

# Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai Newsletter

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## Reunion 2011

By  
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What can be said about a Shoshin Ryu Reunion that has not been said before?

I am not really sure.

I could start with thank you.

Thank you to Professor Sam Luke for coming over from Hawaii to be at the event. Thank you to Professor John Congistre for teaching a clinic and putting off a trip to Sweden to be at the reunion. Thank you to Professor Rory Rebmann for flying in on Saturday morning to teach a clinic, he had to fly out early Sunday morning to get to work that afternoon. Thank you to Professors Mike Chubb and Roy Center who spent more than eight hours driving from Las Vegas, a wildfire diverted them more than three hours out of their way. Thank you to Shihan Fumio Demura who came despite having suffered a stroke just a few months ago. Thank you to Professor Steve McMillan who took on the responsibility of the hospitality suite and made one fantastic speech at the banquet.

Further thanks go to Shihan Bud Collyer, Professors Jon Jacques, Jim Lambert, Len Riley, Randy Carrasco, Ken Eddy, Sue Jennings, Kevin Dalrymple, and Ron Jennings, as well as Senseis Steve Davis, Judy Davis, Ramon Gallegos, Greg Poretz, Leo Liborio, Hector Saragosa, Ed Bederov, and Lee Firestone who took the time to teach a clinic on Saturday.

Steve Davis needs to be recognized again for being the contest director for the event. He did a great job making sure the contest ran smoothly and all the competitors were organized and ready. Thanks, Steve.

Professor Carlos Gallegos put together the lineup of clinic instructors on Saturday and the members of his dojo made sure that the mats were in place before the clinics started and got pulled up as soon as they were finished. Thanks, Carlos.

We have to thank Professor Kevin Dalrymple kept track of all the registration and served as the coordinator of the reunion. It all went off without much conflict, Professor Dalrymple learned a lot from his Ohana 2010 experience. Thanks, Kevin.

So what happened over the weekend? It started in the hospitality suite on Friday night. It was very social with probably fifteen or more people milling about. It was not really a party because Professor Roger Medlen was not there. That aside, Friday night was about reconnecting with people and having good conversation. The best story was Professor Steve McMillan's recounting of how he got to the Taj Mahal during a recent trip to India.

Most people had wandered off to bed by the time Professor Chubb rolled in on Friday night. As mentioned earlier, he got caught in traffic due to a wildfire. Though no one confirmed it, the rumor was that Professors Chubb and McMillan were up until nearly two o'clock reminiscing.

The clinics on Saturday morning started early. The introductions went off at seven o'clock. (See **Reunion 2011** on page **FOUR**)

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## Danzan Ryu Hall of Fame

### **Professor Roy Center Inducted 2005**

Professor Roy Center began his study of jujitsu while in the Marine Corps in 1961. All the throws he learned were based on Kodokan Judo which were very similar to the Kodenkan Jujitsu style he would learn later.

After a few years studying Shorin Ryu Karate under Jim Lax, Roy moved to Las Vegas in 1964 where he found Sensei Carl Dudoit.

Roy learned from Sensei Dudoit until 1969, when Dudoit was diagnosed with throat cancer and moved back to Hawaii.

Though he was only an ikkyu, Professor Center was Sensei Dudoit's highest ranking student and took over the class.

In the intervening years, he made contact with Professor Joe Holck, who would help Roy earn his shodan.

During his lifetime, Professor Center would have to opportunity to learn from nearly every high ranking professor in Danzan Ryu and Toshitaka Yamauchi and Seigoro Murikami, both original students of Jigoro Kano.

In 1994 Professor Center was the driving force behind Ohana '94, one of the most intensely attended Ohanas ever. Through Professor Rawlin Blake, they were able to secure the gymnasium on the campus of UNLV for the event, thus ensuring there would be enough space for everything.

Professor Center ran a commercial dojo in Las Vegas in the mid 1990s. It closed after two-and-a-half years because, as he put it, "I'm a jujitsu teacher, not a businessman."

After his dojo closed he worked out some with Professor Chubb.

He no longer works out as vigorously as he used to. Today he splits his time between Las Vegas and Kingston, Nevada, but he is spending more and more of his time in Kingston these days.

## **2011 "Doctor Kaito" Summer Judo Tournament**

By Professor Randy Carrasco

The second "Doctor Kaito" summer judo tournament - held in memory of "Doctor Kaito," Professor David Nuuhiwa - was held on Saturday July 9, 2011, at Lincoln Avenue Baptist Church in Orange, California. Shoshin Ryu Yudanshakai again sponsored the annual event. In-kind gift donation sponsors include: Billabong, Black Belt Surfing, Da Hui, Freewaters, Hinano Tahiti, SK8KINGS.com, Wave Tools Surfboards, Vans, and Volcom.

