



Ueshiro



**Shorin-Ryu Karate
U.S.A.**

Founded in 1962 by Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro
Under the direction of Hanshi Robert Scaglione



Spring 2007 Karate News

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Greetings from Hanshi Robert Scaglione



Greetings to you,

continued karateka/deshi of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA.

With the February testings behind us ... congratulations to deshi who tested and to the members who participated. I know we all learned much by being present at the tests.

We now focus on the everyday training in our respective dojo(s), we all look forward to the August Kyu level testings in each dojo and the 45th Anniversary Celebration of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro's arrival in the USA.

The August 2007 Celebration will be hosted by the Ueshiro East Meets West Club of Northern Virginia in the Washington DC area. The Celebration will include Dan Level testings/karate demonstrations/and seminars on kata, bunkai-kumite and weapons.

I hope to see all of you soon in Florida, in my travels, and in Northern Virginia.

Keep training.

Sincerely,
Hanshi Robert Scaglione
Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA



Greetings from Kyoshi David Baker



I want to congratulate Denshi/Shihan Michael Mackay for all his hard work in directing the Hombu on this, the one-year anniversary of his taking over as Shihan. Thanks too to all our deshi who have worked so hard in the construction and maintenance of our new location at St. Bart's Episcopal Church.

Please visit us when you're in New York City and also remember to visit all our dojo throughout the world and especially attend this August's 45th Anniversary celebration in the Washington, DC area. This is to celebrate Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro, whose birthday we celebrate this coming month.

Finally, thank you to all the Shihan and Directors for the Techniques of the Week and for the newsletters, *Karate News*, that you put out for all our benefit.

Domo arigato gozaimasu,

Kyoshi David Baker, Chief Operating Officer

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Ueshiro Bushi Dojo

Greetings Hanshi, Kyoshi's, Denshi, Shihan, and all deshi of Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate USA.

The Bushi Dojo had a strong winter session, and continues to work on new interior of the Dojo. Jen Khun was promoted to Yon-kyu and has been working on the Pinan katas.

Black belts Mark Tongret, Rebecca Scott, Haven Pell continue to give whole heartedly to the students of Bushi Dojo. Sempai Pell was able to visit the Northampton Black Belt event in December and returned to us with sugar from Hanshi. Everyone is working on getting proper stances for width and angling of the back foot.

Sensei Brophy was also able to visit the Hombu Dojo in December. She came for her old Friday class, and was graciously asked to lead the class. It was a great night on the deck!

We are finishing up some construction on the Dojo this month and will be ramping up recruiting in March. In preparation for that we have started a new website at: <http://bushidojo.wetpaint.com>.

Bushi Dojo East in the Pocono's is waiting for construction to finish before we take to the deck; all looks good for Spring 2007. We all look forward to meeting up one and all in August in D.C

Arigato Hanshi,

Barnes Sensei / Denshi

Bushi Dojo Shihan



Easton Connecticut Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate Club

Onegai shimasu Hanshi,

The Easton Connecticut Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate Club congratulates Frank Mowka for advancing to ni-kyu at the New York City February test conducted by Sensei Mackay. We continue to train with vigor on Sundays and Wednesdays (and soon we will be looking for a new location). We look forward to seeing everyone at the 45th anniversary celebration in Wasington, D.C.

Arigato,

Adam Dunsby, Nidan



Wilton Connecticut Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate Club

Onegai-shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei, Sempai and Deshi,

Our club continues to hone our skills despite erratic class schedules. Our small group of deshi continue their training with spirit outsized in comparison to their number. We look forward to the Spring when warm weather will further heat up our training sessions. We wish all of our karateka brethren the best of training!

Domo arigato,

Keith Eng, Shihan



Ueshiro Cocoa YMCA Florida Dojo

Greetings from the Cocoa YMCA Dojo in Florida.

We keep training with Joy & Vigor!

Sensei Kenneth Oscarson
Shihan



December 2006 Compai Celebration



Cocoa Beach Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Dojo

On Sunday February 25th, twenty-one Cocoa Beach Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate students were promoted at the bi-annual belt testing and promotion held at the Cocoa Beach Recreation Center.

Other photos are online at: <http://www.cocoabeachkarate.com/aug07test.html>

Arigato to the following black belts who assisted with the judging: Sensei Tom Du-Jardin; Sensei Kurt Tezel; Sempai Connie Rutkowski; Sempai Carla Eddy; Sempai Trevor Tezel.

