

OKINAWAN KARATEDO UNION
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O.K.U. NEWS

July 11, 1987 - Instructors Clinic at the Powell Dojo. We had 71 out of town people for the annual 8 hour seminar. Representatives from 20 schools and 10 states were present. A great time and much learning was enjoyed by all present. It was suggested that we go to a weekend camp for next year. So a committee was appointed to look into the possibility of a weekend retreat for next year. This committee will make their recommendations at our regular business meeting in October. Congratulations to all of our instructors conducting the individual clinics at the seminar. I have received several letters from people expressing their thanks and gratitude from out of town. They are all looking forward to next year. Clinics covered at this years seminars were; Basics with bunkai, Katas, and Isshinryu weapons before dinner. After dinner we had a short demonstration of form kumite, hanbo technique and joint locks, and soft hand technique with inner strength. The only trouble, we ran out of time. Next year we will set up about the same way, but if we have a weekend camp we will have more time.

Again we have sold out of the O.K.U. patches. We have more on order. I hope they will be here in time for the Isshinryu Fall Classic on October 17. David Ray, September 5, will have the first O.K.U. sanctioned tournament, Who will be second?? Mr. Harrill is working on the O.K.U. rank certificates. They should be ready soon.

CONGRATULATIONS to: Mr. Cliff Babits on his appointment to instructor at the State Police Academy in Donelson, Tn. It is good to have an Isshinryu man back at the State Academy. I know Cliff will do a good job. TO Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Roop (Powell, Tn) on the birth of their son Wesley Ryan Roop, born July 27, 1987, weighing in at 8lbs 2oz. Dwight is still on cloud nine passing out cigars. TO Mike Clark #1 (Sevierville, Tn) and Miss Ginger Julian on their marriage August 14, 1987 at the French Broad Baptist Church. TO Joe Arvidson and Sharon Wells on their marriage August 22, 1987. Joe, with some of the fellows that were going to be at your wedding, I hope you held onto your bride with hand and your pocket book with the other one. And last but not least TO Calvin Maurice Patton and Gloria Annette Fitzgerald on their marriage September 5, 1987. After the house Calvin bought there is no need for him to hold his pocket book, he can hold onto that young lady with both hands.

PERSONALS: We are sorry to inform that Rick Niemira has taken a turn for the worse. His cancer has become active again. At the present time he is in the hospital. Let's all hope and pray for Rick. - Sensei Mark Aycock capped off his summer with a much deserved week in the Bahamas. He got back just in time to rest up 2 or 3 days before starting back into the High School teaching routine. Mark said it was beautiful country and water. While swimming he saw an octopus and a barracuda, among many other species of fish. But he was glad to get back home. Mtn Dew and other soft drinks were as high as \$2 each. Mark said he couldn't live like that. - Charley Henry (Sevierville, Tn) is recovering from a badly broken leg. Charley, an employee of Sevier Electric, was injured back during the last big snow last winter. A tree that was being cut out of the downed power lines kicked back and broke both bones in his leg. He is out and about a little now, and we hope he continues to improve.

/// Can anyone explain Mizu-Gami's dragon having 3 claws on front legs ///
/// and 4 claws on back legs???? ///

DOJO NEWS: Sensei Don Roberts, Fairburn, Ga. reports his store and new dojo are doing well and that they are looking forward to the tournament and banquet in October. Dons students are looking forward to promotion testing in November. -- Kathryn Eldridge, Bx 12 U.N.O., Omaha, Nebraska 68182, is researching self defense training for women. Areas that she needs help in are; who takes the training (assault victims or not), ways that women benefit from S. D. training (physical, emotional, psychological), how effective training is in preventing assaults in the future. Anyone having articles and other information in these areas might like to share them with Kathryn. Her kids class is still going great guns. She has 2 students promoted to yellow belt now and the enthusiasm and desire to learn is still strong. -- Powell Dojo had its' annual Funday and cookout August 1. Despite the hot weather we had a good turnout. We had volley ball games, 3 legged races, soft ball throwing and hitting, and egg tossing etc. One pair got caught tossing a white gourd that looked just like an egg. They were probably from some other style. An Isshinryu Karateka wouldn't do that. (secretarys' note; it could have been Mr & Mrs W) Jason Pratt won the bicycle drawing for the kids and Larry Koontz won the power stretcher for the adults. Mark Aycocks demonstration team has been busy, and they have 2 demos at the TVA&I Fair in September, besides 2 tournaments, promotions, and self defense work in a motor cycle gang clinic.