The tournament was preceded by a native Hawaiian blessing by Professor Kalani Akui and then a prayer in English by Daniel Tuiteleapaga, both of Kaito Gakko. Jeff Davis and Liberty Zabala from City of Garden Grove TV news showed up, conducted interviews and captured film footage. The judo action, as usual, included hard fought battles between old pals, rivals, and new faces. A nice surprise was having an AJJF dojo, Kenshokan of Woodland Hills, California, show up with a healthy group of fighters.

After bow-in and introductions, Professor Carlos Gallegos surprised nearly everyone with a rank promotion for Ernie Hanaoka, one of his black belt students. Ernie received his 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan and Kaito Gakko Lineage Belt with title of Sensei on that day.

The all-volunteer staff demonstrated plenty of kokua and aloha. Signup & weigh-in staff included Minnie Carrasco, Connie Tuiteleapaga, Cindy Tang and Roger & Sonia Carrasco. Security was handled by Daniel Tuiteleapaga, Donavin Tuiteleapaga, Robert-Ray Tuiteleapaga, Rit Binsol, and Al Ramirez. As usual Khanh Bui was found behind the camera lens. Lee Firestone served as center referee and corner refs included Senseis Louie Iligan, Hector Zaragoza, Leo Lopez, and Professor Ramon Gallegos. Timing & scoring was handled by Connie Tuiteleapaga, and Roger & Sonia Carrasco. A group of the late Professor Nuuhiwa's students were on hand taking it all (See "Doctor Kaito", cont. on page **FOUR**)

## Reunion 2011: A Recap

By Myron Dickson, Yodan

Traveling with Sensei is neither easy nor simple. There are a myriad of factors at play whenever he ventures forth from Mt. Olympus that directly or indirectly affect the form and substance of his sojourn. Case in point: Our recent trip to Reunion 2011 in Buena Park, California. As Providence would have it, a simple four-hour jaunt through the desert turned into an eight-hour adventure that included harrowing mountain switchbacks and aggravating traffic jams. The culprit, of course, was the Cajon Summit fire of Friday, September 2. Fortunately, all ended well and we arrived at the Knott's Berry Farm Hotel without further incident around 10:30pm.

After stowing our gear in our rooms Sensei and I visited the Hospitality Suite conveniently situated immediately next door to extend our greetings and salutations. Professor McMillan's attention to detail as the weekend's leisure time host proved just the ticket for the travel-weary latecomers. Professors Carlos Gallegos and Sam Luke and a few of their followers were still on hand to welcome us. I was exhausted from our journey so I excused myself and retired to my room in anticipation of the next day's venue. Professor Chubb was still there after midnight but you would have to consult him as to what transpired after my departure.

The Boulder City contingent was comprised of our Leader's family (Tricia, Chris, Kari, and Kenna), Mike Archer, a newly commissioned black belt, and the Professor's stunt double/brother, Dave, also a professor. Actually, Professor Dave is technically from Henderson, Nevada and had left Nevada a couple of days earlier to visit his old sensei, Professor Bud Collyer, prior to attending our weekend get-together. Professor Roy Center joined the Chubb caravan just outside of Barstow. Professor Center, as many of you know, until recently hailed from Las Vegas, but now calls Kingston, Nevada, his home. Kingston, for those of you who sneezed while passing through Tonopah, has more letters in its name than inhabitants; a fitting place for someone born in Hickory Stump, Kentucky.

We attended the bow-in slated for 7:00am Saturday morning and were treated to Professor Bill Fischer's 'Welcome' and introduction of attending professors. If you have never been part of this ritual you are doing yourself a great disservice but I warn you not to attempt drinking liquids during his delivery. Immediately afterward, mats were assigned and the clinics began. Professor Chubb snagged Professor Bill Randle, of the Westside Family YMCA jujitsu program and Chubb's mentor and sensei, and whisked him off to the hotel's breakfast buffet. Boy, can that pair put away some grub! Finally, I had to remind his Leadership that he had a 10:00am clinic to waddle to and that my Doctor forbade me to lift anything over 300 lbs. He was not amused.

Since I was designated Professor Chubb's attendant I missed most of the clinics but I did manage to sneak away and catch Professor Dalrymple's exciting Oku class as well as Professor Jenning's presentation on Knife Defense. And, who can forget the amazing karate session put on by Shihan Fumio Demura? I understand the kata he taught was one he learned as a youth. It was graceful, intricate and powerful at the same time. I overheard a student say that whenever he attended a clinic put on by Shihan Demura it was easy to pick out his students among the participants as they had exceptional control and crisp execution. I believed him.

