



# **BUSHISIN BUDO RENMEI**

## **Association Newsletter**

**March 2004**

### **Transition and Congratulations**

By a letter titled "Document of Succession" and dated October 20, 2003 Shihan Ray Mohalick surrendered the honored position of Shihan/Soke of this organization. In his place he has appointed, per the by laws of this organization, Harold Hicks as Shihan/ Director. In addition Shihan Hicks has been promoted to Rokudan (6<sup>th</sup> degree).

### **Keeping in Contact: News from Around the Assn.**

#### **From Sensei Ray Mohalick**

I have been enjoying my retirement from the martial arts (fishing, etc.) but I do miss it. I was invited to be a judge at the tournament between the Sumter school and the Savannah school held in Savannah this last December. I felt honored and really appreciated the invitation. I enjoyed watching the students perform and seeing the improvements they have made since I retired (the students really looked good). Lynwood has a really great school in Savannah in a great environment. If anyone has the chance to visit and take part in his class it would certainly be an enjoyable experience.

I also want to thank again all the black belts who have supported the association, in particular the officers; Shihan Harold Hicks, the goken do advisor and now Shihan/ Director; Sensei Darryl Vestal, the jukendo advisor and Sensei Charles Roberts, the Historian who both contributed so much; David Capell, the editor who works hard on these newsletters; and of course Shihan Larry Barnes who made the association possible.

## Sumter, S.C.

May 25, 2003

Our school was asked to put on a demonstration at the Iris Festival held at Swan Lake. The demo was sponsored by "Imagine That" magazine. The demo lasted about 40 minutes and attracted a large crowd of curious spectators. All of the students involved did a wonderful job and the crowd was well pleased.

July 6, 2003

Sensei Ray and Sensei Harold Hicks took a trip down to Summerville S.C. to visit with Shihan Darrell Collins at his dojo. They got the opportunity to meet Shihan Ted Petit and watched as Shihan Collins received his official rank as Shihan. They also had the chance to work out with Shihan Petit and learn some new techniques.

Sept. 15, 2003

Sensei Harold Hicks administered a belt test to several of our students. We had three promoted to brown belt, one to green belt, two to blue belt and four to yellow belt. They all did extremely well on the test. The school and students are proud of these accomplishments.

Sept. 17, 2003

Sensei Tommy King gave a test to five of his students. They all received their yellow belts.

Sept. 27, 2003

Chris Hatfield, Todd Gainey and Sensei Harold had the opportunity to share in a seminar headed up by Matt Avant, Sogo Goshin-Do and Soke Dairi (Head Family Representative) Darrell Collins, Nippon Kobudo Kamishin Ryu. They taught on various techniques from their perspective arts relating to self defense situations.

Dec. 14, 2003

Sumter School of Martial Arts went to Savannah, Ga. to compete in a tournament hosted by Sensei Lynwood Gamble. Our students did very well. Several students placed 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Kata and Sparring. Everyone had a great time and the sportsmanship was superb.

Dec. 20, 2003

Our school had a pizza party at Tony's place. Twenty eight students and instructors ate several pizzas and some hot wings. We all had lots of fun and want to thank Mr. Peter Peidis for allowing us to have out pizza party at one of his places and for all else he did. Also Tommy and Harold want to thank the school for our gifts.

### **Sensei Lynwood Gamble Savannah, Ga**

The Savannah school has 24 students with 6 of those being brown belts. On January 16, 2004 we participated in a Physical Fitness Day in which we did a self defense demo. Also we have invited Sensei Harold and Sensei Tommy to a work shop in March.

### **Shihan Larry Barnes, Mammoth, Pa**

Shihan Barnes and his family are doing well. His school is now in the hands of one of his instructors, Jacen Huss who is now a 4th degree black belt. The classes are doing well. The blacks belts spend time working out together on Saturdays. Congratulations to Jacen on his promotion in rank, since our last news letter he was a 2nd degree.

### **Quotes**

#### **Submitted by Arvin Pearson**

"Your life is something you build every day. You must convince yourself that you have surpassed yesterday. And tomorrow you must feel that you have surpassed today. In this way there is no end to your mastery".

(From: Bushido The Way of the Samurai by Tsunetomo Yamamoto)

If emotional control is not well learned, critical moments in the fight when the emotional tension is highest will result in loss of skill by the fighter. His muscles suddenly must work against his own over tense antagonistic muscles. He becomes still and clumsy in his movements. Expose yourself to various conditions and learn".

(From: Tao of Jeet Kune Do by Bruce Lee)

#### **From the desk of the Editor**

I'd like to apologize for the delay in getting this edition of the newsletter out. Due to my work schedule I've had very little time to work on it. As always thanks to everyone that contributed it. If you'd like to see anything added in future newsletters or if you have any comments please send them to me at [dcapell@sc.rr.com](mailto:dcapell@sc.rr.com).

**David Capell, Sumter Dojo**