

In the news...

Akemashite omedetto gozimasu!!! (Happy New Year)

2014 was a great year for us in both Karate and Kobudo. There have been some great successes in our programs at all the dojo. For Arbutus, the introduction of the "Little Ninja" class last fall has been a greatly received. Catering to 5 and 6 year olds, the program began with only one class a week, with a limit of 10, to twice a week with a limit of 15. The growth at the Cambie dojo has also been steady in the Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday classes. For the kobudo program, we saw its first weapons seminar with Hiroshi Akamine Sensei in Canada. For more information of that workshop, please refer to "In the News 2".

Birth of Serena Yu

Our congratulations go to our Richmond Karate-ka, Enoch Yu. A big congratulation to Enoch and his wife, for the birth of their new daughter, Serena. Enoch hasn't been training much with the new addition to his family, but we hope to see him back in the dojo soon, once things settle down.



Our medical student is getting married...

Our second congratulations go to another Richmond Karate-ka, Charmaine Wong. For some of the older members, we all remember the immature little girl who trained with us at Cambie and Sea Island. Although she was a brat, none of us said anything as she was very talented and won lots of medals in karate. She had stopped her training when she started medical school, which occupied the majority of her time...or so we thought...

Congratulations to Charmaine on her engagement with Keith Sun. Their wedding is planned for May 2015. All the best to this young couple!



2014 Shito Ryu Gasshuku

The 2014 year was very productive for us. Not only did we host the weapons workshop with Hiroshi Akamine Sensei from Okinawa, but we also took part at the 2014 Shito Ryu Gasshuku at the beginning of October. The gasshuku (practise of collective learning) was held at Kevin Hammond Shihan's dojo in Marysville, WA from October 3-5 and it was a great success. Several Shito Ryu Shihan attended the event to share their knowledge with about 50 students from the Vancouver, Washington State, California and Arizona.

John Bartholomay Shihan-Santa Barbara, CA

Richard Ingstrum Shihan-Mesa, AZ

Kevin Hammond Shihan-Marysville, WA

William Chung Shihan-Vancouver, BC

Shawn Ross Shihan-Lake Stevens, WA



2014 Christmas Party

The Christmas Party this year was a bash!! We held it at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Richmond and over 50 people attended the event. There were lots of pasta flying and plenty of refreshments for everyone. For more pictures, please visit our website at www.karatekobudo.com



Farewell to Lori

Along with all the good news, we do have one sad news in the departure of our most senior student, Lori Weiss. Lori, a nidan in Shito Ryu, has been training with us since the late 1990's. She came to the dojo as a green belt from Ontario. After a long career with the Provincial Government, she will now move back to Ontario with her husband, Andy, where he has taken on a work position in Toronto. Lori will continue her work in the health industry in Ontario as well. Lori has been one of our most diligent student and has never complained about anything at the dojo. She always persevered in the challenges that met her with successful results. She has attended several gasshuku in Washington State and has taken part in several Taikai winning medals in her divisions. We wish her great success in Ontario along with her husband.



2015 10th Shito Ryu Karate-do Taikai

For 2015, this will be another exciting year! Our Shito Ryu World Taikai will take place in San Francisco from July 31-August 3. This event will be fun filled and we are planning a trip to Disneyland afterwards. For more information on the Taikai, please visit the link below for the special rates at the tournament hotel:

<http://www.seitoshitoryu.com/news.php>



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