



Wado International Karate-Do Federation DOJO CONNECTION

September 2006

WADO CONFERENCE 2006



The first Wado Conference was held in Park City, Utah August 10-12, 2006. We pursued traditional Wado training and we saw new approaches to teaching and training. Each day we had senior instructors from WIKF, Wado-Kai, and Wado-Ryu. Not only did everyone get along but a lot of new friendships were created and old friendships renewed. We learned that we have a lot of friends with more in common than we might have remembered. In spite of our differences concerning organization affiliation we know we can all work together for a future that builds WADO for everyone.

Shihan Osaka taught a class each evening. We went through all Kihon and in each case Osaka Sensei showed us how to relax, some of his personal drills, and how to breathe. We also worked Kihon Gumite and Osaka Sensei from which Sensei departed and taught his version of the Ura waza on these partner sets. We saw some excellent approaches to our kihon gummite and we saw Sensei's own unique partner sets he has developed during the last 40 years.

We had many excellent instructors who taught a wide variety of topics including:

Amadou Niang on the anthropological and sociological foundations of education; Tom Kosslow on the use of the knife to better understand Tanto Dori; Marlon Moore on Kyushu Jutsu pressure points in kata; Ray Hughes on martial arts as a career; Scott Meek and Jason McCord on high energy children's classes; Scott Tullis on Kendo basics; Tyrone Pardue on combat applications in kata; Butch Balingit on Tanto Dori; Andy Pacejka on teaching children's classes; Carlos Sanchez on kihon technique; Brody Burns, Darrin Free, Dale Gatchalian and Tom Scott on coaching and athletic preparation for competition karate.



OSAKA SENSEI opening a class

We had a wonderful weekend of making new friends, renewing old friendships, and planning for the future of Wado. Everyone got along and enjoyed excellent training and enjoyable social gatherings. We accomplished everything we hoped for. We had every major WADO group in the USA in attendance but we never had any discussions about which group was best...no politics. We all agreed that we want to do this again next year and plans are already under way so if you missed it this year you can plan for next year.

NOVA SCOTIA SUMMER CAMP

Kevin Jones



Another month of good times from Nova Scotia. Recently the club attended a summer camp at Fort Anne (a French occupied fort in Annapolis Royal). The weekend will not only be complained about for months to come due to Sensei Joey Shano's training regime, but it will also be remembered for the camaraderie and fun had by all. Honestly the only thing that would have made it better would have been for Shano Sensei to have been the uke for a more senior instructor instead of me being his uke.

The fall sessions will be getting underway a little late this year beginning September 23rd so there will likely be a couple of weeks of break between sessions. Let's hope we don't get too lazy!



NEWS FROM CANADA

Ken Corrigan, Chief Instructor WIKF Canada

I am pleased to announce that the karate club in Frazier Lake has contacted me with the intention of joining WIKF. Frazier Lake is a mining community approximately 100 km to the west of Prince George with a population of approximately 8,000. It is the hope of the instructor there to bring his club in line with us, to afford his students a credible grading system and to be associated with a larger karate world. I look forward to working with them and I am pleased they have taken this step. This will require more travel on my part; it will be more difficult in winter months; however we can limit the travel during December and January months, where temperatures are in the minus 30 C range. I am confident his relationship will flourish.

What sets WIKF apart from so many other associations is the standardized grading process, and the high standards that Suzuki Sensei has established. Those who look in on us find this as our strongest asset. Well...I guess I have to agree!

WKO/USA KARATE SELECTS TOM SCOTT TO JR. TEAM

As a result of his outstanding performance at the 2006 WKC/USA Team Trials this past July in Miami, the coaching staff has chosen Tom Scott from the Academy of Classical Karate-Do in Plano, Texas to be a part of the 2006 World Karate Federation 5th Junior World Championship Team. This elite team will travel to Hanover, Germany the week of October 16th to compete October 18-22, 2006.

Tom has brought a lot of recognition to WIKF and his instructors and dojo. On behalf of the WIKF USA Board of Directors and all WIKF members worldwide we wish Tom much success as he represents USA Karate as a member of the elite 2006 WKC/USA Junior Karate Team.