

Wanganui national seminar 2013-1

The 2013 seminar season kicked off with a national seminar in Wanganui. This is the first event held in that city since things began in 1999. Sadly, local support was poor but travelling attendees brought numbers to 25, including 10 black belts.

The day opened with a great session by Pina Simpson, a BJJ black belt from Southern Tribes in New Plymouth. Pina is a very experienced grappler and showed a great series of submissions from the guard. As a treat he also showed some great escapes, too. Doug Bailey, OSA continued with a session on clinching and clinch takedowns. He led a parallel discussion on the psychological and physiological effects of combat and how increasing stress levels have a correlating decrease in fine motor and complex motor skills available to the ju-jitsuka. His take-home message was to make sure your favourite self defence techniques will work in high stress situations.

After lunch, Graeme Catlin introduced attendees to some of the lesser known chokes and strangles from out of the Kawaishi system. These included standing chokes, inverted chokes and rolling chokes. Simon Ogden followed with a great session on wristlocks. The difference here was the emphasis on breaking uke's balance and controlling both circles. His sequence made for a neat way of remembering the main wristlocks. Rob Howard took the final session, showing his system's method of knife work and some drills designed to teach offensive cuts and defensive parries. This was a deviation from main-stream ju-jitsu and a good introduction into a non-Japanese fighting system.



Many thanks must go to Simon Ogden for organising the event and to Wayne Watson's Wanganui Judo Club for the use of their dojo.

Christchurch national seminar 2013-2

The second national seminar for 2013 is heading back to Christchurch. Last year's event there was so successful in bringing together practitioners from all over the South Island (and from the North Island) for a great line-up of teachers that it had to be repeated in 2013. The seminar is scheduled for **Saturday 18 May** at the Can-Am Judo club. Instructors are:

Karl Webber - MMA coach
Sten Olivecrona, 5th dan
Paul Stokes, 6th dan
Phil Davison, 4th dan
Ian Haussmann, 1st dan

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Hastings national sport ju-jitsu tournament 2013-1

Whilst we are looking ahead, it is worth noting the first sport ju-jitsu tournament on the 2013 National Circuit. This will be held on **Saturday 29 June** at St John's College, Hastings. Categories on offer are Freefighting, Grappling and Self Defence, and rules and entry forms are available at <http://www.nzjif.org.nz/jujitsu/index.php?cID=tournaments> . There will be male and female Adult, U18 and U15 divisions and the event is open to all martial artists of any style and any rank.

This is the first NZJJF tournament in a number of years. Rankings points will be on offer and a number of competitors will be vying for selection in the Black Tops for representation at the WCJJO World Games in England later this year. Please contact Simon Ogden, NZJJF Director for Sport on coaching@nzjif.org.nz for further information.

2013 Annual General Meeting

The 2013 AGM is to be held at St John's College on **Saturday 29 June** at 5pm (i.e. following the 2013-1 tournament). All NZJJF members are invited.

The purpose of the AGM is to receive the 2012 Annual Report, to elect officers (of which, five are required), set the membership fee, and discuss any general business that has been received ahead of the meeting. This newsletter is to provide advance notice of the AGM and to call for nominations and business.

Rowena Harper has indicated that she will step down as Treasurer, a role she has performed admirably. If anyone knows of someone with accounting, book-keeping or management skills who would like to fill the role, we would like to hear from you. The main functions are receiving, recording and banking membership and entry fees, reconciling records to bank statements and helping getting things ready for year-end financial statements. Training is provided for the new Treasurer.

A further call for nominations and general business will be made in the next newsletter. The deadline for such nominations and general business is **8 June**. Correspondence can be sent to chairman@nzjif.org.nz or to: NZJJF, 902 Norton Rd, Hastings 4122.

High Dan Grades discussion

A number of organisations were asked for comments on a High Dan Grades policy drafted by the NZJJF committee. The purpose of the policy was to establish a transparent, consistent and well-documented procedure for the grading of 8th, 9th and 10th dans in this country that would stand up to international scrutiny. Whilst we received good support and some thoughtful suggestions, we also received four responses that were opposed to the idea in favour of using overseas high-grades and organisations for such promotions. The result was the committee shelving the policy for the mean time; it is much more important that we follow incentives that promote unity within the ju-jitsu community than ones that could lead to division. Further thoughts are welcome.

Black Belt Register

Congratulations to **Julian Columbus** (5D) who has been approved for the Black Belt Register.

Congratulations

We are thrilled to report two recent promotions:

- **James Salter** and **Alistair Thompson** of Sakura Kan, who were graded to 7th Degree and 6th Degree respectively on 30 March by Steve Heremaia.