

Shorisha News Archive Year 2003

January 2003

Happy New Year...

Year in Review... Well it is time to take stock and look back over the year -

See where we are and to see where we are heading.

All in all it has been a very good year for everyone!

It would seem that in training as in life pursuits, everyone is moving forward.

New employments, better living environments, Finances and other personal life issues being successfully ironed out... Everyone trains hard, and lives well.

I'm proud to be friends with such a great group of people.

Now as for me and last years goals... Did some, lost some, tried some.

* We Picked up some new ideas from Shidoshi Hoban.

* I have been regular in updating the site and curriculum.

* Formulated a stronger core to the Black belt material.

For next year my goal is to attempt to finish last years goals and to pick up a couple More white belts to keep the curriculum alive. Due to my personal finances I'll be able to sink more dollars into traveling to seminars. Shori Shodans are encouraged to do the same. This is going to be an interesting year in the Bujinkan.

What's New?

Congratulations to Mike and James in their 1st Kyu promotion...

what a great way to begin the new year!

Picked up some Kukishinden Ryu material last month... Currently rewriting and updating the Black belt curriculum.

Picking up some Shinden fudo and Koto material in mid January.

Next month Markk Bush is having an open Seminar at his Earthway Dojo.

Lets show our support and get everyone down there... Make it a priority.

If anyone has any suggestions - bring them forward.

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February 2003

Sorry about the lag time in getting the new schedule up.

This has been a very hectic and stressing month for me.

Knee operation, Upgrades at the day job... BUSY. During my "down" time

I had the opportunity to view many traditional training tapes from different sources. Since the Bujinkan organization is going through certain political

climate shifts, I believe it to be prudent to pay importance to very strict traditional idea of Kata form. The word on the street is that the Americans will fall under an American Shihan or a board of Shihan in order to govern themselves. Since this board has yet to be named - rumors and speculations are abundant. And as I said... This is only "The word on the Street".

So, in order to better prepare for the great unknown we will turn and focus a little more on cleaner Kata... rather than Henka / Transition combat ideas.

Since we were lucky enough to acquire this material - if called upon, we should have the abilities to present it.

That said - within the structure of class we will begin and end with the traditional basic form of the current lessons. While in that middle area we can play around with the more abstract and dynamic.

Black Belts and 1st Kyus need to really pay attention to this since the majority of your time is spent on personal discovery. Budget your time.

What's New?

Congratulations to all the expecting Parents...

Congratulations to Kenyon and Chris on their recent promotions

Chris received his 7th Kyu, Kenyon his 6th kyu

Picking up some Gyokko Ryu material latter this month from the Jinkenkan (Manaka).

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March 2003

There are many important events happening this year.
Check your schedule and you funds. Let's try and show our support.

March 15 we have been invited down to train at Markk Bush's Earthway Dojo in Morris Illinois.
Training will begin at 10:45 and go until around 3:30pm.
Let's all try to free up our schedules and show our support.
Advanced Training Begins at 1:30pm - 3:30pm. For more info visit
www.Earthwayjourney.com.

In April we are going to southern Illinois to meet with a couple of Illinois Godan. This will be a good chance to sit and speak with some more connected instructors within the Bujinkan.

In February we purchased some Gyokko Ryu Material from the Jinkenkan.
It is simply the basic techniques of the Gyokko scroll. Still, it is interesting to have a video dictionary of the kata on hand. These tapes are being reviewed and will be available for loan - outs this month.

Still Looking for a couple new members. Lets Keep the program alive.

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Congratulations to all the expecting Parents...

Special Thanks to James Scott for assisting in the Training program.
James has been a great asset to our group during my recovery time.
Let him know that you appreciate his extra time and efforts.

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April 5, 2003

We trained over at the Earthway Dojo last month... We had a great turn out and I just want to thank everyone for representing our group with such a strong presence. Here are the pictures... (these may take a minute or two with a dial up connection, total of 260kb)

In May Jack Hoban is giving a Seminar in Kenosha. I highly recommend that our advanced members attend Jack's seminar... Great guy, Great material.
\$75 at the door... worth every nickel!

