



QUEANBEYAN RETURNED SERVICES LEAGUE JUDO AND JUJITSU CLUB

1987 - END OF YEAR NEWSLETTER

The end of year newsletter has been instigated as a means of improving communications between the Queanbeyan Club, its branches and ex-members. The newsletter will also assist in keeping a historical record of the Club and its branches.

Overall, 1987 has been a tremendous year and one which many of us will not forget in a hurry. Peter Morton's guidance throughout the year can only be described as inspirational. Our Club is extremely fortunate to be led by such a man. Our re-union on 19 September 1987 to celebrate our Silver Anniversary and launching of the Club's history was the highlight of the year. Many thanks to Jodie Bijorac for her work during the early part of the year with raising money for our 200 Club. The funds were used to print the Club's history and cover costs of the re-union. Our Secretary, Beverly Grimmond, is commended on her work which ensured the evening ran smoothly, and thus was a total success. Well done Beverly. Dave Grimmond, our treasurer, also worked hard behind the scene all year in a position that is all too often taken for granted. Many thank's from everyone for a job well done Dave. Also our thank's go to Dave Rowley and Ed Scharrer together with their black belt exhibition team for promoting the Club both internally and externally.

In brief, 1988 will see the Queanbeyan Club host the Australian Society of Ju-Jitsuans Black Belts Seminar. Our Adelaide Branch will celebrate its 10th year of operation and the 1988/89 Black Belt class will commence.

In a day and age where society seems to be less caring about other people its with pride that everyone connected with the Club and its Branches can look back over this year and know that we are united in our efforts to help others and grow together.

On behalf of the Club I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Chief Instructor reports are enclosed.

Neil Phillips

The following are end of year reports prepared by the Chief Instructors within our Club and Branches:

ADELAIDE: Adelaide has four branches presently operating. These are:

Para Vista - located at Para Vista High School. Paul Jurkowskis is Chief Instructor. Classes are held on Monday from 7pm - 9pm. Pauls branch currently has 13 members.

Salisbury - located at Brown Ice, Salisbury, St Jays Centre. Marilyn Middaugh is Chief Instructor. Classes are held Monday 7pm - 9pm and Friday 7pm - 9pm. Marilyn's branch currently has 29 members.

Walkerville - located at 39 Smith Street, Walkerville, YMCA. Craig Swingler is Chief Instructor. Classes are held on Friday 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Craig's branch currently has 11 members.

Craigmore - located at Yorktown Road, Craigmore YMCA. Paul Arnold is Chief Instructor. Classes are held on Sunday 6pm - 8pm. Paul's branch currently has 21 members.

During the year 67 members of the Adelaide branches attempted gradings with 59 being successful. The Adelaide branches also participated in the Queanbeyan Club's 25th year re-union on 19 September 1987. It was great to see so many members from Adelaide in attendance at the re-union. Next year the Adelaide branch will be hosting a 10 year celebration in a similar vein to the one held in Queanbeyan. It will be held on 8 October 1988 to coincide with the public holiday in NSW, thus make it easy for other members of the Queanbeyan Club and it's Branches to attend.

In February this year the Adelaide branch organised a summer beach training session. Members trained on the beach and enjoyed a BBQ afterwards. The next session is proposed for mid-December. Adelaide Cheif Instructor is Paul Jurkowski Ph: (08)38 08599.

BATEMANS BAY: Peter Morton has reported that the Batemans Bay Branch has grown to approximately 50 junior and 30 seniors members during the year. Due to the number of new members the Branch has moved from the Swimming Club Hall to the Batemans Bay Primary School. On 3 July 1987 Rick Staples was awarded an honorary black belt. Rick had previously been awarded a senior brown belt but was seriously injured in a sporting accident before he could complete training for his black belt. Rick is still keen and attends every training session. During the early part of the year most junior members were graded to yellow belt. Many juniors will grade to orange belt before Christmas. All senior members were graded to green belt by James O'Malley and Rob Watchorn. The senior members also assist Peter with instruction of juniors which is a great help. On 9 October 1987 David Rowley and his exhibition team gave a demonstration to the parents and friends of the branch, all were impressed. Over Christmas the junior school will close down for 6 weeks and the seniors for 3 weeks. Batemans Bay Chief Instructor is Peter Morton Ph:(044)72 5871.

"BOOROWA: The BOOROWA JUDO CLUB Trains on a Wednesday night from 7.15pm to 8.30pm for Juniors and from 8.30pm to 9.30pm for Seniors, the Senior class also includes some of our Junior instructors.

