



World Kobudo & You

World Kobudo Federation

Bringing People and Martial Arts Together

Fall 2021



We're Coming Back!

That's what we're hearing from WKF schools all around the world!



Classes, seminars and even tournaments are restarting— with more energy and excitement than ever.



It's time, again, to sweat, to train, to struggle and to challenge yourself as you get back to training in the art and sport you love.



Martial Arts is Life!

2021 Olympics—a Great Year for Martial Arts



The Olympics has historically featured a number of martial arts specifically Judo, Wrestling, Boxing and, more recently, Tae Kwon Do. This year's Olympics in Tokyo, Japan feature Karate for the first time ever!

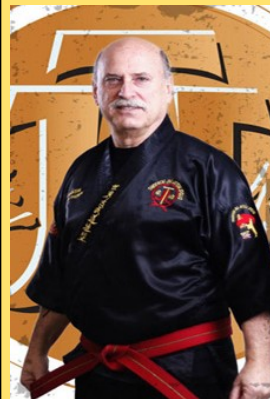
Although Karate is not slated to be on the schedule for the 2024 Olympics in Paris, the competitors this year were “the best of the best” - top karate athletes in kata and kumite (sparring) - chosen through a point system from qualifiers and world championships over the last few years.



Congratulations to all the competitors conducted themselves professionally and respectfully, and performed with intensity, skill and determination.

My Dear World Kobudo brothers and sisters,

The world is starting to open up and dojos are once again filling up with hard-working, dedicated, respectful and excited students.



Our World Kobudo schools in Canada, Europe, the USA and other places around the world report a resurgence at their dojos, with old students returning and new students joining.

Of course we still have to maintain our safety protocols as we move ahead but the outlook is more positive than ever.

World Kobudo headquarters is planning many exciting things for our dojos and members. You'll see some of these items listed in this newsletter and there's even more to come.

Stay safe and train hard, Hanshi John Therien

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Hanshi John Therien taught 2 sold out seminars on Saturday August 28th at Sensei Alain Veilleux's Nakama Dojo in Cowansville, Quebec, Canada.



First day of training in Carignan, France by Sensei Jean Marc Bizzarri

Recent World Kobudo Tournaments And Seminars



A seminar in Kenjutsu and Jujitsu was held in the Mauritius Islands with many students. The seminar was conducted by Master Sorab Mowlabucus, a long-time supporter of the World Kobudo Federation. Master Mowlabucus often takes the more-than-24 hour flight from the Mauritius Islands to attend WKF events in Europe and Canada.

The KUDO International Federation India, organized its National tournament Green Hills College of Engineering in Solan, India. This event had 3000 students from 25 states of India on Sept. 2—7, 2021. Senior dan grading was also held with promotions from shodan to rokudan. And over 150 Senior officials, referee and judge license tests were conducted.

World Kobudo Dojos Around The World



Oancea Gaby with the 2021 Chanbara seminar in Romania

Kali training with Punong Guru Johan Skalberg in Sweden



UPCOMING SEMINARS

Stageweekend 2021

alle stijlen welkom



Zaterdag
9 oktober

Zondag
10 oktober

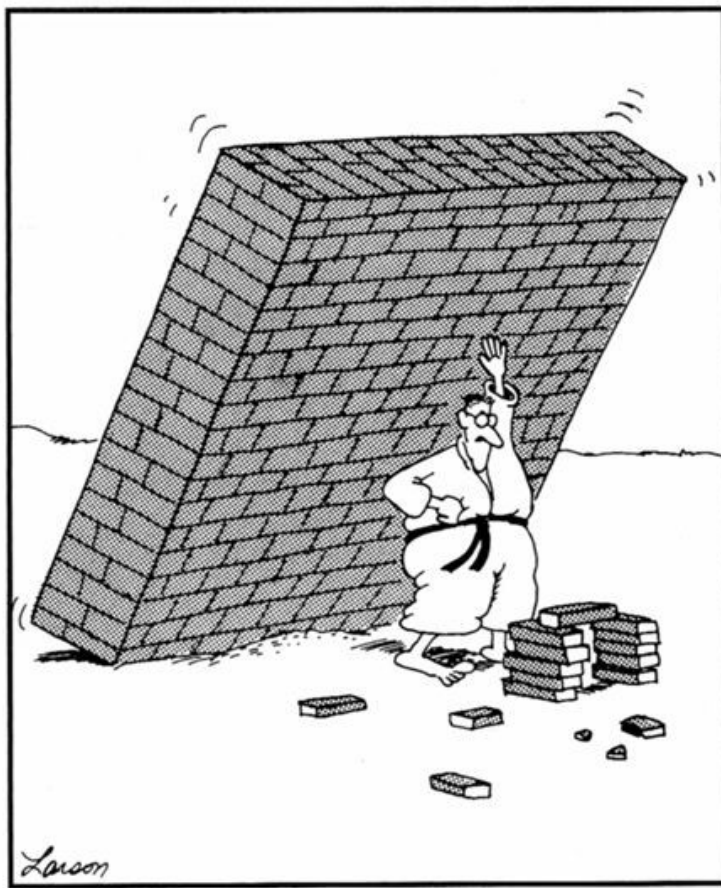
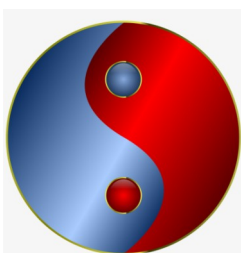
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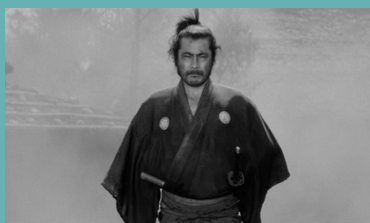
October Seminar in Belgium with Hanshi Alain Saily