Note the Date changes to some of the upcoming seminars.
Taikai is a week earlier and Markk in Starved rock is a week later.

The guys from Earthway plan on coming up to Bartlett on Sunday April 13.
It will be an open forum but tailored to the needs of our guests.
Since space may be limited I was thinking about infighting or ground work...

What's New?

Congratulations to all the expecting Parents...

New Shori Member: John Boyer...

John comes to us from the Winjutsu website. He has trained with a few other instructors in the area and is going to be reviewing the 9th kyu Kihon happo material. Welcome to the Shori Family John!

Since many of the 1st Kyu people are studying Kata ideas from Koto ryu I have purchased the 2000 Taikai Koppo theme. These tapes should be ready for study in mid April.

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Chris: 6th Kyu Kusari Fundo Material.

John: 8th Kyu curriculum review

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May, 2003

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Taikai is a week earlier and Markk in Starved rock is a week later.
Serious rumors indicate that this TaiKai will be Soke Hatsumi's last.
Even though it may be a bit pricey this year, I don't believe a real dollar value can be placed on the opportunity and experience of training with a living legend.

The guys from Earthway Dojo plan on coming up to Bartlett on Sunday May 18. It will be an open forum but tailored to the needs of our guests.
Since space may be limited due to weather, I was thinking about infighting or ground work...

FYI: I have posted the 1st quarter 2003 financial report for the dojo.
Since we have some new members and we are taking in a bit more - I will do this every three months... You will be able to view them in the Resources section. You have a right to know; and you have a say on how your dues are spent.

What's New?

Congratulations to all the expecting Parents...

Black Belt testing...

Donna Moy Clarke received her Black Belt on April 29th.
Don, James and Mike are testing this month for their Shodan.

Our New logo has passed the group vote. Special thanks goes to Markk Bush of the Earthway Dojo for making this for us!

Unfortunately the 2000 Taikai is out of stock... New order has been Placed and received for Bud Malmstrom on Gyokko Ryu and Moti Nativ on Bojutsu. I will place an order for the 2000 and 2001 Taikai when they become available. Both the Moti and Bud tapes are great sources of information on their respective topics!
In order to be fair in the sharing of information I have imposed a 3 week time limit on video check outs... over three weeks and you will be relentlessly nagged and harassed.

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June, 2003

In May, Kenyon and I attended the Jack Hoban Seminar in Kenosha. The Topic was jippo sessho - or 3 dimensional training. This idea was trained using the techniques of sanshin no kata and Kihon Happo - however looking at them from different perspectives. The main theme was identifying and controlling the space around the attacker. Mr. Hoban of course makes this look incredibly easy and natural. In my opinion it is a genius approach to taijutsu - The implementing of this idea will take some time since it is hard to wrap ones mind around the concept.

During the Earthway Dojo Ground fighting seminar we explored one of the many training topics put forth by Shidoshi Hoban... This being the idea of "perspective". We attempted to look at this idea while being pinned down on the ground in the patented "Gracie Guard Position".

We looked at this attack 3 ways - The most obvious being the same defensive techniques applied while being attacked on the ground and from a standing position. The second was the idea of using the attack as the opportunity and energy for success. Another is taking a very bad situation and looking at the positive aspects - while being realistically aware of the current dangers.

I believe this flexibility of perspective to be a very fundamental factor in Warriorship. In a conflict situation know the strengths and understand the weakness - Understand, but do not be overcome by them. In adopting a different view of the situation you may have the opportunity to transform those "weaknesses" into the very vehicle for your success.

What's New?

Congratulations to all our expecting Parents...

Black Belt testing...

James, Mike and Don completed their Shodan. Great Job Guys!

Shugyo: Seminar

Dojo will be closed June 22nd in support of the Earthway Seminar at Starved Rock.

New Shori Member: Terry Huddleston

Terry comes to us as a referral from his brother Ron Huddleston of the Earthway Dojo. Terry holds ranks in Tangsudo and Kung Fu.