The branch started the year with approximately 25 Juniors and 2 Seniors, but due to a variety of reasons finished the year with only 20 Juniors and 1 Senior, having lost their other Senior instructor because he took his family for an extended tour of Australia.

The climax of the year was a grading held in Queanbeyan on 10.9.87 and all 15 passed at the following:

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| 1 | Sen. | Blue |
| 2 | Jun. | Brown |
| 5 | Jun. | Blue |
| 5 | Jun. | Green |
| 2 | Jun. | Yellow |

Another important event was when the Queanbeyan Club put on a Demonstration. Although the night chosen clashed with some other important meetings in the district those who did attend were very impressed and we appear to have 4 new members as a direct result of the demo.

It is hoped that early next year we can arrange another demonstration, as a number of people have expressed disappointment at not being able to attend the last one.

Paul Reardon, the Branch's Chief Instructor, would like to thank all who helped during the year especially those who provided transport to Queanbeyan, enquiries please phone: (048)35 7234."

EVATT: Graham Darby has reported. "It gives me pleasure to submit the annual report of the Evatt Branch of the Queanbeyan RSL Judo and Ju-Jitsu Club.

The 1987 year has seen many achievements and much progress by students of our Branch.

Unfortunately during the year Sensei Phil Kleine, who was founder of the Evatt branch, was unable to continue as Chief Instructor due to personal reasons. Members and those associated with the branch all appreciated Phil's tireless effort in establishing and running the branch. He will be sadly missed by all.

Our Branches operations are split into two areas administration and instruction. The administration side is led by Dennis McDermott and his team who mark rolls, take fees and organize everything from buying equipment, paying dojo hire fees to Christmas parties. Without Dennis and our outgoing treasurer Ian Sander, together with our new treasurer Les Laundon the workload of instructor would be greatly increased. Ian is moving to Queensland all branch members thank him and wish him luck in the sunshine state. Also I would like to thank Dennis, Les, Margart Roscoe, Rhonda Christian and Beth McDermott for their help in the

running of the club.

With the administration taken care of it has left more time for the instructors to train students.

On the instruction side of the branch we have Sensei Eddie ^{Scharrer} who has instructed at the club since its commencement. Eddie is a great asset to our branch and we appreciate his efforts especially considering his commitment to other branches Sensei Tom Martin is our other black belt instructor and along with Graham Christian, Annette Kleine and Catherine Mclean are greatly appreciated for their efforts.

Club classes are run in two parts on Wednesday evenings as follows:

- 6.30 - 7.30 - basic and orange belt
- 7.30 - 8.30 - green, blue and brown belt

It is planned to run another class in 1988 from 8.30 - 9.30 for senior students.

The year has been highlighted with two successful gradings with instructors attending from Queanbeyan and student progress is very encouraging, and it is gratifying to see young students take such a professional approach to their sport.

The club students held a demonstration for their parents at the end of each term to show their progress.

During the third term the black belt demonstration class from Queanbeyan showed their techniques to the school and parents who appreciated their efforts.

The Christmas party is planned for 9.12.87 along with drinks etc paid by the club. (ice blocks were an appreciated donation).

Graham would like to thank all those who participated in the administration and instruction of the club and to the students whose efforts make it all worthwhile.

Graham Darby is the Branchs Chief Instructor. Contact Ph:(062)583191.



HUGHES: The following is a list of Instructors at Hughes:

CHIEF INSTRUCTOR: Kevin. M. Barrie - 3rd dan

ASSISTANT INSTRUCTORS: Adrian Barrie: Brown Belt
" " Caroline Webber: Brown Belt
" " Justin Barrie: Brown Belt

1987 was a quite successful year in that the Hughes Branch retained most of our students which number approx 65 juniors and 20 seniors. It is our habit to hold 2 gradings per year approx June and December.

The June grading was successful to the extent that all graded were successful. The second 1987 grading will be held on the Wednesday nights 25.11.87 and 2.12.87.

During 1987 our school was invited to St Joseph's school in Condobolin to perform a demonstration for their school fete. A team consisting of 10 senior students took part, leaving Canberra by car on the Friday night and returning Sunday afternoon. As the town has no martial arts club the demonstration was well received with a lot of discussion and questions afterwards.

The last night for Hughes in 1987 will be 2.12.87 and the school will resume on the first Wednesday night after school returns in 1988.

ST EDMUNDS: Chief Instructor: Edward Scharrer, 2nd dan, Contact Ph:(062)971157. Assistant Instructor: Daryl Lee, 1st dan.

