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Honorary 8th Degree Black Belt to President Theodore Roosevelt

James Webb, the President of the United States Judo Association presented an honorary 8th degree black belt to President Theodore Roosevelt, the first and only American President to have studied the Japanese art of Judo.

Also in attendance, Mr. Gary Goltz, the Chief Operating Officer of the USJA, Mr. David Passoff, Mr. Marc Cohen and Mr. James Bruns, the President of the Theodore Roosevelt Association who received the award today, November 17, 2007 at the Roosevelt Home, Sagamore Hill, NY at 11:00 AM.

Honored guests included Mr. Jiro Okuyama, Deputy Consul General and Director of the Japan Information Center from the Consulate General of Japan in New York, and Ms. Yuko Suzuki, also from the Consulate.

Sagamore Hill was the home of Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States, from 1885 until his death in 1919. From 1902 to 1908 his "Summer White House" in Oyster Bay, New York was the focus of international attention.

For more information about the Theodore Roosevelt Association you can visit their web site: www.theodoreroosevelt.org.







21 North Union Boulevard Colorado, Springs, CO 80909

July 4, 2007

Jim Bruns, President Theodore Roosevelt Association P.O. Box 719 Oyster Bay, NY 11711

Dear Jim:

Throughout history it has remained of paramount importance for us as a people to remember and pay tribute to those who were instrumental in giving us the courage and guidance to build a better way of life.

The achievements of President Theodore Roosevelt are impressive. He led our country into the arena of international politics while creating an environment of order, social justice, and fair dealings here at home.

Less well know but equally as impressive in their own right were President Roosevelt's contributions to the adoption of Kodokan Judo in the United States. In 1904 Professor Yoshiaki Yamashita proclaimed Roosevelt to be one of his best students – noteable Professor Yamashita remains one of the very few people to obtain the rank of tenth degree black belt.

It is in recognition of his support of judo at a time when judo was in a critical period of acceptance in the United States that we proudly present President Theodore Roosevelt with the certificate of the judo rank of eight degree black belt.

Sincerely,

James R. Webb, President THEODORE ROOSEVELT ASSOCIATION
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Oyster Bay, NY 11771-0719
(516) 921-6319
(516) 921-6481 Fax
www.theodoreroosevelt.org

July 30. 2007

Mr. Dave Passoff Post Office Box 4451 Great Neck, NY 11023

Dear Dave:

On behalf of the Theodore Roosevelt Association, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to you for arranging for a presentation by the United States Judo Association in tribute to Theodore Roosevelt. This is indeed a most fitting honor for President Roosevelt, who took up Jiu-jitsu for about a year or two after he stopped boxing as a result of an eye injury to his left eye.

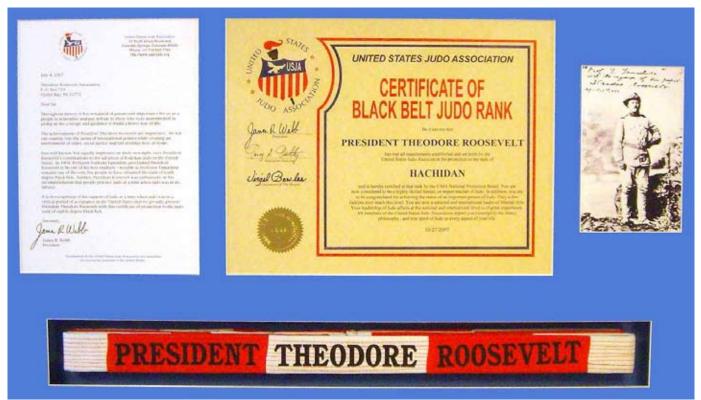
The Association looks forward to accepting the United States Judo Association's tribute, and we would like to suggest that the formal presentation take place at Sagamore Hill, at a convenient date in September.

I look forward to working with you to make this a truly memorable event.

With best regards.

James H Bruns President

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CHP 11-99 FOUNDATION

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CLUB TOURNAMENT

Saturday March 1, 2008

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YOSHIHARU ENOKI with 11 OF HIS DISCIPLES

Enoki Sensei is a former grand champion of the All Japan Police Judo Championships and is the Chief Judo Shihan of the Imperial Palace Police, Head of Judo at Nichi dai University, as well as a Kodokan Sensei and kata expert.