Returning Member:

James Bana is back in the mix. James is a student from way back in the IMAA / Quest Days. James will be working on an 8th Kyu overview.

Ed Martin Seminar Slated for 12 and 13 July (Sat. and Sun). in Marine II.

This is out by St. Louis -- \$35 at the door.

Video Library

Last month we received the Gyokko ryu and Koto ryu Taikais. They have been reviewed and cataloged.

Both are very good in representing the feeling behind the ryu... check them out.

This month we are picking up the Gyokko Ryu Daikomyosai and John requested some Kihon happo material.

So, I will also pick up Kobudo no kihon.

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James/Mike: Kukishinden Happpo Biken Dakentaijutsu Shoden Scroll

Kenyon: Brown Belt review.

Chris: 6th Kyu Review

James: 8th Kyu overview

John: 8th Kyu curriculum review

Terry: Godai no Kata Movement and Ideas

Vic: Kukishinden Ryu Movement Ideas

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News:::

July, 2003

Greg Longoria's mother has passed after battling with illness for many years. Greg is my oldest friend and brother - let us keep his family in our prayers. Out of respect - we have all decided to donate July's Dues to the American Cancer association.

Due to the growing popularity of our group I have decided to contemplate opening up another day during the week. The most practical would be Wednesday night. This way I would be able to spend more time with the variety of lesson plans we currently have in progress. In order to keep the group dynamic we would still train together on Sunday - but we will need to stagger the times. I am open to the idea - I leave it up to you all to decide.

Another symptom of our maturity is "the waiver" written by our very own Donna Clarke... This is a good idea for everyone, not only does it protect the participants - but also provides emergency contact information. Even more important due to recent events with the Tampa tough woman contest...

The Shori Dojo has a great safety record... serious pain yes, serious injury no... However this is a very rough and tumble "life-way". make no mistake.

In June we attended Markk Bush's annual Shugyo training event. In sticking with the juppo sessho (multi dimensional) idea of training we expanded kihon happo idea's into ideas in themselves. Taking the omote gyaku Kihon and the Ichimongi Kamae Kihon we looked at what is going on in the form as well as their raw mechanics. With this approach we attempted to balance the how-to and the why-to within our art. This led into many different variations borne from one central theme... In my opinion this is what IT is all about! We had a blast... Thanks again Markk.

What's New?

Congratulations to all our expecting Parents...

Rank testing...

Kenyon Tested for his 5th Kyu Last month...

Chris Tested for Ro Kyu...

GREAT JOB!

Ed Martin Seminar Slated for 12 and 13 July (Sat. and Sun). in Marine II.

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Financial Report for second quarter 2003 is posted in Resources under Dojo Documents.

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July 1st Dojo closed

July 6/13/20/27: Sunday; Technical Classes

July 8/15/22/29: Tuesday; Application Classes

July 5/19/26: Saturdays available for SCHEDULED workshops... To date NOBODY has taken advantage of this.

--- If two or more students schedule in advance with a topic... We will train... This is a free day of open training.

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Vic: Kukishinden Ryu Movement Ideas

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News:::

September, 2003

Went to visit Mr. Ed Martin down in St. Louis Last month. Trained only for Part of the day with Thom Humphrey and his wicked pain-way Jujitsu.... OUCH!

Fortunately Markk was the "honored" guess at the seminar... with that he took the brunt of the ju-jitsu uke experience.

Markk and I sat and spoke for a good time with Ed on training and affiliation.

All good! We explained to him our situations and he was open with suggestions while offering us directions to take our training.

Even though the training with Mr. Martin was brief (Due to the 5 hr ride to St. Louis on top of a hectic week - I was spent upon my arrival) I found him to be very insightful in his theory and effective in his technique. In short I was very impressed with what he calls "Old man taijutsu" ... I would refer it more as very efficient and skilled movement. As I said --- I only had a taste, but it was more than enough to see and feel - he has much to teach - and more importantly I have much to learn.

