

**Seidokwan
60th Anniversary**



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60th Anniversary Programme

Saturday, May 12, 2012

Morning / Afternoon

10:00:-11:30 am	Junior Class, DDO, Civic Center
1:00 – 3:30 pm	Junior Clinic (A. Hongo)

Evening

5:00 - 7:00 P.M.	Cocktails
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Welcoming Speech + Dinner
8:30 – 8:45 p.m.	Opening by Iver Simonsen
8:45- 9:00 p.m.	Introduction of Special Attendees + Out of Town visitors
9:00 – 9:30 p.m.	Speeches / Reminiscing
9:30 p.m.	Presentation of Recognition Awards

Sunday, May 13, 2012

9:30 – 12:00 am	Judo Clinic, (A Hongo) DDO Civic Center
1:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Judo Clinic (A. Hongo) DDO Civic Center

Seidokwan Academy of Judo

SEIDOKWAN takes its name from the Japanese Kanji characters meaning SEI sincerity, DO the way and KWAN academy. The club's first dojo was located on Rachel St. in 1952, in a Centre de Loisirs run by the local Catholic Parish. Subsequent locations during the period 1953 – 1966 were in a building at the corner of Drolet and Duluth, at a Catholic Community Center at 175 Sherbrooke St. and at 34 Notre Dame Street.

From 1966 to 1983, the club was located at 305 Decarie (near Metropolitan Blvd) and between 1983 – 1989 at Victoria and Jean Talon and then moving to CEGEP du Vieux Montreal. Seidokwan moved to the Sunnybrooke Community Center from 1989 – 1997 and we are currently at 10417 A Gouin Blvd. in Roxboro.

Seidokwan was founded in 1952 by a group of Issei and Nissei Japanese Canadians, who wanted to form a Judo school in Montreal. Many had practiced Judo in British Columbia before the relocation of Japanese Canadians during World War II and they wanted to have their children receive the discipline and physical training that Judo provides. The founding members of Seidokwan could be considered as the entire Japanese Canadian community at the time, since everyone gave their time and effort to building and participating in the school during its rocky beginnings.

There was however, a core of judoka around whom the club was established: Mr. Kametaro Akiyama, Mr. Fred Okimura and Mr. Harold Hideo Tokairin. These gentlemen, along with the following Judo enthusiasts formed the initial Seidokwan: Mr. Kyo suke Asano (1st President), Mr. Ryukichi Miyake, Reverend Yoshio Ono, Mr. Fujikazu Tanaka (2nd President). Another group of members who deserve special mention were Mr. Y Niitya, Mr. B Sakamoto and Mr. S Koyama, who constructed the judo facilities such as the platform for the tatami, dressing rooms and offices.

One gentleman who had a strong influence behind the scene was Mr. Atsumu "Sen" Kamino, often called the "Godfather" of Judo in Canada. He devoted a great deal of his time encouraging many of the Issei and Nissei judoka to continue to practice Judo and to form clubs in their region of the country.

After the club's initial conception, the membership quickly grew to include members from all origins and walks of life and from all parts of Montreal. The club has been very fortunate in having many of these members become black belts and do well in competitions. Also, many have served on the executive and helped to build the club over the years.

Many changes have left their mark on the world of Judo and that of Seidokwan. All the while, even now that Judo has become an international sport, the club still continues as a non-profit organization and the sensei's are all volunteers. The club continues to emphasize the important fundamentals and principles of Judo, which so many remember as the Seidokwan trademark.

Académie de Judo Seidokwan

Le nom SEIDOKWAN vient des caractères Kanji SEI (sincérité), DO (voie) et KWAN (académie). En 1952, le Club ouvrit son premier dojo sur la rue Rachel, dans le Centre de Loisirs d'une paroisse catholique. Entre 1952 et 1966, le Seidokwan a déménagé trois fois; d'abord, dans un édifice situé à l'angle des rues Drolet et Duhon; ensuite dans un centre communautaire catholique, au 175 rue Sherbrooke est, et puis, au 34 rue Notre-Dame est.

De 1966 à 1983, le club a eu un emplacement stable, à Ville St. Laurent au 305 boul. Décarie (au nord de l'intersection des boulevards Décarie et Métropolitain). Depuis, le dojo fut situé respectivement à l'angle des rues Victoria et Jean Talon de 1983 à 1986; au Cégep du Vieux-Montreal de 1986 à 1989; dans ouest de l'île au Centre communautaire Sunnybrooke de 1989 à 1997 et depuis au 10417 A boul. Gouin à Roxboro.

Grace aux efforts conjugués d'un groupe de Canadiens d'origine japonaise désireux de fonder une école de judo à Montréal, le Seidokwan a vu le jour en 1952. Plusieurs des membres fondateurs avaient déjà pratiqué le judo en Colombie-Britannique avant d'être forcés de déménager lors de la Seconde Guerre mondiale. Ils voulaient continuer à pratiquer leur sport et désiraient offrir à leurs enfants la discipline et l'entraînement physique que procurent le judo.

Les membres fondateurs de Seidokwan étaient nombreux: en fait, on peut facilement dire que toute la communauté de Canadiens d'origine japonaise a participé à la mise sur pied du club, à ses débuts, tant pour l'aménagement du dojo que pour les cours de judo. Toutefois, quelques judokas ont formé le noyau du club. Il s'agit de M. Kametaro Akiyama, M. Fred Okimura, M. Harold Hideo Tokairin. Les autres judokas enthousiastes qui se sont joints à eux pour fonder le Seidokwan furent: M. Kyosuke Asano (Président fondateur), M. Ryukichi Miyake, Le Rev. Yoshio Ono et M. Fujikazu Tanaka.