Top 10 Martial Arts Movies

(According to The Guardian)
Which ones have you seen?
Do you agree or disagree?

- 10. Once Upon a Time in China
- 9. Yojimbo



- 8. A Touch of Zen
- 7. The Raid
- 6. Ong-Bak
- 5. The Matrix
- 4. House of Flying Daggers
- 3. Police Story
- 2. Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon
- 1. Enter the Dragon



A Master Like No Other

A personal perspective

I've been involved in the martial arts for almost 50 years and have been a professional instructor since 1980. I've met many high level practitioners, from the USA, Japan and many other countries. I learned something from each of them. But there's one that stands out above the rest.

Hanshi John Therien is a unique individual. His highly developed martial arts skills pale in comparison to his character, his work ethic, his care for his students and his drive to make the organization he directs the best in the world.

Getting know him over the years, I've never seen him waiver from his values and I've seen how he gives so much to so many. He has no desire for fame or reward – he only has the best interests of others in mind.

Bubbling with charisma, and energy and a never-ending smile, he shares his enthusiasm with everyone he meets. He is a role model for me as a leader, a teacher and a martial arts master.

I'm a better person for knowing him.
Thank you, Hanshi.

Sensei Matt Dorsey—9th dan Isshin ryu karate



What's Coming Up in 2021 & 2022?

Along with many local seminars in Europe, Canada and the USA, the WKF is planning for these events (and more):



2022 World Wide Masters Tour featuring Hanshi John Therien and Hanshi Alain Saily

February

Spain

Oslo, Sweden

March

Austria

April

France

USA—Rochester, NY

May

Canada

May 6, 7 & 8 Levis, Quebec

May 13, 14 & 15, Kitchener, Ontario

November

Canada

Nov. 4—6 **Capital Conquest**, Gatineau, Quebec

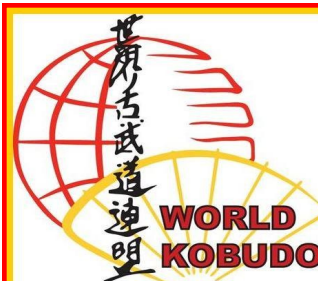
Belgium

Nov. 18—20 **Euro Budo Festival**

More dates and locations are being added.

Sneak Peek

The **World Kobudo International Convention** will be held in Canada in May 2023



Budo Pro

Professional business and teaching practices for martial arts clubs/schools

With the challenges the world is facing now, it's more important than ever to give your students a fantastic martial arts experience.

Our [BudoPro Facebook group](#) (only for our WKF member clubs) has excellent resources, ideas and discussions to keep your students learning and connected to your dojo.

To find out how your club/dojo can become an official WKF school and learn about all the benefits of membership, contact headquarterst at

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Hanshi Alain Saily seminar in Austria with Wolfgang Scheifinger's dojo

THE #100 MARTIAL ARTS FITNESS WORKOUT ARE YOU IN FIGHTING SHAPE?

Looking for a fitness challenge?

Here you go!

Do this workout in 20 minutes or less:

- 20 Jumping jacks
- 20 pushups
- 20 situps
- 20 squats

Repeat 5 times!

That's 100 of each

exercise—You'll get a workout to remember!

****Make sure you drink water before, during and after the workout**

****Do a 10 minute cool-down and stretch after the workout.**



Hanshi Saily with his favorite Uke...never complains, never late for practice, takes his strongest throw!

Amazing Facts about the May 2021

24-hour live martial arts event put on by the World Kobudo Federation

- 96 individual classes broadcast
- 20,000 participants
- Over 50,000 views (during and after the event)
- More than 41 countries
- 100 instructors—the best in the world
- The biggest single world-wide martial arts event in history. Were you a part of it?



These classes, as well as dozens of others, will be available in our upcoming World Kobudo video library. To be the best, you have to learn from the best!



Hanshi Saily's recent seminar in Zurich, Switzerland



New kimonos for Brown and black belts students at Hanshi Sorab's dojo in Mauritius Islands.



Rensi Werner Pfeffer, 5th Dan Jiujiitsu, 4th Dan Goshindo, 3rd Dan Judo

Share your dojo promotions, news, students and other photos with us—we love to hear what's going on at your schools—email photos and description to worldkobudo@gmail.com

