

### Seasons Greetings

Happy New Year! What a year 2012 was. We thought we would take some time to recap the happenings of 2012 before we launch into 2013.

### Christchurch national seminar 2012-2

Following on from the success of the Matamata seminar the Christchurch seminar on 11 August was fantastic! We had a turnout of about 36, with people from Auckland to Invercargill. Again, about half of the attendees were black belts and it was pleasing to see a good level of skill by these people.

Doug Bailey, OSA started the day with a session of fighting from the ground and he was followed by Paul Reti. Paul has been doing ju-jitsu for more than four decades and the ease, precision and power of his techniques was clear to see. It was a treat to be taught by him. Phil Davison continued with an exploration of the kata applications of aiki-jujutsu, followed by Julian Columbus. Julian's experience in the security industry was clear and gave attendees a different angle from normal self defence applications. The day was rounded out by Rob Perks, who provided a good taste of the WJF-style ju-jitsu that is prevalent in the UK.

The seminar was the first held by NZJJF in the South Island. For many it was the first time training with people from different ju-jitsu styles, too. And for the visitors it was a first training in an earthquake zone, complete with evacuation briefings and the like.

Many thanks must go to Julian Columbus and the Can-Am Judo Club for hosting the event at their dojo and providing a great lunch.



### Wellington national seminar 2012-3

The final national seminar for 2012 was held at Wellington on 6 October. We were very lucky to again have a very good line-up of instructors for the day.

Vanderson Pires began the day with some Brazilian jiu jitsu fundamentals. His hypnotic voice, relaxed teaching style and economy of movement almost put some of the travelling attendees to sleep, but his session was an excellent way to ease into the day and everyone gained something extra to add to their *newaza*. James Salter took time out from his organisation's *gasshuku* to teach a selection of control and restraint techniques. James is a master trainer with the Corrections Department so his proven techniques, interspersed with humorous anecdotes, were top class. Dave Butler followed with some solid traditional ju-jitsu applications and Rob Howard introduced the Luyong lock flow of wristlocks and armlocks. Simon Ogden took the final session of the day, delivering a thought-provoking technical session on balance points and balance taking.

Thanks to Simon Ogden and Paul Huston, and the Wellington Judo & Ju Jitsu Academy for their hospitality and excellent lunch.

Photos of the event can be found at: <http://www.nzjif.org.nz/jujitsu/index.php?clid=photo-stream>



Many thanks to the instructors who gave such a high calibre of teaching during the course of the 2012 seminar series. They were:

Gary Trail, OSA, 8<sup>th</sup> dan  
Graeme Catlin, 5<sup>th</sup> dan  
Sten Olivecrona, 5<sup>th</sup> dan  
Terry Evans, 5<sup>th</sup> dan

Paul Reti, 7<sup>th</sup> dan  
Julian Columbus, 5<sup>th</sup> dan  
Doug Bailey, OSA, 4<sup>th</sup> dan  
Phil Davison, 4<sup>th</sup> dan  
Rob Perks, 2<sup>nd</sup> dan

Dave Butler, 7<sup>th</sup> dan  
James Salter, 6<sup>th</sup> dan  
Rob Howard, 4<sup>th</sup> dan  
Simon Ogden, 2<sup>nd</sup> dan  
Vanderson Pires, 1<sup>st</sup> dan

### 2012 in summary

The Wellington seminar was a wonderful way to cap off a successful 2012 year. The **Public Register of Ju-Jitsu Instructors and Black Belts** was launched and has had a good intake in the first year. Two C3 Advanced Instructors and ten C2 Club Instructors have been registered, but most pleasing were the six who completed the new **C1 Assistant Instructor programme** to become registered. As well, 14 black belts have had their grades verified and are registered as legitimate ju-jitsu black belts. The registers can be viewed at [www.nzjif.org.nz](http://www.nzjif.org.nz).

We have also shared in some special awards. Doug Bailey was presented the Outstanding Service Award at Matamata. Also, NZJJF convened grading panels that promoted Sten Olivecrona and Terry Evans to 5<sup>th</sup> dan. In both cases, Gary Trail, OSA, 8<sup>th</sup> dan presided.

And, of course, we have a functional new **website** to keep you up to date with events and records. Keep an eye on it for the 2013 calendar, out soon.

### Instructor Register

Congratulations to **Brent Byers, Simon Carter, Rachel Mackenzie, Vinnie Morris and Rupert Bunny** who have passed the C1 course and who have been approved for the Instructor Register.

### Black Belt Register

Congratulations to **Rowena Harper (2D)** and **Brent Byers (1D)** who have been approved for the Black Belt Register.