M. Y. Niiya, M.B. Sakamoto et M. S. Koyama méritent une mention très spéciale pour avoir effectué la plupart des travaux de construction: entre autres, une plate-forme pour le tatami ainsi que des murs pour les vestiaires et le bureau.

Dans les coulisses, un homme a eu une grande influence au sein des membres du club; il s'agit de M. Atsumu 'Sen' Kamino, souvent appelé le 'Parrain' du judo au Canada. Il a encouragé les judokas issei et nisei (première et 2^{ème} générations de Canadiens d'origine japonaise) à continuer à pratiquer le judo et à organiser des clubs dans leur région.

Après les débuts du club, le nombre de membres a augmenté rapidement; ils n'étaient pas tous d'origine japonaise et venaient de tous les milieux et de tous les coins de la ville. Plusieurs de ces membres ont obtenu leur ceinture noire et se sont distingués lors de compétitions. Plusieurs autres membres ont occupé des postes au sein du Conseil d'administration et ont contribué à l'essor du club pendant ces années.

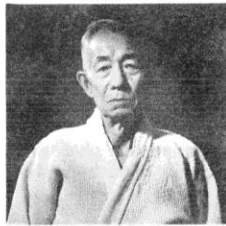
Toutefois, même si le judo est devenu un sport international, le Seidokwan demeure un organisme à but non lucratif et tous ses 'senseis' sont bénévoles. De plus, le club met toujours de l'avant les principes fondamentaux du judo, ce qui a toujours constitué le caractère distinctif du Seidokwan.

FOUNDERS OF SEIDO-KWAN ACADEMY OF JUDO



STEPHEN A. KAMINO, 6th Dan

1887 - 1959: Known as "Father of Canadian Judo." Born in Japan a son of a master of martial arts. Came to Canada in 1907. Founder of Kido-Kwan Judo Institute of Toronto. Laid a solid foundation for the Seido-Kwan Academy of Judo. Honorary President of Seido-Kwan Academy of Judo. Has five sons, all Black Belts and active as instructors.



KAMETARO AKIYAMA, 3rd Dan

Born in Japan and came to Canada as a young man. Learned Judo from S. Takagaki 9th. Dan (then 4th. Dan) in Vancouver, B.C. during early 1920's. Has the distinction of being the first Canadian to get his Black Belt recognition from Kodokan Judo Institute of Japan.



HAROLD H. TOKAIRIN, 3rd Dan

Canadian born. Learned Judo at Kido-Kwan Dojo in Vancouver, B.C., as a youngster. During pre-war Judo days was well known as a "competition man." Member of Quebec Judo Black Belt Association Grading Committee. Instructor at Montreal C.Y.M.C.A. Judo Club.



FRED Y. OKIMURA, 3rd Dan

Canadian born. Learned Judo at Kido-Kwan Dojo in Vancouver, B.C. President of Seido-Kwan Academy of Judo. Honorary President of Quebec Judo Black Belt Association. Chairman of Quebec Judo Black Belt Association Grading Committee. Member of National Council, Canadian Kodokan Black Belt Association. Instructor of McGill University Judo Club.

(F.Y. Okimura posthumously his hachi-dan (8th) in 1999)

(from 10th Annual Quebec Judo Tournament Program 1962)

Seidokwan Yudansha (<1966)



Dave Ban



Bunrey Miyake



Jean Charest



Don Niiya



Terry Farnsworth



Yosh Ogura



Giichiro
"Butch"
Hayashi



Harry Payne



Yoshio
Hayashi



Stan Peat



Jean-Marie
Latraverse



Owen Prince



Isao Mitsugi



Doug Rogers
'64 Olympic
Silver Medalist

Seidokwan Yudansha (<1966)



Jimmy
Saimoto



George
Yamashita



Shag Tabata

Missing Photos

Shozo Asano
Henry Blatter
Peter Blatter
Stanley Bissell
Wilson Burgess
Richard Cormier
Frank Moritsugu
Yo Tanaka
Roy Uveda



Jacques Tan



Gene Traynor



Mas
Tsunokawa



Andre
Turcotte

Seidokwan Yudansha (>1966)



Debbie
Astroff



John Gadoua



Monika Bauer



Manon
Gosselin



Simon Dumas



Daniel Guidi



Ronald
Dupont



Rejean Harmon



Lester Foley



Gary Hayashi



Reiner
Fleishman



Sharon Heslop

Seidokwan Yudansha (>1966)



Pam Hilliard



Diane
Lamoureux-
Nakamura



Genry Hirose



Alain
LeGuillou



Masayuki
Hisataka



Alexander
Matta



Eugene
Hoyano



Hani Matta



Hans Kerber



Brian Mitani



Claire
Lamoureux



Loma Mundi

Seidokwan Yudansha (>1966)



Guy
Muramatsu



Richard
Proulx



Akio
Nakamura



Mary Anne
Proulx



Hiroshi
Nakamura
9th Dan



Evan Provost



Jeff Nayman



Josef Rosch



Gerry
Okimura



Pierre Roy



Bob Peters



Benjamin Roy



Bob Poupart



Darrell
Sakaue

Seidokwan Yudansha (>1966)



Bob Seto



John
Yarymowich



Iver Simonsen

Memorable Mudansha



Jimmy Ishii



Brian
Smilovici



Dennis
St John



Lisa Steele



George
Steele



Minoru
Suzuki

Yudansha (missing photos)



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