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THE YAMA GAWA SEASONAL NEWSLETTER - 1st Edition, Summer 2010/2011



Soke's Message

Here is something for the club to think about; all members that is. Teachers need students and students need teachers, and a club needs both. When a teacher is stepping forward so are the students, and when both are stepping forward then so is the club. Once this vim is impelled it must be continued, or like a wave it dissipates and dies.

Next year can be big step forward for everybody but all members must act in concourse. Ask what you can do for your club and not what your club can do for you. See the bigger picture. As we step

forward and come under the scrutiny of others who will judge us, let them see one front, one action and one breath; for what we see is what we do. If the bus is called 'Fudoshin', then let us not rely on one or few pushing whilst the rest enjoy the ride; let us all push, and push in the same direction.

I hope my words find their mark – the greatest bow in the world is nothing without its actions; its arrows. I am and always will be a part of this team, will you?

Thank you for reading this, and now battle.

Soke Tony Ball - a student of the Fudoshin way.

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Winter camp 2010 – Pulling in opposite directions, four struggle to topple one.



Sausage Sizzle

Saturday 30th of October,
Weather forecast - raining cats
and dogs all day with the rain
easing
occasionally. Reality saw the
day start of nice and warm but
very, very humid then from
10.30 the temp slowly dropped
and started drizzling about
1pm with all out rain shortly
after.

This was a good day for
Fudoshin it started slightly late
as me (sempai Paul) and
Emma got there at 9.50 to
start things off. Mitre 10 was
great, they supplied
everything. We had the trailer
(with BBQ and Esky in one)
fork lifted into place by the
staff. Another staff member
then assisted in setting up
a gazebo to shelter us. After
we were all set up I went off
for ice and Emma started to
cook. Our First customer was
a short Chippy with a
funny accent. "G'day, our
first customer how can I Help
you", "The first of many, can I
have one with the lot and a
can of coke".

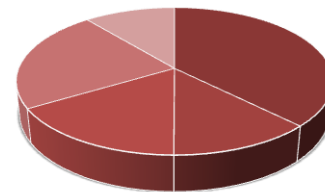
He was indeed the first of
many happy customers. Not
long after back up arrived as
Ariel and Emily started helping
out. We all had our jobs and
we sold half of our snags by
11.30am. After this we had
Seb and Patricia show up and
relieved Emma from the BBQ.
With Ariel taking money, Emily
taking care of food, Patricia
covering the BBQ and Seb on
drinks and keeping the BBQ
stocked. Emma and I

became redundant and it
was impressive to see
everyone working so well.
So well I had to do round the
clock trips to keep the stock
up.

After my first delivery I was
told they had sold nearly all
the other half of Sausages (I
was gone for about 20 min)
and Jordan and his mother
Susan had shown up to lend
a hand. "You're fired!"
Jordan said to Ariel as he
took charge of the money
working away like a
calculator. We then noticed
the sauce was low so Emma
went home to get some
more. Also Matt, Wade and
Cyril had shown up who was
very excited to slice the
onions. As we cramped into
the gazebo it was a fantastic
show of support. It was time
for more sausages again.

When I got back there was a
line of 4-5 people leaning
against the wall as Jordan
had taken charge. The only
people that seemed to be
working were Patricia on the
BBQ and Jordan serving
people. When the new
snags got there, half were
put straight onto the BBQ.
We thought this was the turn
of the day as it started to
rain at this stage. However
sales continued to pick up
and we sold the 50 snags I
just bought. So off I went
again to the shops to buy
more bread, napkins and
even more snags. When I

Fundraising Report



- Previous Balance - \$1348.00
- Frank & Shamus's BB Presentation - \$450.00
- Paul's BB Presentation - \$587.00
- Chocolate drive October 2010 - \$813.00
- Sausage Sizzle - \$394.00
- **TOTAL BALANCE - \$4107.00**

Good News - New Mats!!

The dojo will be receiving a set
of 72 new Zebra™ mats
purchased from the 'fight for life
seminar'.

We have been working very
hard to make the purchase of
these mats possible, and
without the clubs great
fundraising efforts we could not
have made most of this
amazing opportunity.

The mats are of the highest
quality providing the members
with a safe and durable area to
train on – and cost a fraction of
retail price.

Worth a mention, also, is the
fact that the 'Fight for life'
seminar is donating all
proceeds to cancer research.