CLINICS AND SEMINARS: Jimmy Advincula will conduct a clinic in Johnson City, Tn. September 11-12-13. For information call Curt Malyar at 615-928-0657 or David Brewer at 615-928-0579. -- September 12 at 12noon to 4:30, the last instructor clinic for the year at Wheelers Dojo in Powell, Tn. -- Allen Wheeler will conduct a seminar on Basics, Weapons, Kata, and Self Defense at Mr. Dale Furtwangers Dojo in Albion Michigan September 26-27. -- November 7, a seminar on Weapons, Basics, Kata, and Kumite will be held at David Rays Dojo in Spruce Pine, North Carolina. -- April 28-29-30, 1988, Master Angi Uezu will hold a seminar at Wheelers Dojo in Powell, Tn.

TOURNAMENTS:

- September 5, 1987-David Rays in Spruce Pine, NC, the 1st O.K.U. sanctioned tournament.
- September 19, 1987-Larry Turners Smokey Mtn Open at Carter High School in Knoxville, Tn.
- October 3, 1987- Mike Upchurchs in Indianapolis, Ind. We want to take a busload of competitors and spectators from the Knoxville area. If you are interested call Allen Wheeler at 947-6521, 947-8703, 947-4143.
- October 17, 1987-Allen Wheelers Isshinryu Fall Classic at Central High School in Knoxville, Tn. 3 power stretchers to be given away as prizes by drawing. For call Mr. Wheeler.
- November 21, 1987-Strohs Annual at Carter High School in Knoxville, Tn. Hosted by Larry Turner.
- December 5, 1987-T.K.C. Finals. Tentative site at Beardon High School in Knoxville, Tn.

Just a word about the Tennessee Karate Circuit. We are just about 1/2 way through our tournament schedule. We have had 6 tournaments, we have 6 to go. It has been a busy year and we have had some excellent tournaments. On the TKC we promote good clean tournaments, and we try to keep the priorities in the right place. At one of our tournaments

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/// OKU members to date; 115 Dan ranks, 166 Kyu ranks, 32 Dojos ///

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recently I heard one of our center refs tell instructors and parents ganged up around the ring that he was running the ring and you people stand back out of the way. Interfere with this ring and I will penalize your child or student. He got the desired results. We have had very few injuries, or bad disagreements, competition has been good, and fellowship has been wonderful. So for the second year in a row, the TKC has done real good.

TRIVIA QUESTION in the June newsletter was; Back in the 50s and 60s what was referred to as a roundeye on Okinawa? Several fellas that were over there at that time have informed me that the most common use of the term round eye would not be printable here. The Okinawans called the Americans round eyes because of the shape of their eyes. Page 38 Steve Armstrongs book Isshinryu Karate. Now the Trivia question for September issue of the newsletter. What was Karate Sakagawas name before it was Karate?

PROMOTIONS:

Harrill's Isshinryu Karate School Inc. Carson, Iowa

Ni Dan	Ron MacReynolds	7-6-87
Ni Kyu	Sid Skank	7-6-87
Yon Kyu	Shelly Burgett	7-6-87
Yon Kyu	Adam Green	7-6-87
Yon Kyu	Karl Skank	1-15-87
Shichi Kyu	Paul Hart	7-6-87
Shichi Kyu	T. J. Weisbeck	7-6-87
Hachi Kyu	Kelly Pilling	2-20-87

July Clinic at Powell Dojo

Roku Dan	Dan Holloway -	7-11-87
Roku Dan	Don Roberts -	7-11-87
Roku Dan	Bill Mason	7-11-87
-Yon Dan	Wade Barnett	7-11-87
-Yon Dan	Tommy Duke	7-11-87
-Yon Dan	Bob Hobbs	7-11-87
Yon Dan	Ed King	7-11-87
Yon Dan	David Reed	7-11-87
Yon Dan	Bill Wright	7-11-87
San Dan	Darrell Caldwell	7-11-87
San Dan	John Myers	7-11-87
San Dan	Jan Roberts -	7-11-87-
Sho Dan	Scott Lovelace	7-11-87

Wheelers School of Isshinryu Karate Powell Tenn.