Professor Chubb, much to his credit, did not disappoint either. Although he has seen better days he managed to keep the crowded room entertained. Knowing my low threshold for pain Sensei Chubb asked if I would like to volunteer to "uke" for him. I declined, of course, but suggested he employ his latest black belt student, Mike Archer. Mike was accommodating and seemed okay after the hour-long class.

I tagged along with Professor Chubb from his jujitsu class to his massage class wherein he (See **Reunion Recap** on page **FIVE**)

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By 7:30 everything was in full swing. Professor Congistre was teaching Shinin and Sensei Greg Poretz was teaching “swimming arms” – no, it was not an aquatics class. On the kid’s mat, Sensei Steve Davis was teaching his students how to use nunchucks - they were foam, so don’t get the wrong idea.

After that the clinics rolled through every hour until 4:00. Some of the highlights that this reporter saw included, but were not limited to, the following: Steve Davis dressed in full body padding so the kids could punch and kick him as he attacked, he only had one weak spot – guess where it was. Shihan Fumio Demura had his students teach a special kata that he learned when he was child – they used that as a vehicle to teach bunkai. Professor Chubb showed more of his Shoshin Ryu Jujitsu techniques – lots of joint locks and elbow pressure involved. Professor Ken Eddy taught a clinic and made fun of Professor Randy Carrasco at the same time. Professor Kevin Dalrymple did his best to get through the entire Oku list in an hour. Two minutes for each technique.

After the day of clinics the rest of the afternoon and early evening involved social activities. All the professors and senseis met for a meeting then at 6:00, the hospitality suite opened again for more camaraderie. The crowd swelled and thinned throughout the evening, but most people made an appearance at some point. The conversation was lively and the attitude was happy.

The contest took place on Sunday morning and due a smaller group of competitors, it did not start until 10:30. So contestants had plenty of time to warm-up, practice, cool down, practice again, and cool down again. Even though it was smaller, the contest had its fair share of spectacular performances. Perhaps the best was in the 9-10 year-old division where Mackenzie Davis did an **AWSOME** Yoko Wakare, earning three 10s for her effort.

The contest was over around 1:00 and most everyone cleared the area so the hotel staff could prepare the room for another event. Most people took the time to eat, go to Knott’s (See **Reunion 2011**, cont. on page **SIX**)

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After divisions were completed, door prizes were raffled off and each competitor got great prizes from Billabong, Da Hui, Hinano Tahiti, SK8KINGS, Wave Tools Surfboards and Volcom. Da Hui & Black Belt Surfing designed and made the awesome looking tournament T-shirts. The second place grand prize was a SK8KINGS skateboard deck, set of crown jewel wheels and two long sleeve Axe Army shirts, signed by Guinness book world skateboard champion Richey Carrasco. The first place grand prize was a brand new swallow-tail Wave Tools surfboard with Clark Foam (which is now prized & collectible), hand shaped by the legendary Lance Collins. There were many happy faces; it was hard to tell who was more surprised, the competitors or their friends & family members.

Overall, it was a smooth event. Perhaps best of all, the prayers for a good, safe tournament were answered.

A few days after the tournament, the news story was featured in *This Week in Garden Grove* and it aired several times per day for a week all over Orange County and then the city of Garden Grove uploaded the video to YouTube. Here is the link to the news story video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OcNUZOMw9M>

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## **“Doctor Kaito” Tournament Results**

### **6 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Bntm. Weight**

1. Robby Iligan
2. Jessica Ramirez

### **6 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Cruiser Weight**

1. Skyler Hattendorf
2. Tristan Schwartz
3. Costa Bravos

### **7-8 Yrs, White -Green Belt, Bntm. Weight A**

1. Anabella Hoffer
2. Brandon Wong
3. Christian Duran

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demonstrated specific protocols for relieving lower back pain: Sciatic impingement caused by the piriformis muscle and releasing the sacral-iliac joint, both common causes for the localized pain. He also demonstrated how to release the ilio-psoas muscle, a culprit that causes its victim to bent forward causing strain to the mid-back region. Specific work of this nature, Professor Chubb explained, allows the therapist to relieve pain without discomfort to the patient. Although the clinic was modestly attended it was graciously received due in no small part to the students of Professor Clyde Zimmerman, who travelled all the way from Carson City, Nevada to attend.