Sempai Cyril J.



got back frank (Isaacs's dad)
had come to help.

We worked like a well
oiled machine, we were all in a
fun and relaxed mood and at

no stages did anyone feel
rushed. When the day started
to drop off we celebrated by
having one or two for
ourselves. I would like to thank
everybody that helped

throughout the day. It was a
great event and I for one felt
the club spirit returning to our
great martial art.

The tally for the end of the day was \$634.20 minus the \$240 Float (chocolate money) the total profit for the day was **\$394.20**, which I believe is enough for those new mats.

By Sempai Paul Greenfield



On the 6th and 7th of November 2010 a number of Fudoshin students participated in, a first of its kind, 'Fight for life' seminar. Over the two days 45 instructors, including Soke Tony Ball and Sensei Darren Ball, donated their time and shared their knowledge to raise money for cancer research.

Sempai Matt, Cyril, Shamus and Alice were amongst hundreds of eager martial artists taking part in this great event. This was an opportunity to learn under many highly regarded instructors with a buffet of martial knowledge and wisdom.

We are looking forward to the next 'fight for life' in 2012; hopefully bringing a larger contingent of open minded students.

For more information and many photos (including some of us) visit: www.fightforlife.org.au.

Final Gradings 2010

On the 27th of November the final gradings of 2010 were held at Yama Gawa dojo. Under a new structure the day ran smoothly despite it being one of the biggest gradings we have had. Total of 26 students showed their best, and the Dojo team would like congratulate everyone who was successful:

- **To Mauve Belt** - Ben Delarue, Aaron Feurtado, Felix Richardz (+1pip), Callum, Tom, Jordan Westtrue, Gus Hebblewhite, Daniel Feldi-Fried and Skye Macalister.
- **To Yellow Belt** - Jordan Thompson (+2pips), Phoenix Brennan, Isaak Torossian, Saxyn Preston and Ethan Thompson.
- **To Orange belt** - Nicolas Oyarce, Reece-Tyler Stevens, Tamara Corcoran, Joshua Torossian, Ivan Oyarce and Lucas Vagaj.
- **To Green Belt** - Andrew Mitchell and Sebastian Oyarce,
- **Pips and weapons** - Michael Unwin (green pip), Alex Unwin (green pip), Tom Rozbroj (2nd green pip, 1st half of Jo), Jeremy Harrington.





Soke's Award Ceremony

One Giant Leap for Fudoshin:

Recently, on the 14th of October 2010, Fudoshin Ryu Bujutsu had a momentous evening.

Fudoshin Ryu Bujutsu (governed in Australia as the 'Association of Oriental Fudoshin Arts') is a collection of dojo's lead by Soke Anthony Ball. The AOFA operates dojo in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and South Australia.

This year Soke Tony Ball celebrates his 40th year in martial arts training. This is not where the milestones end, for Soke Anthony Ball has just received three great honours.

Soke Tony Ball has recently been training with the well respected Hanshi Anthony (Tony) Jackson, 10th Dan Shorin-Ryu Shuri Ken Karate Do, ambassador and representative for Australia. Unbeknownst to Soke Tony Ball, Hanshi Tony Jackson had been organising certain awards in his honour.

On Thursday the 14th of October 2010 Hanshi Jackson had aided the students of Soke Tony Ball to organise a gathering at the Yama Gawa dojo in Seaford to honour Soke Ball in a special ceremony.

Many had gathered to pay their respects to Soke Ball on this great night for him. He has become well known in the Martial Arts community worldwide and had drawn a crowd of distinguished guests.

In attendance was;

- Tony Jackson (O.A.M.) – 10th Dan Shorin-Ryu Shuri Ken Karate Do, ambassador and representative for Australia, made all three awards.
- Hanshi Bruce Haynes – 9th Dan Daido Juku Combat Karate. World full contact champion and World Tamashiwara champion.
- Soke Eric Lovett – head of the Kobudo Ryu Keiko Ninpojutsu and one of Soke's oldest Martial Arts colleagues in Australia.
- Sensei Lindsay Hart of the Susumu Ryu, a 14-year private student of Soke's.
- Kancho Master Terry Lim – another one of Soke's oldest colleagues, head of the Loong Fu Pai.
- Kancho Grant Bannister, head of Bukido Karate
- Sempai Ralph Randall, 1st Dan of Bushidokan.