I have to apologize for the length of time this web update. Since our vacation

I have had much to take care of - personally and professionally. Let's just say - when I wasn't busy playing catch - up - I was trying to breathe.

I give special thanks to all our senior instructors who took over in my absence. you guys have great insight and honesty to your training approach.

What's New?

Congratulations to all our expecting Parents...

Congratulations to Donna and Jeff: Eli James Clarke, 7lbs 10oz

Rank testing...

Kenyon Robinson Tested for his Brown Belt

James Bana and John Boyer Tested for Eighth Kyu

Terry Huddleston Tested 10th Kyu (Godai)

Ed Martin Seminar: Picked up his Bokken line... NICE!

He will be down at the new Earthway dojo on Sept 27th - \$35.

Bokken \$20, Cane \$12... Be there or be square.

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James/Mike: Gyokko Ryu Movement and Ideas

Kenyon: 4th Kyu Material

Chris: 5th Kyu material

James: 7th Kyu material

John: 7th Kyu material

Terry: Kihon Happo idea

Vic: Koto Ryu Movement and Ideas

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News:::

December, 2003

Hey once again I have let the site slip for a couple months... my apologies.
The Shori Dojo wishes everyone a very merry and safe holiday season.

We went in force to visit Shihan Ed Martin at the Earthway dojo in September.
I believe I speak for everyone when I say "Wow!"
The seminar topics were looking at close in variations of the Kihon happo and
Cane fighting ideas. But it was much more - wasn't it?
It was efficiency defined through movement...

Markk plans on having another seminar Early next year - I was very happy with the turn out
this time, I made this one mandatory - not only for the benefit of Ed Sensei but for our junior
members who only have our school to judge the quality of taijutsu.
It's very important to see a Shihan in action -- in order to be witness of the simplicity and
wonder of this art. I try ... but it's not really the same. I don't believe I will have to sell the
importance of the next session on anyone...

Personally I picked up a boatload of "stuff" to work on... so much that one Tuesday a month
we will be doing an advanced workshop for brown belts and above - just to get it all straight.

Ok... I'm going to mention this again --- The seminar program.
Any Saturday with about a weeks notice I can do an intensive small group session --- all we
need is 2 people and a topic of study.
This program is set up to benefit you all in your various training goals.
Now that we have more people it may make sense to use a Saturday to learn and a regular
training day to get your hands on some different bodies.
It is part of the training - take advantage of the program.
With such swings in attendance it makes it difficult to justify adding another permanent day to
the schedule. But, this is the next best thing.

What's New?

Congratulations to all our expecting Parents...
Markk and Tonya: Oct 1st --- Congrats!

Testing and promotions

Congrats to Kenyon on his 4th kyu demo
Chris on a great 5th Kyu demo!
John on his 7th Kyu test
Terry on his 9th kyu Kihon happo...
Great job guys - keep it up!

New Members:

Chuck Wilson and Kim Scolastico signed up in November through a referral from Kenyon.
Welcome to the group - have fun, play safe and be yourself...

Shorisha T-shirts Available through James Murray.

1st one is free for members - \$15 each for additional shirts
We are currently taking votes on the Back Nin kanji... Mike has brought in a professionally
made ninja Kanji from Seattle.. we may go with this one.

Taikai 2003 DVD: Takagi yoshin ryu

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Third Quarter Financial report is posted and can be found in the
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Tuesday Dec 21, Advanced Workshop

Saturdays: Dec 13, 27 (available for workshop seminars)

Saturday Dec 27: Training at Earthway Dojo.

December 7,14,21,28: Sunday; Technical Classes

December 2,9,16,21, 30: Tuesday; Application Classes

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Mike: Gyokko Ryu Movement and Ideas, Situations and Applications

Kenyon: 3rd Kyu Material

Chris: Brown belt Review

James: 7th Kyu material

John: 6th kyu material

Terry: Green Belt Review

Chuck: Godai ideas and movement

Kim: Godai ideas and ukemi

Vic: Koto Ryu Movement and Ideas