The St Edmunds branch trains at the St Edmunds College Gymnasium, Canberra Avenue, Griffith on Wednesday from 4.45pm to 6.00pm. This was changed from Monday about half way through the year, because many sessions were lost due to clashes with the colleges holiday times.

On Monday 23.3.87 Dave Rowley presided a grading which saw 14 members successful in their grading. The following is a list of the members that graded and the grade they attained.

| <u>1st name</u> | <u>Surname</u> | <u>Kyu</u> | |
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| Daniel | Bigna | 2 | Blue |
| Michael | McAlister | 2 | |
| Anthony | Pulvirenti | 2 | |
| Michael | Rix | 2 | |
| Robert | Donelly | 3 | Green |
| Tom | Callaghan | 4 | Orange |
| Chris | Dolgerski | 4 | |
| Scott | Blanch | 5 | Yellow |
| Daniel | Pochi | 5 | |
| Fred | Rey | 5 | |
| Dominic | Rogers | 5 | |
| Tim | Rogers | 5 | |
| Ian | Smith | 5 | |
| Scott | Spradau | 5 | |

At present the club has 32 junior members, of which there are 3 on blue, 1 on green, 3 on orange, 6 on yellow and 19 new members have enrolled in classes since the grading. The next grading is due at the end of November and it will see about 10 of the white belts attempting to gain their yellow belts.

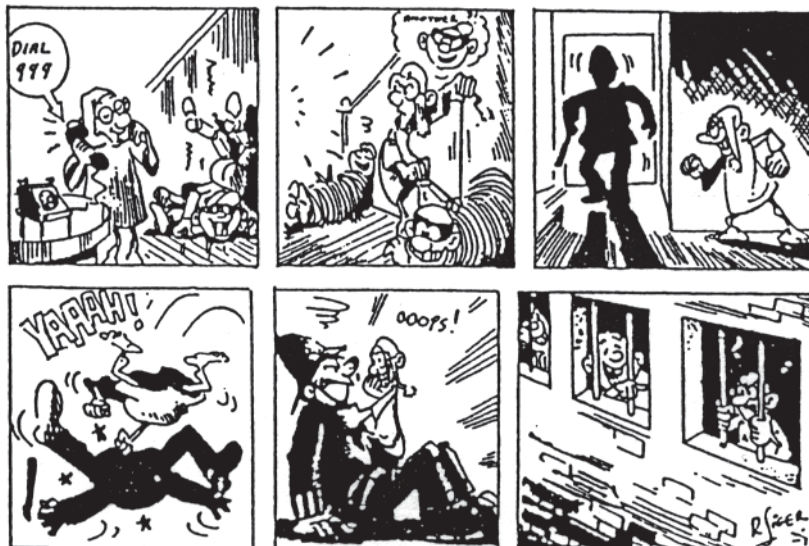
On Sunday 29.3.87, eight boys from the St Edmunds club along with N. Phillips, D. Rowley, D. Lee and E. Scharrer presented a demonstration of techniques at the St Benedicts School Fete in Narrabundah. The demonstration was well received by the audience and the boys especially enjoyed themselves in presenting their skills.

The award for Best and Fairest for 1987 was presented to Michael Rix. A special award for achievement was also presented to Michael McAlister.



JOE DAN,

THE KARATE MAN



QUEANBEYAN RSL JU-JITSU CLUB JUNIOR BRANCH: The following report has been provided by James O'Malley. "I would like to open my report by saying that 1987 has been a hard year for our Judo Club. Firstly, Thursday nights did not suit a lot of our instructors who would have given their time to teach had they been able to. Secondly, we were spoilt by the larger size of the former RSL Hall which was demolished in September last year. At times this year we were often overcrowded. As a result we had to place a restriction on the number of enrolments earlier this year. This was not only due to the size of the Polish Club Hall but also the lack of Instructors who were prepared to teach Juniors. As a result of this a lot of juniors were disadvantaged due to not having a regular instructor to teach them therefore their progress was a lot slower. As a result their gradings were set back. We were also having a problem with parents complaining that their child was not being graded when others had been. A lot of these particular children had been in attendance in excess of twelve months. However, a big thank you must go to Dave Rowley and John Fife who gave up their time to grade almost every week. In this way we were able to catch up with the backlog of children who were eligible to grade. Each of these children have now received their respective certificates.

I would like to thank my fellow Black Belt and Brown Belt instructors who voluntarily give up their time each week to teach. We also have a few lower belt instructors come to help us each week. Without their loyalty and help we would not be able to survive as a Club.