Saturday February 9, 2008

9:00AM to 1:00PM

Host GOLTZ JUDO CLUB www.goltzjudo.com

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For More Information Contact: Gary Goltz gary@goltzjudo.com 909-985-0486

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Must be a current USJA, USJF, or USA Judo Member

Mat Fee - \$10 Donations Accepted

Portion of proceeds go towards the USJA/USJF Grassroots Funding efforts

Download a Registration Form

Clinic to be followed by -

Luncheon at Eddie's New York Pizzeria in Claremont



At Age 65, Sensei Bregman Still Throws A Fine "Uchi Mata" by Sam Allred

Sensei Bregman, Olympic medalist and probably the best judoman ever produced in the United States, visited Mexico in October 2007. The pictures show him and his friend Terry Rusnak during their visit. They stayed with me and were absolutely wonderful guests.

They attended Mexico's 1st National Jukensa Kajukenbo Tournament and really enjoyed several hours of karate, as well as the party afterward. It was especially fun for me because the tournament was on my 72nd birthday, which celebrated in so many ways.

These photos feature Sensei Bregman's very well-received seminar, which earned him four rousing rounds of applause. Among other people seen in the various photos are O Sifu Sadoc Sierra, leader of Kajukenbo in Mexico and his wife, Lic. Nohemi.





Industry Sheriff's Judo Club

From Industry Sheriff's Judo Club wearing their gold medals from the 2007 USJA Winter Nationals with LA Sheriff Lee Baca and of course Santa Claus at a demo at Staples center in front of 10,000 people in December.



Wyatt Soto on the left, Stephanie Ovalle on the right and Zachary Clark in the back



MY FIRST FLYING LESSON by Ed Carol



I'd looked for a Martial Art for self-defense for nearly a year. Every Karate school had at least one instructor who'd hit a student hard to make a point. Most of my fighting wasn't defensive; rather it was more about hanging onto a suspect so I could get him or her to jail without injury to myself.

I stumbled onto Tamura Judo Institute just when Tamura Sensei was teaching five-year-olds. He never yelled at them. They had a great time playing judo. Though Tamura Sensei appeared to put forth minimal effort to keep them working, they sweated like little pigs. Anyone that patient could teach a hardhead like me without socking me in the face! I paid for my first month of lessons.

That first year of jujutsu training was one of the most exciting of my life. Tamura Sensei wouldn't teach me judo but worked me in Jujutsu because he felt that as a cop I needed all the help I could get. Seeing as how I was short, fat, and mouthy, he was exactly right.

Tamura Sensei refused to call me by my first name for almost five years. I was accustomed to coaches calling me by my first name and by my last when they were angry but never had a coach who always called me "Mr. Carol." High school football, track, and wrestling and college football and wrestling had not prepared me for Y. Vincent Tamura.

It took over six years to make shodan. By then I was beginning to understand that Tamura Sensei was always just a hair better than I was. If I knew one throw just a little bit better, could move just a little faster, be a tad stronger, or have a slightly faster combination, I felt that I could throw him. I'd been nidan about five years when my suspicions were confirmed. Tamura Sensei began calling me "Ed" and had me teach beginners.

After a private lesson, he asked me to randori, as he felt his timing was off. I was honored. This time things were different. Have you ever ridden a bronco, been in a major car wreck, or had a bomb detonate beneath you? Well, that's how it felt to randori with Tamura Sensei! I had ridden bucking horses, but they didn't throw me as high or as often. I'd survived major car wrecks but never felt as much out of control as I did with Sensei. And now I imagine what it's like to have a bomb go off under me! Those four minutes seemed like an hour. Even though he threw me quite high, he mercifully slid me across the mat instead of slamming me into it. After a couple of minutes I began to sense what he was about to do and began a counter or escape of some sort, to no avail. Finally he was done and thanked me.

For the next three weeks there were only two black belts in the club whom I couldn't throw. My randori partners seemed to move in slow motion. When the effect wore off, I tried to get Tamura Sensei to randori again, but he refused.

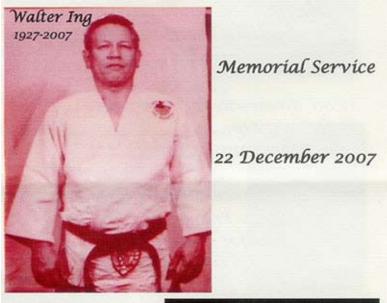
That was the only time I felt helpless on a judo mat. Not many judoka have the opportunity to randori with a superlative player. I cherish the memory.