The last clinic of the day was hosted by Professor Gallegos and was intended, I understand, to allow students of all ranks to ask the cadre of Professors assembled any questions that they had concerning Danzan-ryu: its history, its arts, or even how they themselves took up the martial arts. There must have been a miscommunication somewhere as there were no mudansha in attendance but there were lots of Professors. Shihan Gallegos began by asking each of the Professors how they got started in the martial arts. It turned out to be both informative and entertaining. We left the clinic area and adjourned to the Hospitality Room for much needed refreshment, storytelling, legend-building, and nose-growing (ala Pinocchio), into the wee hours of the morning.

Sunday proved to be as exciting as the first-half of the weekend. Students from Orange, Livermore, Downey, even Tucson, Arizona, demonstrated spectacular renditions of their favorite techniques to the delight of the audience in the annual jujitsu kata contest. Although the size of the competition has decreased these last few years the level of skill has not. Judging by what I saw both junior students and adults made their respective senseis very proud that day. I will not go into any greatdetail as, I am sure, someone else will write about it.

The afternoon was devoted to tracking down professors for the traditional signing of black belt certificates to be presented at the evening's banquet. Senseis wishing to promote their students at the banquet forward their requests to Professor Clyde Zimmerman who dutifully executes said document(s) and mails them to Professor Chubb at Mt. Olympus for the second signature, the first having been affixed at the time of creation by Professor Zimmerman. By the way, each certificate is an original. Further signatures are garnered by yours truly, time permitting.

The banquet that evening was so small that it was held behind a potted plant at the end of a hallway on the ninth floor. Upstaging us with respect to sheer numbers was a Pakistani wedding. Kind of embarrassing...However, what we lacked in number we made up in substance! Professor Fischer tackled the task of emcee for the evening and, as always, kept the attendees amused. Reverend (and Professor) H. Bruce Stokes, recently returned from South Africa, led us in the invocation and Fischer followed that with a brief introduction of special guests: Professors John Congistre (AJJF), Sam Luke (AJI), Bud Collyer and Dave Chubb (American Shotokan Karate), and Shihan Fumio Demura (Genbu-Kai Karate International). Sensei's sensei, Professor Bill Randle was there as well.

A new diversion was added while we waited to be served dinner in the form of a card posited at each table requesting that the inhabitants collaborate in responding to questions the card held: "Who would you choose to play Professor Chubb in a movie about Shoshin-ryu?" "What would you pick as a theme song for Shoshin-ryu?" Cute. The responses were then collected and handed to Professor Fischer who read some of them to the delight of all. The idea sprung from the fertile mind of Professor Bryan Stanley.

I won't belabor you, dear reader, with the many awards handed out that evening except to mention a new one: The Professor James L. Dehaven 'Larger than Life' Award and its first recipient, Professor Bud Collyer. Dehaven lived life to its fullest and usually on his terms. He was involved in scouting, baseball, camping, hunting, fishing, and jujitsu. He served his country as a Marine, retired a master plumber, and raised three fine young men. He was devoted to his family, his friends, and Shoshin-ryu. Professor Collyer has devoted over fifty years to the martial (See **Reunion Recap**, cont. on page **SIX**)

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The banquet on Sunday night was pretty small. The hotel set up fifteen tables and four of them were empty. A few of the others had just three or four people sitting around them. It was unfortunate. Why? Because it was the fastest Shoshin Ryu banquet ever, and if you were not there, you missed it! Professor Fischer started the evening around 6:45 and dinner was served at 7:00. We laughed, heard a fantastic keynote address from Professor Steve McMillan, handed out awards and promotions, and by 8:48 we were in the hospitality suite. (The plans for the 2013 banquet have already started and they include the Black Belt Roll Call, the director's cut of *Spartacus* – with nearly two hours of additional uncut footage, and a reading of the *Canterbury Tales*.\*)

After the banquet everyone convened to the hospitality suite and the party started. It was jammed packed with nearly every person from the banquet, even Shihan Fumio Demura was there. It was quite an effort to move around. At one point this reporter was squeezed into the restroom in order to have a conversation with Professor Bill Randle.

The 2011 Shoshin Ryu Reunion Weekend could have been better attended. Was it the economy? Was it traveling? Was it apathy? Was it other plans? Who knows. It could have been any combination of external factors, many of which have nothing to do with Shoshin Ryu. The important thing was that those who attended had fun, which is why these weekends are put on to begin with.

**\*Me:** Honestly, no plans have been made for the 2013 banquet.

**Someone:** Okay, fine, Mr. Smartypants, so why did you put that in there?

**Me:** Sarcasm. See it's the juxtaposition of the shortest banquet ever and potentially the longest banquet ever. I wanted to make people who weren't at this banquet rue their misfortune.

