Forget about COVID, he nearly died from a heart condition. In the annual "DeHaven End of the Year Letter," written by Adriana - his wife, so much bad stuff fell into his life it was a miracle he managed to survive it all.

So, Rick, on behalf of the entire Shoshin Ryu, take care of yourself and keep moving forward. 2021 has got to be better than 2020.



Professor Rick DeHaven (left), Professor Bryan Stanley (center), Professor "Big Jim" DeHaven (right). This picture was taken in 2008 at the Shoshin Ryu Reunion at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel.