

Pan America



Wado International Karate-Do Federation

DOJO CONNECTION

Like minded people with a common goal

October 2010

40 Years of Wado Karate **Sensei William Millerson**



In September 1970 Sensei Millerson started practicing Wado in Hilversum, Netherlands in the dojo of Jack van Hellemond.

This means that in September of this year he celebrated 40 years of being part of the Wado family, which he is very proud of.

He would also like to thank Sensei for all the support he has given to Sensei Millerson over the many years.

Who Is William Millerson?

RESUME

Date of birth: January 10, 1953

Place of birth: Aruba

Profession: Electronic Engineer

Employment: own Company

Degree in Karate: 7 dan / style WADO

- * 1973 until 1976 Dutch middle weight champion
- * 1973 and 1975 European middle weight vice champion
- * 1973 and 1975 European WADO champion Open weight
- * 1975 Dutch Open weight champion
- * 1973 until 1976 ranked as number 6 best of Europe by Black Belt magazine
- * 1975 Number 3 of the world with Dutch team

during world championships of Long Beach, California.

* 1976 and 1979 Latin American and Caribbean champion held in respectively Santo Domingo and Guatemala.

* 1977 Number 4 during world championships held in Tokyo. In those days world championships were held only in Open weight class and the top eight of the World championships were honored. (Nowadays in men divisions there are 7 weight categories.)

* 1979 Number 3 in Pan-American championships of PAKF held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

* 1981 Pan-American champion of PUKO's first Pan-American championships held in Curacao by defeating Billy Blanks, founder of Taebo, in the finals.

* 1975 until 1984 Participation in 5 world championships as trainer, coach and athlete.

* 1976 until 1992 Trainer and coach of team of Curacao (Netherlands Antilles).

* 1986 until 1996 Secretary General of Pan-American Karate Federation.

* 1987 until 1999 President of Curacao Sports Federation (CSF).

* 1994 Elected DC member of World Karate Federation.

* 1996 President of Pan-American Karate Federation.

* 1996 Vice-president of World Karate Federation (WKF).

* 1997 Elected president of the Olympic Committee of the Netherlands Antilles

* 1998 Elected 1st vice-president of WKF

* 2001 Promoted to 7th dan for merits and achievements in karate

Officially listed as one of the 3 first medal winners for Holland in the official International karate events when the Dutch started to compete internationally. Has provided karate clinics and workshops Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Holland, Panamá, Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic, Suriname, Trinidad, USA and Venezuela.

SCOTTS KARATE AMERICA, TENNESSEE

Students recently competed in a local charity tournament know as the “Rumble on the River” So, what did our school do? Well. I won weapons Grand champion.

Scott Meek

Grand Champion Weapons
2nd in 18-50 mens open kata
2nd in Kumite

Eric Harris

1st weapons Brown belt mens,
2nd kata and 2nd kumite.

Ethan Edwards

2nd fighting
2nd forms in kids Brown/Black 10year old division.

Brendon Patrick

2nd kumite
2nd forms in kids 11 yr old Brown/ black division.

Nathan Greenway

1st place 12 year old kata and then got beat by a brown belt in the grand championship. Nathan is a gold belt.

So we took 5 competitors and brought home 11 trophies of ether 1st or 2nd place.



Newnan Karate Center, Georgia

Three students competed in a Georgia Karate League tournament

Trevor Wright

2st kumite,

2rd kata 12-14yr Advanced Brown/Black. Trevor was only recently promoted to SanKyu

Chaz Brown

3rd kumite 15-17 yr old advanced. Chaz is a purple belt competing in Brown/Black belt division.

Terrez Willis

1st Kumite 12-14 Intermediate

NEW WIKF USA DOJO

The Board of Directors for WIKF USA welcomes our newest dojo: Hercules Karate Dojo, Hercules, California. With instructors Atur Shabbas and Joegene Bruel



Atur Shabbas

2204 Tsushima Street
Hercules, CA 94547

Introduction

Atur Shabbas was raised in the San Francisco bay area and now resides in Hercules, CA. During the 80's I fell in love with the movie the *Karate Kid*. Since then my passion for the Japanese martial arts began from there. In 1991 I was able to convince my parents to enroll me into karate classes at Garcia Karate Dojo in Rodeo, CA. It was there I began my studies and lifelong commitment.

Marital Status: Married

List of Schools

Garcia Karate Dojo - Hercules, CA

Style: Wado Ryu

Years: 1991-Present

Wally Jay Small Circle Jujitsu – Alameda, CA

Style: Small Circle Jujutsu

Years: 2003-2004

Rank: Yellow belt

History of Training/Instruction

Atur began training under sensei Garcia in 1991 and began instructing as a brown belt. Once he received his shodan, he became a head instructor and assisted his sensei. Atur also became a judge at most of the belt/rank promotional and assisted in giving direction to students. The school has held many demonstrations at community social events.

- November 1994 – Received Black-Belt Shodan Rank
- April 2005 – Received Black-Belt Nidan Rank



Joegene Bruel

100 Zircon Ct.
Hercules, CA 94547

Introduction

Joegene Bruel grew up in Hercules, CA and started his martial arts journey at the age of twelve in 1992. After four years of study he received his 1st Dan under Sensei Joseph Garcia. Karate has always been a big part of Joegene’s young adult life and enjoys sharing his knowledge to future generations. In April 2005, Joegene received his 2nd Dan under Sensei Garcia. In 2008, he introduced the Bo to Total Control Martial Arts in Rodeo, Ca and a few of his original students are now competing at national level. Joegene’s passion for the Japanese martial arts has currently been reignited after taking over the Garcia Karate Dojo due to his Sensei’s deteriorating medical condition. With a heavy heart he continues to instruct with the help of Atur Shabbas in honoring his Sensei’s teachings.

Marital Status: Single
Date of Birth: 7/1/81

List of Schools:

Garcia Karate Dojo - Hercules, CA

Style: Wado Ryu

Years: 1992-Present

Cal State Hayward– Hayward, CA

Style: Tae Kwon Do, Yellow belt

Style: Capoeira, Beginner

History of Training/Instruction

- December 1996 - Received Black-Belt Shodan Rank
- April 2005 – Received Black-Belt Nidan Rank
- April 2010 – Received Black-Belt in Kobudo Weapons

(With completion of his training with the fourth weapon the Katana)

- Competes as an expert with the Bo & Kama
- Proficient in Sai, Nunchacku & Katana

Competition Overview:

Has won numerous competitions throughout his martial arts career in multiple events in open hand forms, weapons and Kumite. Currently top seed in the local bay area Circuit. (BASKA Division 18+ Expert Adult Weapons).

Recent Notable Wins:

2010 BASKA Double Point Tournament Grand Champion 18+ BB Expert Weapons

PARK CITY KARATE, UTAH

Grand Opening October 7th, 8th and 9th.

After many years running a part time karate school Doug Jepperson has quit his day job and has become a full time dojo, professional karate instructor. The community of Park City has been a great help and support of this effort.

Here is one of his window banners



Quote of the month

“Keep your sword sheathed as long as you can, but once it is unsheathed, use it without hesitation.”

Unknown