



Koshu Ryu Kenpo Newsletter 2004

April 2004

Just returned from a seminar held in Almunecar, Spain. I had a great time, and want to thank all there for having me do a seminar. Hope in the near future we can do it again. I am scheduled for a seminar in the Canary Islands sometime in September of this year.

A M.I.K.K.A. Championship is in the planning stages for the coming October or November in Spain. I will keep you posted as soon as I know the definite date.

Capt. Tim Bowles has been reassigned to Afghanistan, our prayers and thoughts go with him.

Promotions:

Congratulations to:
Terry Gwin 3rd Dan
Elizabeth Trezza 3rd Dan
Bill Fairfield Brown 2nd Dan

October 2004

The Cortez Dojo of Mitose's Koshu Ryu Karate Kenpo Academy
1246 W. Lathrop Road
Manteca, CA 95336
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Testing Dates:

October 23, November 20, and December 18, 2004 at 9:30am.

Sensei Jason Cortez, will be competing in the NBL SuperGrands the week of Thanksgiving in Myrtle Beach. He has qualified to compete in Forms, Sparring and Self-Defense.

The Cortez Dojo of Mitose's Koshu-Ryu has joined the AMAPA League, as it's newest promoters. They will be hosting their FIRST tournament under AMAPA next summer. Dates for the AMAPA Tournaments to be announced. AMAPA website is www.amapaallstars.com. They will be listed in there around November 2004.

Sensei will be leaving his full-time job to join Lillie in starting an after school Martial Arts program. They will be transporting children from the local schools to the Dojo, where the children will have a martial arts class and then they can either do homework or play games until their parent pick up time.

The 3rd Annual Christmas Potluck Banquet will be in early December, "Date to be announced".

Also at the Cortez Dojo they have "TEAM KOSHO" hooded sweatshirts and T-shirts for sale. Also available are Duffle Bags and Backpacks with the Coat of Arms on them.

Honorable Bradford J. Kimura
Determination, Dedication, and Belief in one's self.
Kosho Ryu Kenpo can make a difference.

On December 12, 1966, the Honorable Bradford J. Kimura was born with a birth defect called Anhidrotic Ectodermal Dysphasia. As a result he has no sweat glands and has severe allergic reactions to iodine, all milk products and all types of nuts and shell fish.

At age seven he had surgery for a brain tumor called a (Meningioma) and at age of eleven, again had another surgery for reoccurrence of Meningioma and part of his brain was removed. As a result, he have permanently lost his vision, has short term memory and the ability to reason. He is both mentally and physically disabled and also suffers daily from seizure disorder that is controlled by medication. Bradford has had fourteen major surgeries. In the month of January 1983 after going through another brain surgery he was paralyzed from the waist down, and was transferred from Stanford University Hospital to Children's Hospital in Palo Alto to learn how to walk again.

During therapy he had to hold my body upright between two parallel bars and was told to move his legs. We did this exercise day after day. It took a great deal of concentration and hard work to move his legs. One day when my parents came to visit him at the hospital, he told my Mom and Dad that he was going to walk out of this place. After three and a half months of learning to walk again Bradford was discharged from Children's Hospital even though he could barely walk.

Bradford had fallen so far behind in his school, so much so, that he was transferred from El Camino High School to the Challenge to Learning School in San Francisco. Every morning, he would wait at the sidewalk in front of his home and a lady would pick him up and drive him to the Challenge to Learning School. When he arrived at the school, he would step out of her car and just stand there and wave to her until she drove away. He told his Dad that the reason he stood there was that he did not want her to see how he walked. He knew that he needed to strengthen his legs. He wanted to enroll into a Karate School to strengthen his legs, but was rejected by three different Karate Schools because they did not want the responsibility to teach a disabled person.

In August 1983 his Mom found a karate school in Daly City California that would accept him as a student. The Instructor was the Honorable Bill Tolentino, 5th Degree Black Belt, which taught him the ancient ways of Kosho Ryu Kenpo Karate. It was very difficult to learn the Karate lessons because of his physical, mental, and visual disabilities but he practiced his Karate every day and every night. March 15, 1984 was a very special day because Bradford was promoted to the rank of Yellow Belt. That is the first belt one earns in Kosho Ryu Kenpo. In retrospect Bradford still believes till this day that earning the rank of the Yellow Belt is the most difficult belt to earn.

On December 8, 1990 there was a Black Belt Ceremony and Bradford Kimura was promoted to the rank of Shodan Black Belt and was presented with a Black Belt by the Kosho Ryu's Honorable Great Grandmaster Thomas B. Mitose. Today after being in the Martial Arts for twenty-four years Bradford am at the rank of Second Degree Black Belt.

When Bradford Kimura was eleven years old the doctor told him that his loss of vision was temporary. That is why he did not want to use a cane. He always felt that he would regain his vision. Every year he would visit a different eye doctor and would learn that there was no improvement in his vision. Then, Bradford was told by another eye doctor that there will be no improvement in his vision so to stop spending money on eye exams.

In the year 2002, Bradford asked his doctor for a cane. He referred him to the Peninsular Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired and they sent a Mobility Specialist to teach him how to use the cane.

At the present time, Bradford has started teaching Kosho Ryu Kenpo at the Rose Resnick LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He is also the head assistant instructor to the Honorable Bill Tolentino, teaching Kosho Ryu Kenpo at the South San Francisco Adult Education School.

Bradford Kimura also competes in the California Gold Cup Circuit and has held competitor of the year in the K-27 Division for two consecutive years. Approached by Mr. Delhi, the President and Founder of the IMACF Association, Bradford was asked to part of his Masters demonstration which was held October 2nd Manteca, California.

November 2004

Annual Potluck Christmas Awards Banquet
Saturday, December 11, 2004 5:30 pm
Mitose's Kosho-Ryu Karate Kenpo Academy
Cortez Dojo

All Kosho-Ryu Practitioners Present or Past are Invited to attend the Annual Potluck Christmas Awards Banquet.
Location: Our New school Location of 311 W. Yosemite Ave
Manteca, CA 95336
Phone number: 209-823-2662
Please come out and support the students that are presently studying the art. Mingle with "old school" students and meet new ones.

Condolences:

To the family of Kevin Im, or deepest regret on the passing of your Father. Kevin's dad was one of the five that was on his work crew that was killed in a pipeline explosion in Walnut Creek, Ca.