Image 1 and 2 – Top From left: Sensei Lindsay Hart, Sempai Ralph Randall, Soke Eric Lovett, Paul Lovett and Kancho Master Terry Lim.

Above From Left: Sensei Daniel, and Richard, Sempai Mathew, Josh, Stewart, Frank, Shamus and Paul.



Image 3 – Soke receiving an award from Tony Jackson.

- Fudoshin Yudansha – Sensei Darren, Daniel, Peter, Richard and sempai Josh, Stuart, Matthew, Cyril, Frank, Shamus and Paul.

Family members - Wife Marie, daughter Shalina and husband Paul, cousins from the UK – Jacqui, Kevin and Jenny Lee, Granddaughter Jasmine.

On this evening Soke Tony Ball received three distinct honours. After an opening ceremony and some demonstrations by the Fudoshin students, Hanshi Jackson awarded the following certificates.

Firstly was the award of the recognised rank of 8th dan from MAA international in association with the Budo/Bugei Kokusai

Renmei. Secondly Soke Tony ball was then awarded the title of Hanshi also by the MAA. And thirdly Hanshi Jackson had revealed that he had been in contact with Shihan Jim McAllister from the British Fudoshin Association and had been given permission to officially award Soke (now Hanshi) Anthony Ball the position of Inheritor of Fudoshin Australia. This award is recognised by the World Headmasters and Sokeship Union. This is an honour which Hanshi Ball holds very dear.

The evening was fantastic. Many people who wished they could be there but couldn't, had sent there well wishes to the association. These letters were read aloud on the night. Two such letters that were read came from, Tino Ceberano and Silvio Morelli.

It was truly a great event for Fudoshin Bujutsu and has opened many doors for the future of the art.

By Sempai Sean-James Hosking

This Article appeared on Pg14 in the December 2010 issue of 'Blitz' Magazine.



Soke appeared in an article from the 22/11/2010 Frankston Leader on page 82..

Mentor makes it to top

Martial Arts

A LONG-SERVING Frankston martial arts expert has been awarded the highest accolades available in Fudoshin martial arts.

Tony Ball has been training in and teaching "the way of the warrior and the arts of the samurai" for 40 years.

Unexpectedly, he found himself at the centre of an awards ceremony at Yamagawa Dojo at Seaford Community Hall earlier this month.

In front of his colleagues and students, a surprised Ball was awarded three certificates, of the highest calibre in martial arts.

He received an inheritors certificate, recognising him as the head of Fudoshin Ryu in Australia; a title certificate, effectively awarding him the title Hanshi; and a rank certificate, awarding him the rank of eighth Dan.

The awards and certificates were presented by Hanshi Tony

Jackson, OAM, who travelled from Perth.

Ball has been has been teaching Fudoshin martial arts in Frankston since moving here in 1982.

Son Darren, head instructor for Fudoshin Martial Arts in Victoria, said his father was an inspiration.

"This man, my father and personal mentor, has spent the last 40 years of his life training in traditional martial arts and teaching others to realise the noble virtues," he said.

The accolades are rare and have the authorisation and approval from many international governing bodies and martial arts masters. They are authorised by the Martial Arts Association – International and the Budo Bugei Kai (Martial Arts and Development Society), based in Okinawa.

Fudoshin expert Tony Ball has been honoured.

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The King of Death

This is an extract from a book of short stories depicting the samurai spirit called "Samurai spirit wisdom for modern life":

"Two samurai were among thousands of warriors engaged in a battle that swept across a vast plain. On the overlooking hills stood hundreds of archers who rained down their arrows on the enemy soldiers.

*One arrow penetrated the chest of a **ferocious** samurai, just above the heart. The enemy around him watched anxiously, waiting to see if anything would really halt the warrior who killed so many of their bravest men. The wounded man saw the arrow piercing his body and dropped his sword as he staggered trying to pull the arrow out. The men around him fell on him from all sides, and in seconds he was dead. Across the same plain, a second **powerful** samurai was also struck by a falling arrow, which hit him in the same place as the first arrow hit the ferocious samurai. This warrior's opponents could not believe their luck. They closed in for the kill, being careful to wait to see if he was truly felled. The warrior looked at the arrow sticking out of his body, grabbed his sword with two hands over his head, let a tremendous, ear-chattering kiai, and continued his relentless advance on the enemy.*

Seeing the ashen warrior advancing toward them with the arrow sticking out of his chest, and hearing his voice that seemed to come from the underworld, they scattered, as if being chased by the king of death.