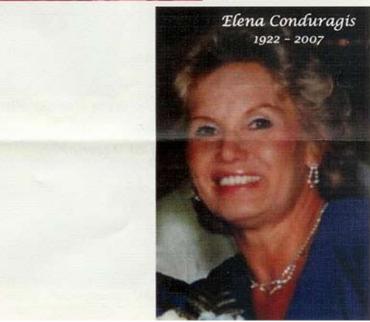




Ed Carol holds yodan rank and has taught for 30 years at the Tamura Judo Institute. Now retired after 31 years with the Dallas Police Department, Carol Sensei teaches at his Ichi Ni San Judo and Jujitsu Club in Kaufman, Texas.

Walter Ing and Elena Ing-Conduragis





Memorial for Walter Ing and Elena Ing-Conduragis

12:00 Noon Reflection time: Guest Sign In Photo Display/Cards

12:15 Commence Memorial
Opening Prayer
Eulogy for Walter Ing
Taps and the laying of the Flag

12:35 Eulogy for Elena Ing - Conduragis

12:45 Blessing of the Meal
Celebration Meal - Buffet Style
View Memorial Display Table/Photos
Card/Donation Box
Informal Sharing of Memories

3:00 Conclusion of the Memorial Service

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the: **Walter Ing Memorial Judo Camp Scholarship/ c/o Liza Ing** 13280 220th Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307



Walter Stillman Ing 24 Jul 1927 - 10 Dec 2007

A World War II Navy Veteran, Postman, husband of 52 years, father of eight children, Bayshore – Brightwaters volunteer fire-rescue, Cubmaster, hunter, fisherman, Scoutmaster, Judo/Ju-Jitsu – student and Sensei, a friend to many, 3rd son of

Fong (Charles) and Elena Ing.

Judo became his passion over 42 years ago. He rose to the rank of 6th degree Black Belt in Judo and 3rd degree Black Belt in Ju-Jitsu



Black Belt in Ju-Jitsu, was a National-level referee, and Sensei (instructor) at the Port Jervis, NY Judo Camp. He participated in the camp as a volunteer for over 30 years and helped develop

many Olympians during this time. He started up many programs on Long Island mostly as a

volunteer instructor at YMCA's, PAL clubs, many local dojo's, etc. The object of his enthusiasm was instructing new and experienced judoka [students] even at 80 years old.





Alfred, Charles (Tommy), Walter

Walter died peacefully in his sleep of aggressive small cell lung cancer and is survived by his wife Marjorie, children Bryon, Liza, Katrina, Gregory, Melanie, Ronald, Lance, Jelana, and his sister Greta "Oy" Tom, eight grandchildren and one greatgrandson.

Above: Fong (dad)

Elena Ing - Conduragis 15 May 1922- 10 Oct 2007

Elena was married to the late Evangelos "Andy" Conduragis who with their son Rod were active members of the Wasada Dojo. Elena was a supportive mom who could be found cheering in the stands at every tournament. Elena was the 4th child of 7 children.



Her parents Charles and Elena would have said she was a lovely and vibrant child, who was loved by her 3 sisters, 3 brothers, cousins and friends.

She is remembered as Sister [Sis], the life of the party, tough cookie and a go getter.

Elena was a loving mother to her five children, 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Linda Greco, Kenneth Lee, Carol Wittenben, Todd Conduragis and Rod Conduragis and her sister Greta.



Elena (mom), Greta, Elena (Sis), Frances

Elena & Andy



Walter Ing Scholarship Fund

The family is setting up a scholarship fund in my father's name for the YMCA Judo Camp to help kids interested in Judo who would otherwise be unable to afford going to the camp, as well as to help promote Judo. In response to the many inquiries that are being sent to us, we are issuing the following statement:

We are requesting that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be sent to the Memorial YMCA International Judo Camp Scholarship we are setting up in my dad's name. Address is below for any memorial contributions:

Walter Ing Scholarship/Liza Ing 13280 220th Ave. Big Rapids, MI 49307

Thank you for your compassion, thoughts and prayers, We wish you and your family love and peace on the holidays

Jelana and the Ing Family

Editor's note:

Walter Ing was a very important man at the YMCA Judo camp. Not the highest rank, best competitor, or flashiest player—BUT:

He was one of the instructors who always put the little kids first, especially those kids sent by parents who didn't know what Judo was, and thought that the camp would be good for them.

