



Second Kaicho/Shihan visit to Hornsby Dojo (Anzac Weekend 2016)

Kaicho Max Fabris Hanshi 8th Dan again visited Hornsby dojo during the 2nd Term holiday break (April 22-24). Accompanying him was Kyoshi Warren Ross, 8th Dan NSW director (Bega), Kyoshi Joseph Ielasi, 7th Dan (Lalor Chief Instructor), Renshi Adam Ross, 5th Dan (Bega Instructor), Renshis, Glenn Gipperich, Nick Andrianikis, John Frazzetto (All 5th dans from Hombu dojo, Melb.), Shihan Phil Priest, 4th Dan (Hombu), and Senseis, John Ryan (Hornsby), Pat O'Connell and Sandy Rogers, (Bega all 3rd Dans) and Sempai Bernie O'Connell (Bega, 1st Dan).

Students of Hornsby attended the training from 10:30am to noon. Although few in numbers, due to holiday period, they all enjoyed the class, led by Kaicho Max Fabris, who expressed how well the students trained, how they performed as well as their skills and enthusiasm. The afternoon session, from 1:00pm to 3:30pm was mostly advanced senior training, composed of advanced Kata and Bunkai. Renshi Phil arranged evening dinners of Korean BBQ banquet on Friday night and Thai Banquet on Saturday evening for the Shihans and their spouses. All thoroughly enjoyed the meals, organized by Renshi Phil.

Master Grading and Annual WGKA Dinner (11-12 June 2016)

Bega/Hornsby Renshi attended the 2016 Master Grading held at Lalor dojo of Kyoshi Joseph Ielasi, 7th Dan. Approximately 24 students (Melb) attempted gradings for rank, 1st to 3rd Dan (Senior levels). The Grading was examined by Kaicho Max Fabris, 8th Dan, Hanshi, assisted by Kyoshi Warren Ross, 8th Dan (Bega) and Renshis, Glenn Gipperich, Nick Andrianikis, John Frazzetto, 5th Dans, Hombu and Shihan Phil Priest 4th Dan Hombu, and Sensei Natasha Harding, 3rd Dan, Lalor.

The Grading started at 9:30am with one minute warm-up from each (24-25) of the attending students. This was proceeded by advance Kihon Ido (Shu-ho Ido, Happon Ido) and Kumite combinations. The kata were performed by all at their respective ranks, between 1st Dan to 5th Dan levels. Other skills tested, included self Defence combinations, kumite techniques and oral questions from the examination panel. The main class ended at noon.

After a one hour lunch break, the Grading resumed at 1:00pm till 3:30pm. The last part was a closed Grading for Renshis, Adam Ross and Phil Chin Quan and Shihan Tom Olsen (Peninsula dojo, Melb), by the examining Panel. Concentrating on their Grading level written

projects, skills and knowledge, the three Shihans were “grilled” on their higher level by the Grading panel, led by Kaicho.

That evening, the Annual WGKA dinner was held at the Club D, ABruzza Function Centre in Epping, Melbourne. With a lovely Italian 4-course meal, the evening’s events consisted of Peewee, Junior and senior Karate demos, presentation of Grading results (Certificate and new personalized Obi), held earlier in the day, and Annual “Budo” and “Garry Marek” perpetual awards.

Tom Olsen (Peninsula dojo) was promoted to Renshi Shihan, 5th Dan and awarded the “Budo”award! (This was previously awarded to Renshi Phil, in 2012, and Renshi Adam, in 2013) With humility and pride, both Renshis Adam and Phil were promoted to Kyoshi, 6th Dan (currently, the only 6th Dans of WGKA!), only preceded by Kaicho Max 8th Dan, Kyoshi, Warren, 8th Dan and Kyoshis, Joe (Lalor) and Greg Rees (Hombu), both 7th Dans.