Arigato to those students who were not testing but showed up to show support: Trica Tezel, San-Kyu; Megan Tezel, San-Kyu and Clay Tezel, San-Kyu.

The following students were promoted to the rank of:

Green Stripes: Anthony Clarke

Ro-Kyu: Stephanie Glass, Steven Clarke, Mike Poiani

Go-Kyu: Kelby Canada, Kyle Berry, Janet Jochum

Yellow Belt: Latham Kellum Jr., Xander Boggs

Yon-Kyu: Trey Arnold, Brian Boggs, Jeanne Shaw, Art Arnold, Roy Hill

San-Kyu: Michael Adams

Orange Belt: Wade Parker, Joshua Adams, Sarah Parker, Kevin Tezel

Ni-Kyu: Danny Parker

Ik-Kyu: Sheila Gagne

Congratulations to all those that were promoted. As Hanshi Scaglione states in the "Green Book" (Building Warrior Spirit): "Rank is as much a responsibility as it is an honor". As always, Domo Arigato to Hanshi Scaglione for his tireless leadership and support upon which the growth of our Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate is based.

Congratulations to our sister schools in Cocoa and Suntree for their testing and promotion on the 24th.

Since the last newsletter, we have added another location and two classes to our schedule so that we now offer classes Monday through Friday. The two new classes are at our new location, the Boom Fitness Center in Cocoa Beach, where we train in the large aerobics room, complete with wooden floors and full length mirrors. All are welcome to come down and enjoy the Florida weather and train with us anytime.

We all look forward to our next white belt testing in April and the 45th anniversary coming up in August

Arigato,

Sensei Des Chaskelson, Yon-Dan





Ueshiro Suntree-Viera Florida Karate Dojo

Greetings from the Suntree-Viera Karate Dojo in Florida.

We have survived the first 6 months of our existence and continue to move forward. So far, we have added to SRKUSA approximately 10 new deshi. We now have two new yon-kyu[s] (green belts) on the deck and several go-kyu[s] and ro-kyu[s] and beginners. We also benefit from weekly visits by our neighboring deshi, sempai, and sensei from the Cocoa YMCA Dojo and the Cocoa Beach Dojo.

We are most fortunate to have Hanshi conduct our Tuesday morning class at 6:00 AM. It has drawn regular visits by Black Belts from our nearby dojo[s] for special advanced training with Hanshi. Sensei Marchetti conducts our Wednesday evening 7:45 PM class and also helps with classes at the Cocoa YMCA Dojo. Sensei Tezel, who is the chief instructor at the Cocoa Beach Dojo, also conducts our Thursday morning 6:00 AM class. I am teaching our Sunday noon 12:00 PM class and Monday evening 7:45 PM class.

We look forward to continued growth at our anchor Suntree YMCA location. Within the next couple of months, we also hope to add a couple more classes per week at the county's new regional sports complex in Viera, adjacent to Hanshi's residence.

Please come and visit us in Florida. We will provide food and lodging in return for your spirited kata training on our dojo's deck.

We look forward to training with all of you at the 45th anniversary in Washington DC.

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu to Hanshi for his leadership and support and to all of you for keeping our training alive and well.

Sensei Tamir
Shihan



Ueshiro Hawaii Karate Dojo

Aloha All from Hawaii,

It's has been a wonderful journey for us since our last newsletter. The Downtown Karate Dojo has officially changed its name to the UESHIRO HAWAII KARATE DOJO.

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Classes are from 5:45pm-7:00pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays

You can read more about our activity center at www.alohaactivitycenter.net

On February 27, 2007 we had a successful test for two of our Deshi. Andrew Sato and Andrew Scott have both received their new rank of Green belt, Yon-Kyu. We all look forward to higher levels of training. The breaking class we had the following class was filled with tons of energy and lots of broken boards. Everyone showed high levels of focus and power.

Let's all continue to train hard and focus on moving forward in all that we do.

Domo Arigato and Aloha from the Ueshiro Hawaii Karate Dojo!

Sensei Lorenzo Aguon
Ueshiro Hawaii Karate Dojo



Ueshiro Kualoa Karate Club

Aloha and Onegaishimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei and Karateka,

I, Senpai Lyle Kleusch, am moving to Hong Kong on March 23rd, 2007. I have a great business opportunity there and am looking forward to working out with my friend, Lai Sensei. While in Hong Kong I hope to make a positive contribution to the Hong Kong Karate Club.