I would especially like to thank my good wife Peggy for taking over when work commitments have prevented me from attending. Other people I would like to mention are Dave Grimmond for his duties as our Treasurer, Dave's wife Bev for her duties as our Secretary. Special mention must go to one of our very special helpers and that is Mr Pucci. Mr Pucci arrives half an hour earlier each Thursday to collect money at the door and to supervise the early arrivals of which there are many. We are also involved in the selling of Judo Suits to our members at a considerable discount. Dave Grimmond handles the buying of these suits at virtually cost price. David has also been instrumental in securing the New Community Centre for next year on Tuesday nights at no cost to us.

There have been a few suggestions concerning new enrolments for next year. The suggestion which is being considered at the moment which was suggested by Bev Grimmond is to have one main registration night on the first night back after the Christmas school holidays. We have not yet decided whether to have an additional registration mid-way during the year. With this system we can keep a record on the small white cards provided by the Australian Ju-Jitsuan Society. Eddie Scharrer has offered to place all the names onto the computer so that we have an efficient and easy access to them when required at grading times and such. Neil Phillips has also suggested that we start a newsletter to the parents concerning behaviour that is required and cleanliness. Club rules and other items of interest to parents can also be included on this newsletter.

Lastly but not least I would personally like to express my thanks to Shihan Peter Morton for his never ending support to myself and my instructors. Peter has worked tirelessly over the years for our club and still continues to do so. He personally writes all of our Certificates for our students and up until recently mostly incurred the cost of doing so himself. I would like to wish each and everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

P.S. Good to see Steve James back". James O'Malley is the Chief Instructor Contact Phone: (062) 972067.

Quenbeyan Senior Club: Basically, the Club presently has 35 senior members. Members of the senior club have had a busy year involving themselves in exhibitions, organizing the Club's re-union, raising funds and attending to administrative matters etc. During the year Tracy Heaney was successfully graded to her senior blue belt in March, whilst in June the Burrow brothers Jeff and Adrian gained their senior brown belts. Sue Reid left our Club in August to establish a family business in Coff's Harbour. Sue was an asset to the Club and is missed by all. Robert Toll is the Chief Instructor Contact Ph: (062) 301539.

Tharwa Branch: Members of the Tharwa Branch train from 6.00 - 7.00 pm on Friday evenings. Training continues until 8.00 pm for a small group undertaking senior courses. The Club is fortunate in having five instructors (Rob and Helen Watchern, Bob and Gail Toll, and Tony McInerny). About 26 juniors train regularly, comprising six brown belts, five blue belts, two green belts, one orange belt three yellow belts and nine white belts.

The Branch was originally started by Granville Crawford for the benefit of Tharwa area residents who, ten years ago, were comparatively isolated and had only limited opportunities to participate in sporting or physical training activities. With the growth of Canberra, however, the southern suburbs are only ten minutes away. During the past two years a significant number of children who live in Canberra have joined Tharwa Club classes. In fact the current class size is about the maximum that the hall can accommodate.

Gradings

A grading was held in the middle of the year at which Sensei Neil Phillips awarded one green belt, one orange belt and three yellow belts.

It is intended to hold a further grading on 4 December for six yellow belt candidates, three orange belt candidates, one green belt candidate and two blue belt candidates. In addition, six junior brown belts will be attempting to convert to senior brown and a number of them will also grade on the Australian Jujitsu techniques so that they will be eligible for selection for the next black belt training team.

Visits

In October the Branch received a visit from the Queanbeyan black belt demonstration team. The demonstration was very much appreciated by all Tharwa members.

Sensei Eddie Scharrer has visited the Club on a number of occasions during the year to give advice on, and to demonstrate, techniques. His assistance is greatly valued.

Prizes

During the year certificates of merit were issued to Jason Webb (in recognition of the high standard of his sulki and keri, and breakfalls), to Adam Bishop (in recognition of the great improvement shown in breakfalls and techniques), to Paul Wilson (in recognition of the high standard of this breakfalls) and to Lisa Buckner (in recognition of the determination she exhibited in obtaining her green belt despite a serious knee injury).

The Club will award three end of year prizes as follows:

Selina Watchorn - for the high standard of her techniques and for her contribution to the Club.

Lisa Buckner - for the high standard of her techniques and for her perseverance and determination.

Marcus Dennys - best new member of the Club.

MAROOCHYDORE: The Branch has approximately 35 junior and 25 senior members. Classes are held on Wednesday from 7-8 pm for juniors and 8-10.30 pm for seniors. It was great to see Barry Wilford at the Club's re-union in September. Barry is the Branch's Chief Instructor Contact: (071) 434634.

1988 TIP: A new Branch will be added to the club.

