

NZJJF Happenings

A lot has been happening with NZJJF. Already this year we have ...

- Streamlined the functions of NZJJF
- Launched the Public Register of Ju-Jitsu Instructors and Black Belts
- Restructured the Instructors' Coaching Programme
- Written the C1 Assistant Instructors' course
- Convened one black belt grading panel
- Planned a national seminar
- Reworked www.nzjff.org.nz for increased functionality (yet to be relaunched)

Public Register

The clubs we talked to agreed that it was in the ju-jitsu community's best interests to improve the public's perception of ju-jitsu. There are two ways we can do this. The first is to improve the quality and safety of ju-jitsu instruction and the second is to make sure that all members purporting to be a certain grade really are that grade, and the grade is reasonable by international standards. Approved instructors and black belts are recorded in the Public Register of Ju-Jitsu Instructors and Black Belts, and the Register is to be made accessible so the public can check ju-jitsu credentials. The Public Register will be held at www.nzjff.org.nz.

Instructors' Coaching Programme

To date, NZJJF encouraged instructors to attend a coaching course and get first aid qualified in order to become a Certified Instructor. However, when SPARC (now Sport NZ) scrapped the Coaching NZ courses and told National Sport Organisations to provide their own coaching education, ju-jitsu instructors were left without anywhere to become qualified.

NZJJF is pleased to announce that the C1 Assistant Instructors' course is now available. This is an introduction to coaching and is ideal for the assistant instructor in a ju-jitsu club. The course is a home study, self-paced course with certification following a successful examination. We recommend that clubs having no NZJJF-recognised instructors look to put their instructors through the C1 course. The cost is \$45 (including registration) and enrolment applications can be made by emailing coaching@nzjff.org.nz.



Instructors previously recognised as Certified Instructors by NZJJF are now recognised as C2 Club Instructors. The C2 course is in the process of being written. In future it will be a requirement of all NZJJF member clubs that they have at least one Club Instructor.

Instructors holding the Coaching NZ Level 2 qualification or a tertiary sports science qualification will now be recognised as C3 Advanced Instructors. Assistant, Club and Advanced Instructors will be recorded in the Public Register.

Congratulations to **Simon Ogden**, who has been recently recognised as a C2 Instructor.

Black Belt Register



The Black Belt register is our way of assuring the public that our members hold the grade they say they do and that their grade is reasonable. Applications to have your grade registered will be soon available on-line at www.nzjif.org.nz. In the meantime, email registrar@nzjif.org.nz for an application form. Your current grade will be validated with your examiner by NZJIF and the grade will be assessed for reasonableness based on your time practicing ju-jitsu. The cost for initial registration is \$25 and updates are \$15.

Congratulations to **Doug Bailey** (4D), **Paul Huston** (1D) and **Sten Olivecrona** (5D) on their recent registrations.

Seven other applications are currently being processed.

Matamata seminar

The national seminar has been confirmed for **Saturday 19 May**, doors opening 10.30am for an **11am start**. The venue is the Matamata Memorial Hall, Tainui Street (off Broadway).

Cost: \$50 (members) / \$60 (non-members - includes \$10 NZJIF membership). Lunch and refreshments are provided. To register, email secretary@nzjif.org.nz.

Graeme Catlin has kindly supplied the following accommodation ideas for those staying on:

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| • Broadway Motel | 07 888 8482 | (centre of town) |
| • Horse & Jockey pub | 07 888 9972 | (backpackers in centre of town) |
| • Matamata Central Motel | 07 880 9487 | (1km from centre) |
| • Oreilly's Motel | 07 888 9126 | (1km from centre) |
| • Tower Lodge Motel | 07 888 6112 | (2km from centre) |
| • Okauia Hot Springs | 07 888 8198 | (6km from centre) |

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that the 2012 AGM will follow the national seminar at the Matamata Memorial Hall, and is expected to begin 5.30pm. Attendees and nominees must be current NZJIF Individual Members. Signed nominations and items for the agenda must be received by NZJIF, 902 Norton Rd, Hastings 4122 by 25 April.

2012 Membership

Individual (\$10) and Club (\$80) Memberships for the 2012 year are due. Cheques made out to 'NZJIF' can be sent to the above address or deposited to:

NZJIF Westpac 03-0179-0280064-00 ([use your name / club as an identifier](#)).

Congratulations

We are thrilled to report two promotions that you may not have heard about:

- Kyoshi **David Butler** (Samurai Arts, Rotorua) was promoted to 7th Degree on 17 February 2011 by Richard Morris and Jan Eric Karlsson of Jiu-Jitsu International.
- **Pina Simpson** (Southern Tribes, New Plymouth) became one of an elite few to receive a 1st Degree in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu. Pina was promoted by Steve Oliver on 24 March 2012.

Correction

In the last newsletter (2012-1) it was stated that Shihan Gary Trail, OSA had been graded to 8th Degree by the NZ Sokeship Council. This was incorrect. Shihan Trail was, in fact, graded by the International Soke Institute NZ. NZJIF apologises for any confusion.