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What does Seiko Kai International do for you?

Membership gives you a direct relation to and contact with and membership in a genuine traditional Japanese karate organization.

*You and your members can get dan certificates from Japan signed by a Japanese grandmaster. (You will actually get two certificates. One in Japanese signed by Suzuki sensei and one in English signed by Sato sensei).

*You can buy teaching material from Rosella Eng, but have also access to manuals on the Vancouver Hombu dojo site and from other clubs and organizations.

*As Chief Instructor you can test for dan grades (up to one level below your own grade) in your country, send a request (and money) to us and we will send you the official certificates.

*Of course now we have also the Seiko Kai International website at

<http://www.shitoryuseikokai.com/>

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You will receive the monthly News Bulletins and the Seiko Kai B.C. quarterly newsletter. Invitations to tournaments in different countries in the world. You can also organize your own international tournament and invite our members.

Canada

10th Annual Sato Cup

February 2, 2008 in Vancouver, B.C. Canada

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Sri Lanka –

International Tournament, March 2, 2008

For info contact : Ruwan Satharasinghe : ruwan@seikokaisl.org

Germany

On the 3rd of November was 23rd Burgen Pokal Karate championship held in Weinheim, Germany. There were 645 Karate-Ka participating on this day. This was one of the biggest Karate Championship in Germany which is also recognized and managed by the German National Karate Federation. Therefore lots of District, National, European as well as World Champions in both Kata and Kumite were taking part on this Championship to prepare for their next official Karate Championship.

One of their Seiko Kai Instructor in Abstatt dojo as well as a competitor Dimithrius Minithanthri participated on this Championship for over 18 yers old Black belt Kata category. In this category were lots of National and district ex and present team members participated to re-motivate and ensure their standard for next forth coming official Karate Championships'.

Seiko Kai member Dimithrius managed to received 3rd place in Black belt Kata category. It was a big success for Seiko Kai Germany as well as for Dimithrius that they were in the top list.

Dimithrius performed Kata, Unshu for his first round and then Shiho Kushanku and Gojushiho.



Well done to Dimithrius on behalf of all Seiko-Kai international Members.

Germany also held their Seiko-Kai Championship last month, which was a sucess. They had 12 Referees and more than 340 starters and 16 teams for Kata and kumite.

Participants from India, Portugal, Egypt, Italy, England, Switzerland, Iran attended.

The event started at 9am and was finished at about 9pm which was along day for all involved.

India

India are holding the first ever Seiko-Kai Asia Cup Karate Championships from 14th to 17th February 2008. Further details can be obtained from their website www.karateindia.net. Or email Sensei Bharat Sharma: sunbharat@yahoo.com

Australia

It has been extremely busy in this part of the world. Our new Hombu Dojo is complete. Seiko-Kai in Australia now has a centre piece for all its members to enjoy



It has always been a dream of the Australian branch to have a permanent dojo and it has been achieved.

Sensei Ron Matthews (Chief Instructor NSW, Sydney) and Sensei Colin Punyer (Australian Branch Chief) visited Japan last month. Sensei Ron's local Council "Gosford" has a sister city agreement with Edogawa in Japan, which is the next city to Suzuki Soke's dojo in Japan.

During the visit they had the pleasure to meet with Council members Councilor Shinichi Fujisawa, Mr. Junichi Asano, Director General of Management and Planning Department Mr. Koji Ishizuka, Director of Cultural Affairs Section. Both Sato Sensei and Watanabe attended the meeting.

While in Tokyo Both Sensei Ron and Colin enjoyed some private lessons with Suzuki Soke and also attended classes conducted by Yokoyama Sensei at the Koiwa Public school. They also attended the annual Instructors training and the Seiko-Kai AGM.



Meeting with Edogawa City Council, Shihan Watanabe, Shihan Sato, Sensei Ron and Sensei Colin



Koiwa School Karate Club, Yokoyama Sensei and Watanabe Shihan with Sensei Colin

Canada –

Canada's Newest (and one of the Oldest) Black Belts



He's 74 and raring to go! Mr. Isao Naito was officially tested for and awarded a Black Belt in Shito Ryu Seiko Kai Karate on November 18th. Mr. Naito, a resident of Pemberton, has been studying with the Pemberton/Whistler Karate Club for 5 years. Through hard work and a never say die determination he has steadily progressed upwards and now is in possession of the coveted Black Belt, making him the oldest person in this style of karate to do so.

Isao Naito was born in Japan on the southern island of Kyushu in 1933. Passing through some trying times in his younger days, he made his way to Yokohama and found work in a plastic container manufacturing plant, working his way steadily up to become Senior Vice-President. Upon retirement, he found himself alone in Japan, his three daughters already having come to Pemberton. Although he never learned any English, he uprooted himself to join his family, which now also includes six grandchildren.

He joined the Pemberton/Whistler Karate Club in 2002 and he finds it has filled out his social life immensely. The instructor, Wim Tewinkel, has spent time in Japan, speaks some Japanese and of course much terminology for karate is in Japanese.

Naito-san, as he is affectionately known to all of the club members, finds being with a group of people bound to a single purpose enriching to his life. He is especially fond of the younger members of the club and likes the energy they bring. He says that all of the members are consistently kind to him. In his modest way he says that his slow memory sometimes tries the patience of the club. The other members on their part are very proud to have someone of his dedication and kindness and say that he is an inspiration for them.

When does he want to quit? “As long as I am able to move I want to continue doing karate and being a part of this club!”

Editors Note

That brings another year to a close. Some new countries joined Seikokai and we hope they will continue to prosper. This year with the help of Stan Morrison (Canada) our website was launched giving us a strong presence. Suzuki Soke produced the Kata DVD set demonstrating Seiko-Kai kata and numerous members from around the world took time to visit other countries.

We hope you have a safe festive season and the new year brings greater success to all Seiko-Kai dojo's around the world.

Colin Punyer

We are always looking for any news from around the world. No matter how small, please send it to us for inclusion in the monthly newsletter newsletter@shitoryuseikokai.com

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