I still have an outstanding young student at Kualoa named Christian Riorden. He will continue to work out on his own and his family is planning a trip to Hong Kong around Novemeber.

Arigato Hanshi!

Lyle Kleusch,

Ni-dan, Shihan

Kualoa Karate Club



Boston Chinatown Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu Karate Club

Onegai-shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei, Sempai and fellow Deshi.

We are moving forward. We continue to train at the Wang YMCA of Chinatown, 8 Oak Street West, Boston MA on Monday and Wednesday nights at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 12:30 pm. The YMCA is near downtown Boston. We are honored when visitors train with us. If you may be able to do so, please let me know.

In February, we held a tip test at which On Lai received her Rokyū. Congratulations to her and *domo arigato gozaimasu* to Sensei Dan Gobillot who honored us by leading the test and the large group of Northampton deshi who honored us with their participation: Mr. Christopher Gobillot, Ms. Jean Gobillot, Mr. Lou Ruvolo, Mr. Steve Parsons, Ms. Cathie Parsons, Tom Marcus, Tracy Morgan and Derrek Marcus.

Earlier in February, we were honored to participate in the belt promotion at the Northampton dojo. *Domo arigato gozaimasu* to Sensei Gobillot and all the Sempai and Deshi of the Northampton dojo for their strong spirit on the deck and for their warm welcome.

Thank you to Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei, Sempai and my fellow Deshi for your direction, instruction, encouragement, support and dedication.

Domo arigato gozaimasu to all,

Emiliano Mazlen, Shihan

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Northampton Ueshiro Karate Dojo

Onegai shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi's, Shihan, Sensei's and deshi;

Northampton Ueshiro Karate Dojo (formerly Pine Forest Karate) is experiencing minor restructuring at this time. Sensei Moriarty discontinued training with the group mid Feb. The dojo is strong offering classes seven days a week. We have six new white belts beginning their karate journey this year. Spirits are high.

The following deshi tested and advanced to new rank in early Feb:

Tracy Magdelene - sankyu
Howard Meister - sankyu
Donna MacCarthy - yonkyu
Jennifer Johnson - gokyu
Angela Ramjan Pozo - gokyu

A Northampton contingent including Christopher Gobillot - nidan, Jean Gobillot - nidan, Lou Ruvolo - nidan, Steve Parsons - shodan, Cathie Parsons - shodan, Tom Marcus - sankyu, Tracy Magdalene - sankyu and Deryk Marcus - ikkyu (it was his 17th birthday) traveled with me to Boston to attend Shihan Mazlen's tip test. His deshi looked strong and sweat hard. It was a pleasure training with him again in Boston. It was Chinese New Years (we were in Chinatown area) so we were treated to a parade as we walked to lunch afterward.

All are welcome to train in Northampton with us. Please call if you need a place to stay for the night.

Hanshi, thank you for your guidance and instruction. Especially this past month.

Domo arigato gozaimasu,

Daniel W. Gobillot
Shihan - Denshi, Godan
Northampton Ueshiro Karate Dojo



PS 27
Ueshiro Karate Club
of NYC

Onegai Shimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei, Sempai, and Deshi,

We are moving forward in Red Hook, Brooklyn at the PS 27 Ueshiro Karate Club. We are working hard to get the basics down and Fukyugata Ichi. I recently wrote a grant proposal for a gi and obi for all of my students on donorschoose.org. In addition we had an exhibition day in which I presented a power point of my students doing Shorin-Ryu Karate and working hard during our classes.

Class Schedule

Tuesdays 10:20 – 11:20

Thursdays 9:20 – 10:20

Fridays 10:20 -11:20

Domo Arigato Gozaimasu,

Rob Neff

Ni-Dan

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Hombu Dojo Interim Headquarters Ueshiro Midtown Karate Dojo at St. Barts

The Ueshiro Midtown Dojo continues to prosper at its interim location in the Athletic Center of St. Barts Cathedral. Under the guidance of Hanshi Robert Scaglione, the school has enjoyed many exceptional training opportunities:

- On September 17, 2006 Hanshi led students from five different USRKUSA dojo and clubs through the annual Central Park workout. This was the fifth consecutive year deshi have returned to Central Park to demonstrate our resilience in the post-911 world. Under crystal clear skies the group reviewed basics for nearly an hour, followed by kata in smaller groups led by Kyoshi David Seeger, Sensei Steve Lott and Sensei Mackay. Yaku-soku kumite was also reviewed in depth. The workout ran for a total of four hours (excluding breaks), and culminated in a series of demonstrations from each dojo. Hanshi concluded the workout with a tribute to Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro on the 44th Anniversary of his arrival in the USA, and a reminder to all that this year's 45th anniversary workout is only a prelude to the Grand Fiftieth Anniversary celebration just around the corner.
- The 2006 Annual Black Belt workout and dinner weekend was switched from New York City to Northampton to accommodate the large number of attendees. Hanshi presided over multiple events both on the deck and off, all centered on the theme of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro's unwavering commitment to karate-do. Domo arigato gozaimasu to the Northampton shihan and deshi for extending a warmth and hospitality reminiscent of traditional Okinawan culture. Arigato also to the numerous black belts who attended from New York, particularly those assisting with the Sho-dan test held Saturday, December 2.
- Two days after the Northampton weekend, Hanshi returned to New York and conducted a two-hour class at the Hombu dojo. Many detailed corrections from the Dan-level weekend were passed on by Hanshi for the benefit of the kyu ranks.
- The Hombu Dojo held its own year-end celebration on Thursday, December 7. The density of the students on the deck rivaled any corporate holiday party,

and the rounds of compai and kata would have continued past midnight were it not for a dinner reservation at “East” restaurant. Arigato gozaimasu to Sensei Ellin Moore for organizing the festivities at East, and for all the compai of support from the deshi who attended the workout.

- More recently, on January 23, 2007 three students were promoted to Go-kyu, two green tips:

James Gasca, Jason Bauer, Judd Kleeger

These students have come a long way since commencing their training at the new Hombu location. As a school we all have come far in less than nine months.

- Finally, our Kyu-rank test held February 11, 2007 resulted in 11 promotions:

Yon-kyu: Candace Morgan, Gerard Rath

San-kyu: Nader Abdelrahman, Brian Heese (Pelham Manor), Henri Waelbroeck

Ni-kyu: Bruce Peterson, Mike Gallagher, Frank Mowka (Easton Karate Club)

Ik-kyu: Kim Lembo, John Draghi, Ron Ballin

Arctic conditions in the St. Barts gymnasium necessitated a change in test format. “Spectators” observed only one kata per candidate and spent the remainder of the time working out. Congratulations to all participants for persevering through a two-hour promotion that ended up lasting four.

Looking towards the future, we have added several classes to our schedule: Sensei Kevin Raymond has already offered a special nunchuka class and Sensei Eddie Garcia will be holding bo classes twice a month on Friday evenings. Sensei Moore is now conducting a lunchtime class on Thursdays from 1:15 to 2:00pm. These are in addition to the regular monthly Black- and Green-belt emphasis classes

Complete class schedule:

7:45 – 8:30 am: Tuesday and Friday

10:45 – 11:45am: Saturday

12:00 – 1:00pm: Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday

1:15 - 2:00pm: Thursday

5:30 – 7:00pm: Monday thru Friday

7:15 – 8:45pm: Tuesday and Thursday

Students world-wide are encouraged to visit New York and train in our historic landmark building on Park Avenue. It is an ideal setting to prepare for the 45th anniversary celebration in historic Washington DC.

Domo arigato gozaimasu, Hanshi,

Michael Mackay, Denshi-Shihan, Director

Ueshiro Midtown Karate Dojo at St. Barts



Ueshiro Pine Forest Karate School

We are pleased to announce that Hanshi will be teaching at our school on Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 10:00 AM. Please be our guest for this wonderful workout and brunch.

Come and visit our dojo.

Sunday 10:00 AM -12:00 Noon & Wednesday 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM.
Informal group workouts set to your schedule
or call 845-359-5330 for a private lesson with:
Powel Sensei , Bracken Sensei or Potter Sensei.

Special thanks to Bracken Sensei for teaching Tuesday nights at Ueshiro Okinawan Karate Club in Pelham Manor.

We are looking forward to training with all Ueshiro Shorin-ryu members at the 45th Anniversary!

Domo Arigato Hanshi !!!

Ueshiro Pine Forest Karate School in Palisades, New York

Shihan, Seeger Kyoshi 7th Dan.