In a few moments, with no one left around him to fight the wounded samurai sat down to rest. A comrade removed the arrow and dressed the wound. The samurai lived to fight many more battles, with a ferocious scar on his chest just above the heart and an awe-inspiring nickname the king of death."

This story tells of two great samurai engaged in battle - warriors that have great martial skill, which instills fear in their enemies. The difference in the warriors shows in the presence of true adversity, as manifested through their personal resolve.

One great warrior is startled when struck by an arrow. He loses perspective and tries to tend to the wound, ultimately losing his life in his moment of panic.

The second powerful warrior on the other side of the battle field - with clarity in his mind and a total resolve - continues his charge and only tends to the arrow after he finishes his charge.

This, to me, is what a true fudoshin state of mind is. This is what we, as the students of Fudoshin should be working towards - the immovable spirit.

By Sempai Cyril Jezek

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Frankston Waterfront Festival

15th and 16th of January



2011

- Daily Demonstrations...
- Helping at the stall...
- Handing out brochures and promo items...

"come help out during the weekend, socialize and help make our club better..."



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The Season Ahead



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Important Summer Dates:

- **December 16th, Thursday** - Last Class.
- **December 19th, Sunday** - Breakup BBQ.
- **January 4rd, Tuesday** - First class of 2011.
- **January 15th-16th, Weekend** - Frankston Waterfront Festival.
- **January 10th, Monday** - Beach Training.
- **January 26th, Wednesday** - Australia Parade Mornington.
- **January 27th, Thursday** - Shiai Kai (Contesting Class).
- **February 7th, Monday** - Beach Training.
- **February 24th, Thursday** - Shiai Kai (Contesting Class)

NEW Class Times:

MONDAY

- 17:00 - 17:45 – White and Moves Junior
- 17:45 - 18:30 – Yellow and above Junior
- 18:30 - 20:15 – Adult Class

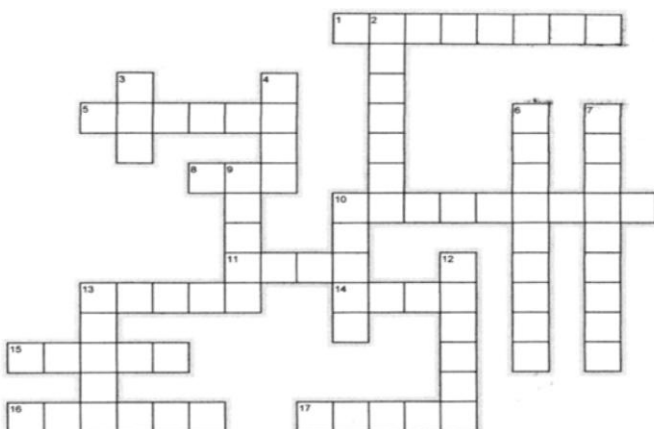
TUESDAY – 20:00 – 21:30 – Adult Class

THURSDAY

- 17:30 - 18:30 – Junior Class (All grades)
- 18:30 - 20:15 – Adult Class

SATURDAY – 10:00 – 11:00 – Junior Class

fudo christmas crossword



Across

1. you might find them under a tree
5. an instructors title
8. ichi
10. happens on december 25
11. a way of throws
13. he wears a red suit
14. a set pattern of moves
15. stop the blow
16. not right
17. tanto

Down

2. i have very shiny nose
3. ashi
4. go
6. tai garuma
7. learn this to land safely
9. the turtles were these
10. shime waza
12. empty hand
13. katana

Answers available at the FON (Fudoshin Online Network).

This is a club newsletter and it should represent the voice of the entire club. Anyone is more than welcome to have suggestions on the content within this newsletter.

This is the first of many seasonal club 'scrolls'. Please forward any feedback to me.

Sempai Cyril Jezek



The Yama Gawa Dojo Team:

- **Sensei** – Darren Ball
- **Finance/Admin** – Nyree
- **Equipment** – Sempai Frank
- **Gradings** – Sempai Matthew
- **AOFA liaison** – Sempai Shamus
- **Marketing /Advertising** – Sempai Cyril
- **Social/ Fundraising** – Sempai Paul

Any enquiries anyone may have should be addressed to the relevant department.

Thank you.