Despite the instructions saying that campers needed to bring judo uniforms, there was always a parent or two that would send their children without any Judo experience. Walter Ing and Harry Glackin would get them a uniform (at their own expense) and Walter would spend time each day with those children so that they could safely participate in the Judo camp for the week.

We ask that people send photos and reminiscences to americanjudomag@gmail.com for inclusion in a future issue.

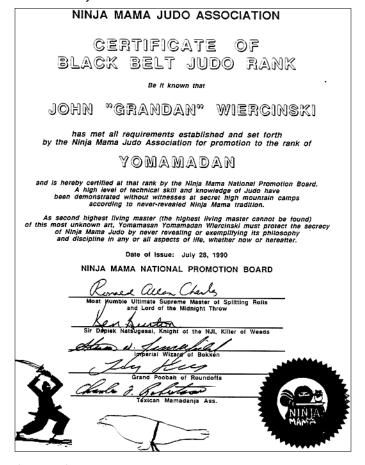
Charles Robertson Dies by Ronald Allan Charles

It is with sorrow that I report the passing of Charles Robertson of Harlingen, Texas. A bushy-bearded retired schoolteacher, Charlie used to motorcycle from home in the Rio Grande Valley to judo camps in Colorado Springs at the former National Judo Institute, where he was known affectionately as "Charlie Who?" Another prominent sensei with a similar name, Charlie Robinson, was at each camp. When anyone called for "Charlie," Robertson Sensei would ask, "Charlie who?" thus earning his nickname.

He was a founding member of the facetious Ninja Mama Judo Association, along with Roby Reed, Ken Burton, Terry Kelly, Steve Jimerfield, and myself. We would work up humorous skits to present at Founders' Day Banquets. We issued promotion certificates to four individuals, to the rank of Yomamadan. I am not at liberty to divulge their names, but they know who they are, and if you were there, you do too.

As fellow board members armed with traditional samurai weapons chanted, I would read and present certificates. These promotion certificates from 1987 to 1990, now collectors' items, stated that the recipient had "met all requirements established and set forth by the Ninja Mama Judo Association for promotion to the rank of YOMAMADAN, and is hereby certified at that rank by the Ninja Mama National Promotion Board. A high level of technical skill and knowledge of Judo have been demonstrated without witnesses at secret high mountain camps according to never-revealed Ninja Mama tradition.





"As second highest living master (the highest living master cannot be found) of this most unknown art, Yomamasan Yomamadan (name of promotee) must protect the secrecy of Ninja Mama Judo by never revealing or exemplifying its philosophy and discipline in any or all aspects of life, whether now or hereafter."

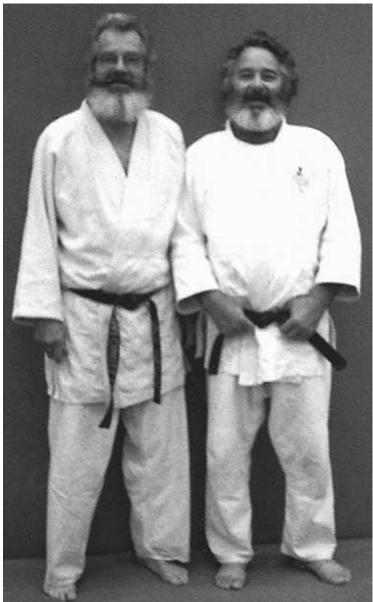
One of these promotions was provisional and included this admonition: "Should the secret requirements associated with this provisional rank not be fulfilled during the indeterminate probationary period, this promotion, along with its provisional holder, will self-destruct." Whew, this indeed was serious stuff!

A few years ago on a trip by Judomobile to share judo goodwill in Mexico I arranged to stop in his town in the Rio Grande Valley to present a clinic in his club at the Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, Texas. His players were not USJA members, so we agreed to charge a modest fee for the clinic, exactly the cost of a USJA membership. Voilà! In one day Robertson Sensei had a chartered USJA club. He coached judo there and at the Harlingen Judo Club for many years.



"Charlie Who?" died in December of congestive heart failure. He was 77, a Life Member and 6th dan. Those who knew him will miss him. Those who didn't, missed out. Rest in peace, Charlie.

Should you wish to express condolences, his widow, Betty Robertson, lives at 1406 East Bowie, Harlingen, TX 78550.



