

CONTACT THE AJJF

www.ajjf.org
(800) 850-2553

Central Office
PMB #299
780 N. McCarran Blvd.
Sparks, NV 89431
ajjfdanzan@aol.com

POSTAGE
PAID
STICKER
GOES
HERE

Last-minute happenings...

Region I Black Belt weekend will be October 11-13 at the California High School in San Ramon California. For information, contact Steve Balzac at sbalzac@alum.mit.edu.

We want to offer a warm AJJF welcome to the following new AJJF members:

Dojo Nintai (Federation Columbiana de Judo)

Director: Eduardo Caicedo
Sensei: Nestor Pulgarin, Sandan (judo)
Address: Av. 6N No. 30N-46, Cali, Columbia
Phone: (011) 57-2-681-0843
Email: IKAColumbia@hotmail.com

Golden Sun Ju-jitsu Academy (Allied Plus member)

Sensei: Marc Mandarich, Godan, Dan-ZanRyu jujitsu (Prof Janovich)
Dojo/Mailing Address: Sun Valley Shopping Center
5480 Sun Valley Blvd

Sun Valley, NV 89433
Phone: 775-674-6429
e-mail: dogsintheyards02@aol.com

Oceanside Jiu Jitsu Academy (Full AJJF dojo)

Sensei: Tim Clepper, Sandan
School Mailing Address: PO Box 130302, Carlsbad, CA 92013
Phone: 760-402-4846
E-mail: TimClepper@msn.com
School Location: 1401 El Camino Real, Oceanside, CA 92054-4867

Matsukaze Budokai (Whispering Pines Martial Arts) (Full AJJF dojo)
Sensei: Bob Karnes, Yodan (aka Bobasan)

Address: 1037 Main St., Thompson Falls, MT 59873
Mailing Address: POBox 291, Plains, MT 59859
School Phone: 406-827-1963
E-mail: bobasan1111@cs.com

A mea culpa, and a few words from Imi Okazaki-Mullins

When honestly don't know how it happened, but we managed to overlook Professor Imi Okazaki-Mullins at the banquet this year! An irreplaceable part of our ohana, we would like to formally apologize for omitting her as one of the banquet speakers.

As part of our apology, we would like to submit her address:

"Thank you so much for inviting me to your convention. It is wonderful to see so many people practicing my father's system of martial arts, and I know he'd be both impressed and grateful to see his work carried on with such love and enthusiasm. I am especially proud of all of the women martial artists here this weekend, and I extend a special congratulations to Suki LaGue and Professor Jane Carr. Well done!

"So for myself, and for my sisters, Betty and Myrtle, I thank you very much for having me here at Convention 2002."

Sincerely and with kokua,
Ed Shatzen, BOM Chair
Keith Thompson, Manager of Conventions
Frank Ferris and Gary Smith, Convention Hosts

From our President

Iwould like to commend Frank and Cindy Ferris and their team for the most beautiful national convention I feel that the American Judo & Jujitsu Federation has ever had.

I have had the privilege of being able to attend all of our conventions, and this one was phenomenal.

Our first convention was in Oakland in a small Italian restaurant after a tournament and meeting. We had very few in attendance, however they were very important for the beginning of our organization. Besides myself, they included:

Ray and Marie Law
Bud Estes
John Cahill
Dick and Helen Rickerts
Carl Nelson
Jim Birmingham
Dean Smith
Betty Smith

From that day forward we have tried to live up to Master Okazaki's dream of having a dojo in every state. We have spent 30 years trying to find out just what the original arts were. We could not.

So many people and so many ways of doing things. However, we think we have come close as we can get. So the techniques we do today are *our* interpretations of how we think Master Okazaki wanted us to do them.

I would like to say again to all the convention volunteers: You have done a beautiful job! I am sure we will not falter.

My very best wishes go to all.



Prof. Lamar
Fisher Judan

Prof Fisher