**Someone:** Why don't you just report the facts and not try to be funny.

**Me:** Sorry.

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arts, raised a family, served as a police officer, firefighter, and minister. He richly deserves the distinction of being the first (of many) recipient of "Papa Smurf's" legacy.

To me, the weekend was well-executed. Every detail was seen to and if anyone felt short-changed it is their own making. Professor Dalrymple and Sensei Steve Davis and the cadre of "behind the scenes" volunteers are to be commended on an awesome job! On a personal note the highlight for me was the presence and participation of several very special guests: Shihans Fumio Demura and Dave Parker (KDK, Tucson), Professors Sam Luke, John Congistre, Bill Randle, and Bud Collyer, all giants in their respective disciplines and yet humble in manner. This was truly a memorable reunion. For those of you who missed it, my condolences.

See you in Hawaii!

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## Awards and Promotions

### Instructor of the Year

Professor Randy Carrasco

### Francisco Limbago Spirit of Kokua Award

Professor Carlos Gallegos

### Professor James L. DeHaven Larger Than Life Award

Professor Bud Collyer

### Danzan Ryu Jujitsu Hall of Fame

Professor Leibert O'Sullivan

### Luciani Service Award

Professor Bryan Stanley

### Promotions:

#### Shodan:

Chris Bederov	South Coast Jujitsu Club
Dr. Tony Rich	South Coast Jujitsu Club

#### Nidan:

Judy Davis	He No De Ryu
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#### Sandan:

Scott Hargis	South Coast Jujitsu Club
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**“Doctor Kaito” Tournament Results, continued from page FOUR**

**7-8 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Bantam Weight B**

1. Jayden Banks
2. Mark Weider
3. Hayden Collier

**7-8 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Cruiser Weight**

1. Estrella Lopez
2. Siguen Avila
3. Angel Gomez

**9-10 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Bantam Weight, A**

1. Moises Segura
2. Garrison Carrasco
3. Angelina Tran

**9-10 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Bantam Weight, B**

1. Kaylin Hoffer
2. Jayden Ramirez
3. Ryan Wong

**9-10 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Cruiser Weight**

1. Kenny Bui
2. Donovan Banks
3. Joshua Ramirez

**11-12 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Bantam Weight**

1. Emma Segura
2. Samson Ehrenberg
3. William Tam

**11-12 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Cruiser Weight**

1. Andrew Longmore
2. Jackie Bui
3. Ike Osthus

**13-14 Yrs, White to Green Belt, Bantam Weight**

1. Damian Garcia
2. Emmett Janczac

**19 Yrs & Up, White to Green Belt, Bantam Weight**

1. Vivian Belmonte
2. Mimi Garcia

**19 Yrs & Up, White to Green Belt, Cruiser Weight**

1. Thomas Anderson
2. Edward Chamourain
3. Matthew Humphreys

**19 Yrs & Up, White to Green Belt, Cruiser Weight**

1. Robert Pelaso
2. Charles Hattendorf
3. John Dickson

**Black Belt**

1. Zachary Kaufman
2. Kevin Do (brown belt)

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**Yodan:**

Jeff Doyle                      Tsuba Jujitsu

**Godan:**

Prof. Raymundo Suarez      Santa Ana

**Hachidan:**

Prof. Kevin Dalrymple      He No De Ryu  
 Prof. Jon Jacques              Downey YMCA  
 Prof. H. Bruce Stokes        Hombu

**Kudan:**

Prof. Roy Center              Kodenkan of Las Vegas  
 Prof. Leonard Riley          Capistrano Jujitsu Club  
 Prof. Dan Saragosa          AJI

**Judan:**

Prof. John Congistre              AJJF  
 Prof. Sam C. Luke                  AJI  
 Prof. David Nuuhiwa\*              Kaito Gakko

\*Awarded Posthumously



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**Website: [ohana2012.americanjujitsuinstitute.org](http://ohana2012.americanjujitsuinstitute.org)**



## The AJJF Annual Convention

The AJJF is going to celebrate their 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention on March 16, 17, and 18, 2012, at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 2001 Point West Way, Sacramento, CA 95815.

Sacramento is a convenient travel location and the airport is a short shuttle ride away from the convention hotel. See old friends and make new ones! We'll have plenty of mat time with the AJJF Professors and Senior Instructors.

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## A Few Reunion Pictures



Disregard page 10. I messed it up somehow. It should not be here, but it is.