Charles Robinson on right, Charles Robertson on left...to prevent confusion, Charlie Robertson would answer Charlie who? when folks called Charlie...hence the nickname...and he even printed that on the back of his judogi jacket.

The Passing of Charlie (Who?) Robertson, a Personal Note by George Weers

I spent many, many hours on the mat with Charlie at the National Judo Institute. You could count on Charlie to be maximally mischievous and ever cheerful. In spite of a very serious heart condition, Charlie could not be kept out of randori sessions. Prior to randori the Camp Directors would corner Charlie and make him promise not to participate. We always received a solemn vow that he would only observe. Not 10 minutes later Charlie would have some young black belt at the end of his arms dancing around as though he was 30 years younger. The sessions frequently ended with his pallor as ash and him laughing all the way to corner where he could rest and recover. It got to the point where we assigned Junior staff to help keep him off the mat. It didn't work. His spirit and tenacity were inspirational and he will be missed.



Laureen Anderson

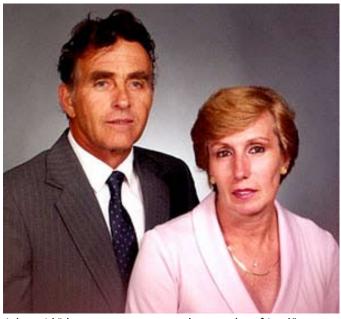
To the Judo Community

A message from Corky Peters, a longtime instructor at the Baltimore Judo Club and a good friend of John Anderson's, sadly announced the passing of John Anderson's dear wife, Laureen Anderson, at 6:30 PM January 2, 2008. Mrs. Anderson had been seriously ill for some time. Over the years she remained a solid supporter of Judo and of John Anderson's outstanding Judo career. When she was younger she also practiced Judo for a number of years earning her black belt.

Michael W. Landstreet



Laureen was born on July 3, 1936. In 1956 Laureen, as Miss Bay Shore Park, entered and was a runner-up in the Miss Maryland Pageant. They were married in 1957.



John said "she was my partner, my lover and my friend."



Photo was taken during a judo demonstration at Andrews Air Force Base. Laureen was Shodan and John was Godan at that time.



Laureen (holding Michael), Jean Ellen and Mark



A personal reflection:

Throughout the years there have always been spouses of Judo players who we never see. In fact, it sometimes comes as a surprise to many that the Judo person you have known for years has a spouse, a significant other, or even children. These men and women behind the scenes love and support their Judo husbands and wives.

Laureen Anderson was one such person. I only met her once, at a Nationals in Florida, but it was clear to me that she adored John, and that John was still fiercely in love with her. She was his rock and he was hers. Indeed, over the years listening to John speak quietly about Laureen, I felt the warmth and steady presence helping him day by day. Their love and respect for each other was wonderful to hear about.

The Judo community lost another one of our own with her, even though she was not on the mat, working a table, or sorting a pool sheet.

Rest in peace. Connie Halporn

John Anderson's address is: 8405 Downey Dale Drive Randallstown, MD 21133

The obituary mentions in lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be directed in Laureen Anderson's name to: Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation 383 Main Avenue, 5th floor Norwalk, CT 06851 or at www.mutiplemyeloma.org

Saturday, January 5th Laureen Anderson was buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery at Park Heights Avenue and Old Court Road in Pikesville, Md.



John and Laureen on vacation in Bermuda





John, Michael, Laureen, Jean-Ellen and Mark Anderson



Israeli Judo Expert Gives Women A Fighting Chance

from a New Jersey Jewish News online article by Debra Rubin NJJN Bureau Chief/Middlesex 12.11.07



Women employees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County proudly hold up the boards they broke with their hands during the class conducted by Sidikman, kneeling third from left.

Yudit Sidikman says she learned judo not so much for self-defense, but because it provided an opportunity for "fun and sport."

Sidikman, who grew up in Somerset and Highland Park, moved to Israel in 1984 while she was in college, married, and had five children. She was pregnant with her youngest when she was asked by a group of women to join a neighborhood judo group, earning her yellow belt "by throwing around a group of 15- and 16-year-old boys."

And she found something more than fun and sport.

"It helped me get in touch with my body, self, and power," she explained. "People ask if I've ever used my Judo, and my answer is I use it every day. It's not just about fighting. It's about feeling good about yourself and knowing your fight and choosing to be in it or not to be in it."

