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WHAT DOES THE KIKUSUI KAI MEAN AND WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

..... a comment about our founder member and leader, John Waite, 7th dan Aikido, 5th dan Judo. He and partner Pepi, emigrated to New Zealand last year. This month they move into their new home.

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GOOD LUCK & HAPPY NEW HOME FROM US ALL

I have been asked the question many times. I have always given the same answer. If I have to explain then you have missed the point. Similar to the man

when asked

"How much does this item cost"

To which the salesman replies

"If you have to ask the price. You can't afford it"

I don't mean this to sound arrogant in any way. What I am really saying is. That it is something that Yamada Sensei instilled in me a long time ago and it would take me too long to explain and the person asking the question may get bored to the back-teeth or think I was being too philosophical, which is something I am not good at.

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KAGAMI-BIRAKI 鏡開き

Many traditional Japanese martial arts organizations around the world welcome the New Year with a traditional celebration of renewal and spiritual rededication. The tradition dates back to an old Samurai family practice that started in the 15th century. KAGAMI-BIRAKI was brought into modern budo by Jigoro Kano (founder of judo) in 1884.

Locally this year's KAGAMI-BIRAKI was

celebrated at Europe's oldest Dojo, The Budokwai, in London. The day started with an Aikido session run by John Cornish followed by a Judo session with veteran champions Sid Hoare & Brian Jacks. Organiser Stan Brogan then invited everyone for refreshments and a film show featuring one of Judo's greatest exponents, Kyuzo Mifune, 10th dan. The BAA was represented by GB National Squad members, Adrian Tyndale & Dante Mantagnaiini and from Kikusui Kai, Simon Damiral.



CONGRATULATIONS Janine and Simon Broom

With the arrival of their first child Cordelia, weighing in at 6 lbs 13 ozs.

On Monday 27th January at ten to eight in the evening, Janine managed a totally natural birth and very short labour. In fact she missed being born at home by just 30 minutes. Proud father says that Mother and baby are doing well. We wish them all the very best for the future.

Janine and Simon are seen here at London's Victoria Station promoting the wearing of seat belts in Taxis.

DATES FOR 2003

- 15FEB03 GB National Squad Session – Seven Islands, Rotherhithe 11am-4pm
- 01MAR03 Junior Fun Day – Seven Islands, Rotherhithe – Contact John Grima
- 09MAR03 BAA Open Competition - King Alfred Leisure Centre, Brighton
- 13MAR03 BAA Southern Area Grading – Grove Park
- 16MAR03 BAA Southern Area AGM – Sidcup
- 30MAR03 GB National Squad Session – Wakefield 11am-4pm
- 12-26APR03 Trip to Japan – Contact Steve Ryan
- 18-20APR03 Easter School at Folkestone – Contact Joe McEnroe
- 22JUN03 BAA National Dan Grading – Yawara, London
- 20JUL03 Kikusui Kai Summer Grading – NEMCA, Mitcham, 13.00pm
- 05-10AUG03 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS IN LEEDS, THIS YEARS PREMIERE EVENT.

CLASS TIMES, VENUES & LOCATIONS



2030-2230 TUESDAY
All levels
KODOKAN AIKIDO
Wandle Recreation Centre,
Mapleton Road,
Wandsworth,
London SW18 4DN
020-8395 6407

2030-2200 THURSDAY
All levels
KIKUSUI KAI AIKIDO
(Tooting)
Tooting Leisure Centre,
Greaves Place,
Tooting,
London SW17 0NE
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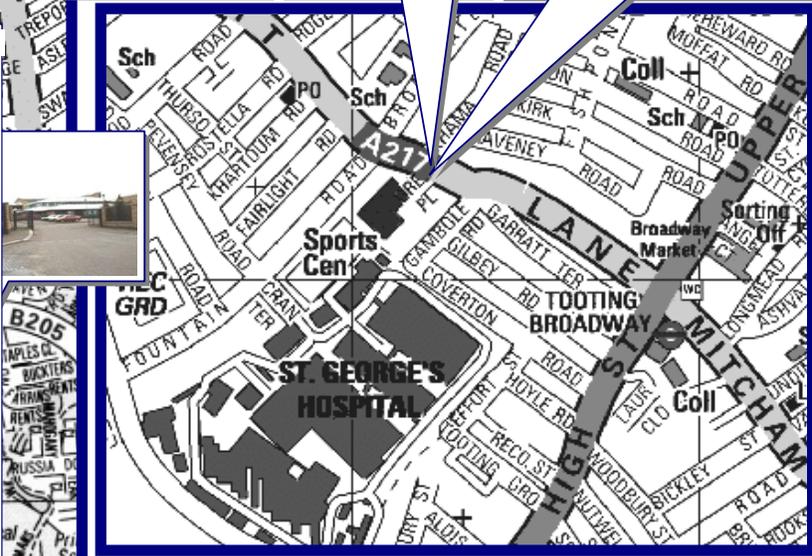
What is the Kikusui Kai all about? I guess it means different things to different people.

For some it is a club that practises a Martial Art. To others it is a group of people who enjoy each other's company. To another group it is a collection of people who are willing to help others where they can and if they are unable to help, will try to find someone who can. To other individuals such as Yamada Sensei it means trying to improve the world around them. Especially those who are suffering and in very poor circumstances. Such as people in the third world.

So really each individual has to discover what our group, The Kikusui Kai means to them and don't feel disloyal if it simply means achieving a Dan grade. If that is how you see it then that's fine. So long as you depart from the group with the feeling that you have achieved what you set out to do and leave knowing that you will always be welcome back, even if it is only to attend a social function or two.

I have often said to students "Once you join. You can never leave". I don't mean this in any way as a threat. What I am saying is "We are here and we are not going away. So if you need us, we are here". If all the teachers of our group can instil this in their students I consider they have done a good job. We are not just about Martial Arts. It goes much deeper than that.

They and I will only ask that you do your best and no one can ask more than that. Remember that the circle round the outside of our badge means "A circle of friends" and that is what we are, whether we are teachers, students or family. As a family we may some times disagree but as with families you talk the problem out and compromise or agree to disagree but you stay together. On this I am speaking from experience.



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2000-2130 TUESDAY
Beginners
KIKUSUI KAI AIKIDO(Merton)
Lavender Park Pavilion,
Lavender Avenue, Mitcham,
Surrey CR4 3HL
020-8646 7362 07941 983734

0930-1130 SUNDAY All levels
1930-2230 MONDAY Beginners
NEMCA AIKIDO
Edenvale Playspace,
Woodland Way, Mitcham,
Surrey CR4 2DZ
020-8769 5255 07860 248061



VIDEO LIBRARY

The Group have many videos, which have been acquired over the years. A new addition to this collection is "The Gentle Art". This features Kyuzo Mifune, 10th dan. It is a must for all practising Aikidoka, let alone those involved Judo. The film demonstrates just how the skill of a small man can overpower a large opponent. It truly reinforces the statement, "Softness will overcome hardness" or more formally:

Ju Sal Ju osei-su: "the gentle Ju indeed controls the forcible Go".
There is a small charge for this service, which is to help raise funds for Kikusui Kai

Thanks to Neil Thompson & John Grima for their help in setting this up.

Contact John Grima (020-8769 5255) for availability.



2100-2230 FRIDAY
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