

Brisbane Seminar Report

Held at The Lithuanian Cultural Centre, Highgate Hill Brisbane

The Brisbane seminar commenced with a tribute to Sensei Witold Kwieciński, with one-minute silence. Many of those attending the Brisbane seminar had an opportunity to train with and meet Sensei at our Gold Coast seminar earlier this year.

Harmony, control in training, Heian Yodan with kihon bunkai and a Dan grading were the focus of our latest Brisbane seminar held at the Lithuanian Cultural Centre. We had a successful Dan grading applicant, Sensei David Hennessey.

Our first presentation was by Sensei's Steve Gartner and Greg Bailkoff, Shotokan Traditional Karate-do Australia (STKA).

Harmony and control in training caters for all levels of experience in the dojo, when translated means training encompasses all level of ability and karate – Do should be available to all and encourages participation.

Sensei Steve and Greg then worked through several drills to show how this is practiced in their dojo. Seminar participants quickly adapted to the drills being presented.

The Dan grading followed for David Hennessey, Chidokan, Sydney. David performed the following Kata as represented by the Chidokan grading syllabus:

Kwunku dai, Jutte, Jion, Tekki nidan and Tekki sandan. David was asked by the grading panel, Sensei's Dhanesh Walatara, Reece Cummings and Lester McCormick, to perform the Kata and demonstrate bunkai oyo. To maintain the engagement of the seminar participants, this was also an interactive opportunity, seminar participants paired off to see how this might work for them.

David Hennessey was successful in his application for Nidan and is now recognised by the AFTK. Congratulations, David.

The AGM, which was earlier postponed was conducted during the lunch break.

The committee: Lester McCormick, President, Glen Smith, Secretary/Treasurer and Mike Jordan, Vice President were returned to office for the next 12 months.

General business saw the support for the introduction of a membership certificate. Sensei Reece Cummings has designed a certificate for use and has offered to update as necessary.

Discussion centred around attracting greater membership and participation. To this end, we will be engaging with local instructors for content and participation.

Martin Drain, from Manilla Chidokan, has agreed to be the voluntary web administrator to assist the president, to update and improve timeliness of information hitting the website. This will include a revamp of what we currently see on the website.

The second seminar presentation was addressed by Sensei's Dhanesh and Chelsea Walatara, of Japan Karate Do Hakuakai Australia. Dhanesh introduced their version of Heian Yodan as well as describing the differences between styles. Once the Kata moves were explained, kihon bunkai were demonstrated and seminar participants were engaged.

Seminar participants were appreciative of the time spent training together and the opportunities to share experiences.

Regards

Lester McCormick

President AFTK

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Figure 1: Sensei's Steve Gartner and Greg Bailkoff, STKA, presenting drills in their seminar topic Harmony and Control in training.

Figure 2: Sensei's Dhanesh and Chelsea Walatara working though Heian Yodan with seminar participants



Figure 3: Seminar participants had a great day at the Lithuanian Culture Centre, Highgate Hill.