Sidikman now uses those lessons to help other women and girls become strong and independent.

Sidikman divorced her husband and eventually founded El Halev-Israel, the Israel Women's Martial Arts Foundation. The nonprofit Jerusalem-based organization helps women confront the trauma of domestic abuse through martial arts and women-oriented self-defense.

"In general the Jewish community, especially the Orthodox, likes to believe abuse doesn't happen in this community," said Sidikman during an interview Nov. 26 at the South River offices of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County, where she had just conducted a self-defense training class for female employees.

Her roots in Middlesex County go deep — her father, Larry Zicklin, was president of both Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick and the federation.

"Yudit works with women at the Jerusalem Shelter for Battered Women, which has been supported by our federation for 10 years through the Jennifer Lalin Memorial Foundation," said federation executive director Gerrie Bamira. "Her program empowers the women and their daughters, physically and emotionally."



In the United States to visit friends and family, she had earlier in her stay conducted a similar class for the youth group of Anshe Emeth. Her own involvement there as a youngster led to her spending a semester in Israel at age 16 through the Reform movement's North American Federation of Temple Youth.

The former Andrea Zicklin, now a Modern Orthodox feminist, said her varied background affords her the opportunity to work well with those of different ethnic, racial, and religious backgrounds.

"I used to be much more Orthodox," she said. "I'm a returnee to the middle ground so I can play well in all communities."

Now a third-degree black belt in judo and skilled in other martial arts forms, Sidikman said El Halev offers referral services, scholarships, and networking opportunities for women from all backgrounds. They are also taught self-confidence and self-respect through discussion and exercise.



Sidikman also directs two related institutions. The Martial Arts Center at Gush Etzion focuses on young people, particularly at-risk teens. Merkaz Edna, named after her late grandmother, Edna Sulam, shares space with El Halev and is a rehabilitation center for women with psychological problems.

Sidikman, who serves as a Special Olympics judo referee, was honored earlier this year for her 20 years of working with special needs children.

Better safe

Yudit Sidikman, a former resident of Somerset and Highland Park, conducted a program Nov. 26 on self-defense for the female employees of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County. She is the founder of El Halev-Israel, the Israel Women's Martial Arts Foundation.

One of Sidikman's proudest moments came in 2002 — 18 years after she left college to make aliya — when she completed her degree through Thomas Edison State College, a distance learning institution. Her children traveled to New Jersey to watch their mother receive her diploma.

Her children — the two oldest are in the Israeli Air Force — range in age from 14 to 21 and are all skilled in Judo. Sidikman herself has taught in Holland, Houston, and Utah and will again teach at Anshe Emeth and Arizona when she returns to the United States in February.

During her federation program, Sidikman had the women practice raising their voices, making faces, holding their outstretched arms

out, and pushing others off as techniques to ward off those "who were getting in their space" and making them uncomfortable.



In another exercise, the women discussed degrees of abusive behavior.

"Women want to be nice so we take all those bad feelings and put them up in our heads," explained Sidikman. "We tell ourselves, 'Well, he's well-educated, he's wearing a suit, drives a nice car, comes from a good family.' Believe me if it feels icky, it is icky. Get out of there because better safe than trying to figure out how to get out of an abusive relationship."

Sidikman also said embarrassment can be a powerful tool in stopping women from reporting harassment and related one of her favorite stories, which took place on an Israeli bus.

"This woman lifted this man's hand and yelled to the entire bus, 'Has anyone lost a hand because I just found one on my thigh,'" said Sidikman, as the women laughed and applauded.





I have been practicing martial arts for 34 years and am a 6th degree black belt. Nevertheless I've just spent the last four months intensively studying the front punch and as a consequence have learned a number of things. In case you were wondering, the front punch is one of the first techniques that I learned 34 years ago, and I've practiced it regularly during the intervening years.

However this article isn't about the front punch. Instead it's an exposition of the essence of Midori Ryu jujitsu and how it differs from other styles. Most important, how can knowing the essence of Midori Ryu make us better martial artists?

This essence can be summed up in one word – kuzushi. The use of another's motion to off-balance that person is what Midori Ryu is all about. Most jujitsu styles use kuzushi, teaching it as part of the syllabus. In Midori Ryu, kuzushi is its defining characteristic, the essence of the syllabus. Every technique is taught as an expression of kuzushi.

