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KINOKAWA NEWS

Fall Seminar 2006

by JD Lepeta

It has been one great year for Kinokawa Aikido. Everyone seems to have really grown within their martial art. The intensity displayed by all on the mat during the seminar was impressive.

Congratulations must go out to Steve Butler and Chris Kulla on attaining their Shodan rank in Kinokawa Aikido. As I'm sure everyone is aware, this is no easy task. Many people have tried to achieve this rank and have found it requires a trip through a fiery furnace. Both Steve and Chris showed courage and tenacity in their tests.

Congratulations must also go to their senior instructor Sempai Kyle Olinger. His dedication to all of his students' training clearly showed in all the tests at this past seminar.

I'm sure everyone is looking forward to the next seminar, as am I, and the next opportunity to practice and be taught by Hanshi Michael Wirth.

See you all at the Spring Seminar in 2007.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Holiday Party

You are cordially invited to a holiday party on Sunday, December 17th, from noon to 5pm. We'll celebrate the season with friendship and merriment! Feel free to bring friends and family; the more the merrier!

Please see the enclosed flyer, or:

http://www.kinokawa.org/tempfiles/holiday_party.pdf

Upcoming Open Training Day: March 17, 2007

Mark your calendar for the first open training day in 2007! The dojo opens at 9am on Saturday, warm-ups start at 9:30am, and Hanshi Wirth takes over around 10am. Training usually runs 4 to 6 hours, broken into hour and a half, or two hour, sessions. Open training days give all Kinokawa students a chance to train at the main dojo directly under Hanshi Wirth. There are no fees; training is open to all Kinokawa students!

Annual Kinokawa Aikido Spring Seminar: April 21 and 22, 2007

Annual Spring Seminar

Kinokawa dojo, Allentown PA

Sat/Sun April 21-22, 2007 (the third Saturday in April)

Registration Deadline: Friday, April 6th

Whether you're a current student, looking to get back into your training, or even if you've never stepped foot on our mat, we welcome you to join us for two days of instruction from Hanshi Wirth. We also welcome anyone who is interested in watching the seminar; observers may attend for free.

Please see the enclosed flyer, or:

http://www.kinokawa.org/tempfiles/2007_spring_seminar.pdf

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