Yon Dan	James Phillips	6-19-87	Yon Kyu	Stacy Maples	6-19-87
Sho Dan	Scott Fawver	6-19-87	Yon Kyu	Matthew Poe	6-19-87
Sho Dan	Herb Martin	6-19-87	Yon Kyu	Dwight Roop	6-19-87
Ik Kyu	Aldon Inman	6-19-87	Yon Kyu	Harold Spencerjr	6-19-87
Ik Kyu	Josh Shinlever	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Bobby Braid	6-19-87
Ik Kyu	Charles Thomas	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Ted Bumbalough	6-19-87
San Kyu	Ken Gregory	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Roland Chesney	6-19-87
San Kyu	Phil Hickman	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Ronald Chesney	6-19-87
San Kyu	Brent Lisle	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Terry Chesney	6-19-87
San Kyu	Bubba Samms	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Roger Coffee	6-19-87
Yon Kyu	Roger Davis	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Angela Crawford	6-19-87
Yon Kyu	Lance Davis	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Jason Dunn	6-19-87
Yon Kyu	Chris DeFord	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Toby Lewis	6-19-87
Yon Kyu	Chad Dueker	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Richard Spencer	6-19-87
Yon Kyu	Karen Jones	6-19-87	Go Kyu	Kevin Toups	6-19-87
Yon Kyu	Frank Lett	6-19-87	Shichi Kyu	Donnie Henderson	6-19-87
Yon Kyu	Bryon Lindsay	6-19-87			

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MORE DOJO NEWS: From Sensei Dennis Rehders of Rehders' School of Martial Arts in Mobile, Alabama. First it is great being back with Master Wheeler once again and being associated with the O.K.U. We have been a Dojo in Mobile since 1980, when I retired from the military service. Our club, at the present, is 70 members strong and growing. We have students ranging from the age of 5 to 45. One of the most important aspects of our club is the strong support of our parents. Our motto is, "Spirit of Excellence", and our goal is to make our students the best; in school; at work; at home; and in their community. Our most recent venture was our tournament, which is held every third Saturday in August, and was very successful. There were over 230 competitors. Our son Robby, brought home 1st in Sparring and forms in 16-17 Sr. teens Black Belt Division. Michael Platt, our Junior Black Belt, won 1st in sparring, forms, and weapons, and also Black Belt Forms Grand Champion. I would like to name them all, but space doesn't permit, however, we are equally proud of them. I would like to say that my wife, Rhee, and I enjoyed our visit with Master Wheeler in August and our son is still awe struck. It is always great being with him. We look forward to being with Master Wheeler and you in October. We will be giving OKU 110% of our support and strive in being the biggest and strongest club in the organization.

BITS AND PIECES: Sensei Rehders' Dojo is the 32nd to join the O.K.U. organization.--A rumor is circulating that Sensei Harrill is studying a new art called Booger-Ryu??--Sensei Wheeler has been seen polishing up his weapons Katas, now his students will have to start polishing up theirs.--As far as we can remember, there are 15 states represented in the O.K.U., this is getting to be a far reaching organization. Think of all the experiance that we can draw from.--

ATTENTION: To all BOARD MEMBERS-Get in touch with Mr. Wheeler before October with your recomendations for the weekend camp. This is going to take some planning, and your input is vital. To all INSTRUCTORS-We need your nominations in for the Outstanding Service Award. Please try to send these by October. To all MEMBERS- Send us your input for the newsletter. Sharing information is a priority that will benefit us all.

Next issue of the Newsletter is scheduled for December.

Yours in Karatedo,
Allen Wheeler

Dojo news just arrived, from Bill Mason Madison Ms.

Bill Mason, Jimmy Busby, David Mosal, Frances Mason, Billy Mason and Dale Awslin attended summer camp at Wheelers School of Karate, Powell, TN, and had a wonderful time and learned a lot of new things about Isshinryu.

Bill Mason promoted to Roku-Dan by O.K.U. at Camp. Frances Mason has a new class of children at a day care center in Jackson, Miss. Getting them started early in Isshinryu.

David Mosals dojo has grown with many new students during the summer. And even more expected this fall after school opens.

Bill and Frances Mason have been doing a little bicycle racing this summer. This is the U.S. Cycling Federation Licensed Category 4 races. Bill placed 5th in his division, Frances got first place in her division. Keep up the good work in Miss.

Good news about Rick Niemira. Miriam (Rick's wife) just called and said that Rick was much better right now. Some new medicine and methods. Send cards and notes to Rick Niemira, Rt. 10, Box 293, Cumming, GA 30130.