Okinawan Karate Club of Pelham Manor

Onegai shimasu, fellow Karateka,

The Okinawan Karate Club has enjoyed a large turnout of young students over the past six months. Led by Sensei Bracken, Ms. Hartley and Sensei Mackay, with assistance from Ni-kyu Megan Cohen, we now boast approximately 15 tenacious small deshi in our humble dojo.

In keeping with tradition, the club held its annual year-end workout on December 17. The occasion gave all participants an opportunity to celebrate the life and karate spirit of Sensei Dan Nichuals by training hard in the very space Sensei Nichuals created from scratch. Black belt participants from the Pelham Manor Club, Ueshiro Midtown Dojo, and Pine Forest Dojo included:

Michael Mackay
Eddie Garcia
Don Bracken
Kristen Dominger
Lee-Ann Hartley
John Adams

Also visiting from the Ueshiro Midtown Dojo were Shabbir Kazmi and James Gasca. A total of 25 students worked out for over an hour, emphasizing the kata and corrections so often heard by Sensei Nichuals. It was an exhilarating and inspiring occasion. Afterwards the group gathered in the traditional "circle" for a round of compai which included many fond reminiscences of "Sensei Dan." Barbara Nichuals graciously welcomed the group and offered an invitation to everyone in the Ueshiro Shorin-Ryu USA community to come and train. We then adjourned upstairs for refreshments and informal holiday celebrations.

On December 31 a vigorous "Last day of 2006" workout was held from 9:30AM to 11:00AM. We were joined by several visitors from the Midtown Dojo, and prepared for New Years Eve by performing many repetitions of kata.

Our first tip test in over 12 months was held on February 4th, 2007. Four students tested for and received their first green tip:

Emma Burge
Hana Burge
Hannah Mackay
Frank Weber

Ro-kyu Jonathan Hartley tested for and received the rank of Go-kyu, two green tips. Jonathan, who had no advance notice he would be testing, rose admirably to the challenge.

Brian Heese, one of our tenacious adult students, traveled to the Ueshiro Midtown dojo last month to test for San-kyu. In spite of the cold training conditions and extended workout, Brian maintained the highest standards of the Okinawan Karate Club.

The entire Pelham Manor contingent is eagerly awaiting Hanshi's visit at the end of this month. It is hoped that Hanshi's willingness to visit the Pelham dojo will inspire others from throughout the organization to visit us and lend their support.

Class schedule: Tuesday, 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm and Sundays, 9:30 am – 10:30 am

Finally, domo arigato gozaimasu to Barbara, Connor and Matthew Nichuals for their tremendous show of spirit and hospitality over the past year. We are all looking forward to the promise that this year – the 45th anniversary of Grand Master Ansei Ueshiro's pilgrimage to this country - will be even better.

Domo arigato gozaimasu,

Sensei Michael Mackay, Denshi-Interim Shihan

Okinawan Karate Club



Sensei Dan Nichuals



Ueshiro Okinawan Karate Family Club

Greetings. Things are going great in “Happy Valley” (a nickname for “Penn State”).

We just had a test (February 25, 2007) and now have two more Brown Belts, Tracy Pletcher and Jeffrey Zhao.

We are excited about some visitors coming from Japan. On Sunday, April 29th, we will receive a group of eight Japanese intergenerational specialists who are on a four-city study of intergenerational programs in the U.S. They are interested in visiting our dojo in part because they find our family membership practices to be very interesting. [Our policy: to join, one needs to come with another family member. We define “family” loosely; it can include close friends or neighbors.] When our Japan visitors come, we’ll make sure they know that in many other dojo in our system, there are also families that are finding fitness and togetherness as they train together. We won’t mention any names, of course.

Speaking about family training, I’d like to extend a quick note of gratitude for those Shihan and their students who helped us collect some very interesting and inspiring student responses to the question, “How do you feel about training in karate as a family?” We’ll be collating responses and sharing key themes with other dojo in a month or two.

Also, we have established a continuity plan for my upcoming 1-year move to the midlands of England for a sabbatical research project. From late August 2007 to mid-August 2008, the acting Shihan will be Ruilong Ma (15 year old Ni-kyu). Tracy Pletcher (also of Ni-kyu rank) will assist, primarily in handling all administrative matters, and in providing additional support on the deck. Any support from the students and Shihan of other dojo during this time would be much appreciated.

