

**NZJJF Outstanding Service Award (OSA)**

At the August National Seminar at Hastings, **Dave Butler** of Samurai Arts, Rotorua was awarded the NZJJF Outstanding Service Award for long-time service to the New Zealand ju-jitsu community. This award is the highest award made by NZJJF and recognises Dave's four-and-a-half decades in ju-jitsu, dating back to 1969. Over that time, Dave has trained with many high-ranking ju-jitsuka, such as Richard Morris, Robert Clarke, Wally Jay, Toshishiro Obata, Shizuya Sato and Alain Saily. In attending many international events, he has taken New Zealand contingents and introduced them to the rest of the world. He has also sponsored many of these prominent exponents to New Zealand, giving kiwi ju-jitsuka exposure to expert tuition.



Dave has had a long association with Jiu Jitsu International and currently holds the rank of 7<sup>th</sup> degree and the title of kyoshi from that organisation.

**The 2015 Annual Seminar** – Kim Chenery, NZJJF Committee

Our 2015 Annual Seminar and AGM was held on the 22nd August in Hastings hosted by Doug Bailey at the New Zealand Jiu Jitsu School of Self Defence dojo in Hastings. A big thank you has to go to Doug for being a fantastic host, supplying us with a wonderful venue as well as food and refreshments. Thank you to all those who attended from all around the North Island, especially the instructors for taking time out to show us their style and give us some insight into some fantastic ideas and techniques.

Our host kicked off the morning with some light randori. Doug is a firm believer that randori should be an integrated part of our training and it is where kata-based learning can be tested and tried in a constantly changing, random environment. Kicks, punches and random movement can close down an attack and equally open opportunities, and this is a real test of whether our techniques are working in a more realistic setting. For some of us it was quite a challenge to get a well-practiced throw off on someone while they are punching and kicking us, reinforcing Doug's philosophy that randori should be something we should all be doing within our training.



Dave Butler took us through the next session. Traveling from his dojo in Rotorua, Dave introduced us to some fairly advanced techniques requiring coming off the side of strikes and blending with our opponent to deliver some devastating strikes and throws. With his rich heritage of shinkendo, aiki-bu-jutsu and ju-jitsu going as far back as 1969 Dave is one of the leading kodansha in this country and it was a privilege to be able to train with him. Dave was also presented with the NZJJF Outstanding Service Award for his long-time involvement in the New Zealand ju-jitsu community.

Rob Pointon introduced us to some Chin Na techniques in the next session with his style of blending, striking and the use of wrist, elbow and shoulder locks. Rob also emphasised the importance of blending with our opponent, feeling the direction of the opponent's energy and balance, and using that to counter and control. With Rob's blend of Chinese-styled martial arts with that of his ju-jitsu training it was obvious he was the Real Deal and you could see these techniques being very useful in anyone's martial arts training.



Our final session of the day was taken by Sten Olivecrona. A student of the Kawaishi system, Sten has adapted his ju-jitsu with his work in the security industry. Sten has spent three decades fine-tuning what works and what doesn't in a close-contact, self defence-styled martial art. Sten took us through some drills to replicate the use of a standard flash light and its uses in control and restraint of an

individual. By the end of the class we all knew where our collar bone and floating ribs were and just how sore a solid object can be on those areas.

These seminars are a fantastic way for us to get together and share our common interest in our system of martial arts. It's where we get to share and promote our wonderful art that is ju-jitsu. Thank you to all those who attended and I look forward to seeing you at the next one.

### **NZJJF Annual General Meeting**

The 2015 NZJJF AGM was held at Hastings following the National Seminar. Results of the meeting were:

#### **Committee:**

- Doug Bailey - Chairman
- Anthony Bennet - Secretary / Treasurer
- Simon Ogden - Director of Sport
- Kim Chenery
- Ann Norton

#### **2015/2016 Membership fees:**

Memberships for the 2015/2016 year are to be maintained at the same cost:

- Individual: \$10
- Club: \$80

Cheques made out to 'NZJJF' can be sent to 902 Norton Rd, Hastings 4122 or deposited to:

NZJJF Westpac 03-0179-0280064-00 (use your name / club as an identifier).

#### **General Business:**

Towards the end of the meeting, discussions included adding more video content to the NZJJF website so people have a better idea of what happens at NZJJF events, and making better use of social media channels to encourage involvement by members. It was noted that kyu grade ju-jitsuka were not as numerous as at previous events and the committee will look at working with instructors to encourage them to make their students more welcome.

## **C2 Coaching Course is NOW COMPLETE!**

The C2 Club Instructor course has been completed. This is a comprehensive course that covers physiology, psychology, communication, coaching, risk management and governance.

Completion of the C1 introductory course is a pre-requisite except where members can demonstrate that they have sport science qualifications from tertiary providers or similar. For further information please contact Simon Ogden on [coaching@nzjif.org.nz](mailto:coaching@nzjif.org.nz)

## **NZJIF Black Belt Register**

The Black Belt Register, together with the Instructors Register, makes up the Public Register of Ju-Jitsu Instructors and Black Belts.

Details about the process of black belt recognition and the NZJIF procedure can be found on the NZJIF website in [Notice 15-2](#)

Please contact Doug Bailey on [registrar@nzjif.or.nz](mailto:registrar@nzjif.or.nz) for further information.

## **CONGRATULATIONS ...**

### **NZJIF Coach Awards.**

Congratulations go to those who successfully completed their coaching qualifications  
**Richard Tarrant** of Hamilton Goshin Jitsu Academy, NZJIF C2 Level Coach

### **NZJIF Black Belt Register 2015**

Congratulations to the following approved for the Black Belt Register:  
**Rob Pointon** (5D)