Jujitsu focuses on practical defenses against an attacker. In Midori Ryu we express this concept differently. There are neither attackers nor defenders. Instead, what others think of as attackers in Midori Ryu are thought of as those who give kuzushi. Instead of being defenders, in Midori Ryu we accept that kuzushi and allow its giver to continue his or her motion. Hence with the front punch, I do not strive to block the attack and then respond with a front punch before my attacker can recover and launch another. Rather, I accept the motion and allow it to continue until the attacker strikes my fist with his face (or other sensitive body part) as a natural outcome of giving me kuzushi that I accept.

Midori Ryu stresses politeness. It would be rude not to accept an offered kuzushi. Similarly, if someone wants to move in a certain direction (the direction of the kuzushi), we would not impede that motion. Instead we accept that kuzushi and, as a gesture of politeness, add to it. In the example of the front punch, the attacker's face desires to strike my fist. With o-goshi, the assailant wishes to strike the ground head first at 35 miles per hour. Midori Ryu's goal is to be polite enough to allow an attacker to achieve his or her true desire.

How do we learn this? First, we must understand that study of Midori Ryu is a journey, not a destination. There is no point at which the student has arrived in the sense of knowing all there is about kuzushi. Instead students strive to improve knowledge and understanding, which is why, after 34 years of study, I find myself back at the beginning, intensively restudying the front punch. If I live long enough, my journey will take me back to the front punch many times.

Second, we need to understand ourselves and our bodies before seeking to accept the kuzushi that the kuzushi "giver" provides. (For more information, see my article on the USJA's Jujitsu website at: http://usja-jujitsu.org/Article.php?ArticleID=15).

Third, we need to accept completely the other person's attack to become part of it. Ultimately there are not two people involved in an altercation;

there is one motion with two bodies connected by strong invisible lines. Understanding this takes years of practice. Attaining shodan rank in Midori Ryu doesn't indicate mastery of the art. It means that the student understands his or her own body well enough to begin accepting another's. Such acceptance can apply to many situations, such as multiple or armed attackers.

Midori means green in Japanese. What's green to do with kuzushi? Well, in one sense nothing and in another everything. Professor Green founded Midori Ryu. Upon his death, his disciples named the style after him.

Many have told me that I have a good understanding of kuzushi, to which I have two replies. First, it's a journey, not a destination, and I do not even begin to understand kuzushi as I would like. Second, to paraphrase a famous quote, if I can touch the sky, it's because I stand upon the shoulders of a giant. Thank you, Professor Greene.

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Martial Arts Phonecards by Ronald Allan Charles



There are more martial arts than you can shake a stick at. And many — kali, arnis, jodo, bojitsu, jojitsu, kendo, and tambo in Cuong Nhu — really do shake sticks. Well, they use them to beat on each other. An assistant instructor in my judo club searched the internet for martial arts and reported over 2,000.

Just as stamps feature martial arts, so do telephone cards. Lesser known arts never will achieve stamp or phonecard glory. Most martial arts stamps and phonecards depict judo, an Olympic sport since 1964, with taekwondo a distant second. Other martial arts are not as popular.

Some phonecards portray creative artwork. Some are action photos, but quite a few are advertisements or simply show a judoka or club posing, often with awards. A few show more than one martial art or a martial art and other sports. Many are cartoons. Many are boring. Most are inexpensive, often available through e-Bay.

Below is a sampling from the Other Martials Phonecards section of the Judo Stamps, Coins, and Phonecards website, the world's largest collection of these items. I have not included boxing, wrestling, and that killer stick-fighting sport, hockey, nor are they on the website.