Well, that’s about it for new news.

Domo arigato gozaimasu.

Matt Kaplan, Denshi-Shihan
Ueshiro Okinawan Karate Family Club, State College, PA



Ueshiro East Meets West Karate Club of Northern Virginia

Onegai-shimasu to All,

Please mark your calendars now for the 45th Anniversary Organization Wide Workout and Dan Level Review weekend to be held from 16 August (Thursday) thru 19 August (Sunday) 2007. The deshi of Northern Virginia are looking forward to hosting a weekend of training filled with joy and vigor in our nation's capital in celebration of Master Ueshiro's great gift to us all.

Congratulations to the following Virginia deshi who tested at the February 17th promotion and received new ranks:

Sean Paus	I-Kyu
Estelle Paus	San-kyu
Jonah Markowitz	(1) blue tip
William Paus	(1) brown tip
Joshua Paus	(1) brown tip
Lauren Paus	(2) yellow tips

Domo Arigato to Estelle Paus for making high quality scans of the Club's Shinden pictures. We have posted them on the SRKUSA Web Page for all Shihan to have access to and to download for their dojo/school. The complete set of shinden pictures can be accessed at:

<http://www.shorinryu.com/Shinden%20Photos.htm/>

Our classes continue to be held at the Compton Village Community center in Centerville with one class weekly being held at the Glade Community center in Reston. Our class times are:

Monday 7pm @ Glade Community Center- Reston, VA
Thursday 7pm @ Compton Village Community- Center Centerville, VA
Saturday 9am @ Compton Village Community- Center Centerville, VA

Domo Arigato,
Sensei Joe Knight. Co-Shihan
webmaster of www.shorinryu.com



Ueshiro Hong Kong Karate Club

Greetings from Hong Kong Karate Club!

We would like to announce that Sempai Lyle Kleusch, Ni-Dan and Shihan of Ueshiro Kualoa Karate Club, is going to move to Hong Kong in March this year and join our dojo. He will be one of our black belt instructors and head a special demonstrate team that we are trying to organize. Sempai Kluesch has been the most dedicating and the oldest training partner of Sensei Lai, Go-Dan, and Sensei Wong, Yon-Dan, for over 16 years. Three of them are the highest rank deshi of Kaplan Sensei, Roku Dan/Denshi, who founded Downtown Karate Dojo in Hawaii back in early 90's. It was the place and time they met and learned karate together from the same master Sensei.

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Ueshiro Hong Kong Karate Club

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Alan Lai
Go-Dan, Shihan
Ueshiro Hong Kong Karate Club



Eilat, Israel Ueshiro Karate Dojo

Anigashimasu Hanshi, Kyoshi, Sensei and Karateka!

Last Friday we had our promotion in Ueshiro Karate Dojo in Eilat Israel, the same karate, the same spirit, the same power! even the we are very far from the center of the karate dojos in the world.....we have the center of Heart to SHORIN-RYU KARATE! we are ready for August.....!

Promoted to Ro-kyu: Gal Nadel, Afik Prial, Ofek Chen, Admond Zorov, David Olizki, Rif Ashkenazi, Amit Nasi, Nhoi Sherlo, Guy Ishaia, Yaron Turgeman, Avichai Nizrad.

Promoted to Go-Kyu: Tal Goldkantz, Etai Vazer, Eli Toledano, Elia Biton, Etai Devidzon,

Promoted to Yon-Kyu: David Marshk, Liav Chen.

Domo Arigato Hanshi and All.

Sensei/Shihan Shlomo Dadon - Denshi, Go-Dan

Eilat, ISRAEL



Tel Aviv - Hertzlia
Israel
Ueshiro Karate Dojo

Tel Aviv - Herzlia Dojo report: Our Deshi group struggles to maintain regular training, despite the fact that most of our practitioners has jobs that have them travelling intensely outside of Israel. However, we have a steady group of 7 Deshi that keeps training.

We were going to consolidate our testing with Dadon Sensei's Dojo, in Eilat, but unfortunately had to cancel due to my own illness and the fact that due to demanding career circumstances everyone missed considerable training. We will coordinate with Dadon Sensei opportunities to conduct tests of the Herzlia Deshi in Eilat at later dates, so as to celebrate the new Eilat location and unite with our southern karate family.

Arigato,

Nir Zamir, Sensei/Shihan



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