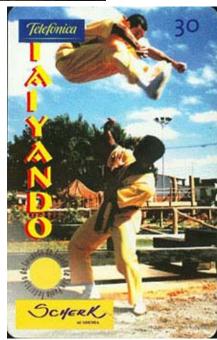


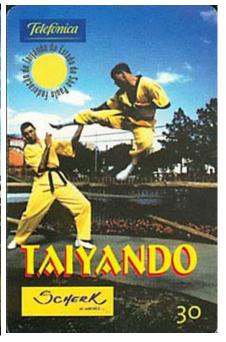








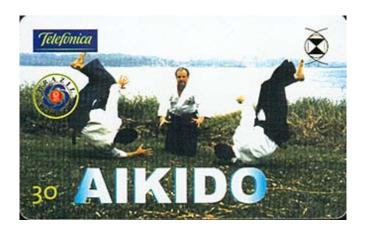




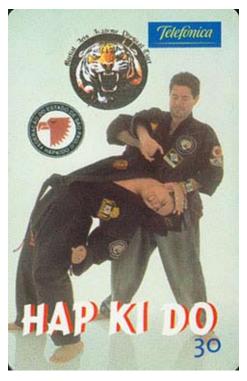


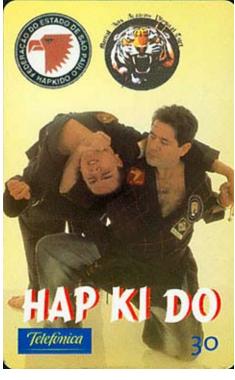
















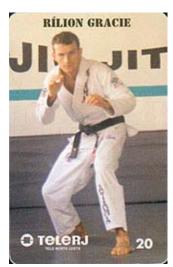


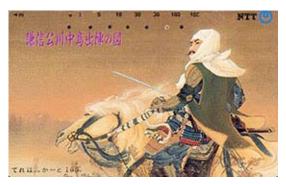






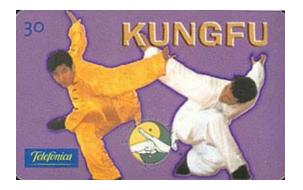






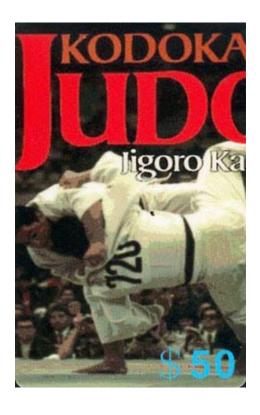
























To see these and other martial arts phonecards, stamps, and coins, visit http://www.usja-judo.org/~judo.stamps. If you come across any not on the List, please scan and send them to me.

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A Christmas Card

Isn't this cool? They had their gis on for their Christmas Cards.

Mike Muender was in our club and is still on our roster. He was a Sandan 12+ years ago. As he has moved from Charlotte, to go back to seminary and to pastor churches, he has started dojos in Harmony, NC, Cary, NC, Wake Forest, NC, then Exmore, VA.

Dana and I went to see him in 2007. You could visit him if you come to the JI Sr. Nationals. You have to travel across a bridge/tunnel 26 miles long to the peninsula. Exmore is a tiny, tiny town.

—Deb Rucker



Santa Sensei At The Shiai by Ronald Allan Charles

We were all surprised to see him as he walked in the dojo door. He wore his bright red judogi; his boots tracked mud across the floor.

Each player's eyes were fixed upon his snow white beard and belt of black. His belly bounced with every step. Behind him dragged a heavy sack.

A bright-eyed junior thought to ask, "Have you brought us sugar and spice?" Santa Sensei shook his head, said, "It's full of JA merchandise."

I asked him for his JA card and which division he'd fight in. He said he hadn't time to play, though if he did, he knew he'd win.

He'd always fought in open weight,
— no scale could read his many pounds —
but he was running a bit late
and had to finish with his rounds.

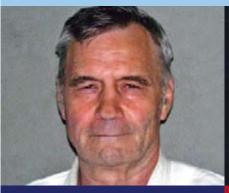
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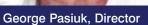
"I'm here to wish you Christmas cheer, so have the greatest judo year." With that he gave a "Ho, ho, ho!" and headed for the next dojo.





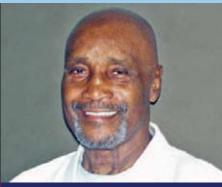
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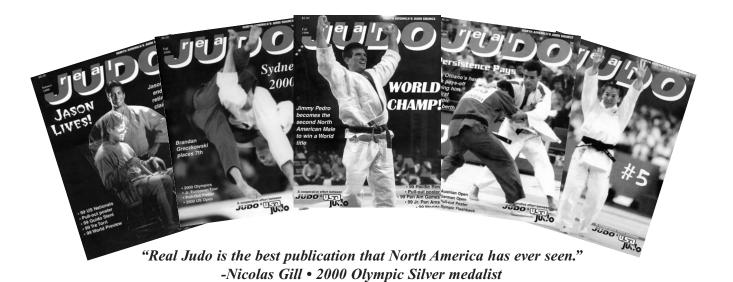
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