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Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate N.W. Regional Gasshuku 2007



Sensei Bakkies Laubscher

8th Dan, IOGKF-South Africa Chief Instructor

Date	Time	Goju-Ryu Events
Friday, Jun. 8th	2:00 pm—4:00 pm	Black Belts San Dan & above
	4:30 pm—6:00 pm	All Grades Juniors
	6:15 pm—6:45 pm	Q & A Session
	7:00 pm—8:30 pm	All Grades Teens and Adults
Saturday, Jun. 9th	9:00 am—10:30 am	All Grades Juniors
	10:45 pm—12:45 pm	Teens and Adults Brown Belts & above
	2:00 pm—4:00 pm	All Grade Teens and Adults
	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Friendship Dinner Party—location TBA
Sunday, Jun. 10th	9:00 am—11:30 am	ALL STYLES —Japanese Garden Outdoor Training @ Yakima Area Arboretum—1401 Arboretum Dr Yakima, WA 98901

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History of Sensei Bakkies Laubscher



Sensei Bakkies Laubscher was born on November 30, 1948, in Bethlehem (Free State in S. Africa). Currently he lives with his wife, Denise, in Stellenbosch, South Africa (in the wine lands of the Cape)- and for the past 49 years. He pines lately that all of this three adult children have left home and left him to clean and care for his dog, Milo, and his on-the-property dojo, himself.

After Stellenbosch High School, he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education as well as a Higher Teachers Diploma. Sensei Bakkies spent six years as a schoolteacher before joining the South African National Defence Force as a Lieutenant Colonel, Sport and Physical Training Officer, and eventual Head of the

Defence Force Sports Club, Western Cape Command. As a Senior Staff Officer, he was trained in management skills, and was exposed to various levels of corporate management and decision-making. He is currently retired from the military and spends most of his time teaching karate locally and internationally. He has a wide range of interests from history and music (opera to rock) to the outdoors - fishing, hunting and overland trekking or safari in totally remote areas. His motto is always to live for the moment 'Carpe Diem'!

He believes that good health is one of the most blessed possessions and that moderation in everything is essential to maintain a balanced personality.

KARATE BACKGROUND

Sensei Bakkies started karate as a boy in 1964, in the Kyokushinkai style. Technical input at the time was nearly non-existent and received mostly from Japanese sailors at the Port of Cape Town.

(Historical Note: An'Ichi Miyagi Sensei, while working on Japanese fishing boats in his youth, taught karate in Cape Town in the 1950's when his boat was docked in Cape Town.)

In 1965, his teacher changed to JKA (Shotokan), in which he was graded to Senior Shodan at the age of 16, by the well-known JKA icons, Senseis Taiji Kase and Hiroshi Shirai. The latter stayed in Cape Town for almost six months, during which time Sensei Bakkies trained with him at least four times weekly. He had to travel from Stellenbosch to Cape Town by various means, such as hitch hiking and by jumping a goods train. Sensei Bakkies converted to Goju Ryu in 1966, after completing his one year compulsory national military service.

Sensei Bakkies' association with Higaonna Sensei, began in 1972, when Higaonna Sensei came to South Africa for the first time, and spent three months teaching in Cape Town. During this time, he trained almost on a daily basis with Higaonna Sensei. Higaonna Sensei invited him to Japan to further his study.

In 1973 he left for Japan aboard a cargo ship. After 25 days at sea and a typhoon, he arrived in Tokyo Bay, to spend almost six months in Japan training in the famous Yoyogi Dojo with Higaonna Sensei. Higaonna Sensei was in his early 30's and full of energy at this stage!

He was graded to Hachi Dan (8th) by Higaonna Sensei in 2004 in Okinawa during the World Budosai.

Sensei Bakkies is a widely recognized and popular teacher of Goju-ryu karate world-wide. He has taught in England, France, Belgium, New Zealand, Australia, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Italy, Denmark, Norway, Namibia and Spain on several occasions in each country.

Since Sensei Bakkies has taught on a limited basis in the USA, we are exceptionally fortunate and appreciative that he will be coming to our humble dojo in Yakima, Washington, on June 8, 9, and 10, this year - 2007.

Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate N.W. Regional Gasshuku 2007 Registration Form

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip

Rank: _____ Instructor _____

Circle: Junior / Teen & Adult

FEE: Register Before May 15th, 2007: \$150.00 (All 3 Days)
 Register After May 15th 2007 or at the Door: \$175.00 (All 3 Days)

T-Shirt: \$25/ea, Size _____ Quantity _____

Check or Cash Enclosed Amt: _____

Make check payable to: Pro-ACTION Family Martial Arts.
Mailing Address: 512 N. 21st Ave. Suite C Yakima, WA 98902

Waiver

I the undersigned, do hereby voluntarily submit my application for attendance and participation in the Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate N.W. Regional Gasshuku 2007 on June 8th, 9th and 10th 2007. I do hereby assume full responsibility for any and all damages, injuries or losses, I may sustain or incur, if any, while attending or participating and hereby waive any and all claims against, Pro-Action Family Martial Arts, Bakkies Laubscher, Ernie Brennecke or the employees, and directors and management thereof, or the agents, or operators of said Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate N.W. Regional Gasshuku 2007, individually or otherwise, for any claim for injuries that I may sustain.

I fully understand that if any medical treatment is given to me, such treatment will be of a first aid treatment type only and I fully waive all claims for injuries or damages which may result from such treatment whether given to me with or without my expressed consent. I consent that any pictures furnished by me or any pictures taken of me in connection with the Okinawan Goju-Ryu Karate N.W. Regional Gasshuku 2007, can be used for publicity, promotion, television or video showing, and I waive compensation in regard thereto.

Signature of Participant Date

Signature of Parent or Guardian if under 18 Date

Print Name

Hotel Information

***Comfort Suites (Closest to Dojo)**

3702 Fruitvale Blvd. (Hwy. 12, 40th Ave. Exit) Yakima, WA 98902
866-423-8960 or (509)-249-1900

Hilton Garden Inn

401 East Yakima Avenue Yakima, WA 98901
(509)-454-1111

Red Lion Yakima Center

607 East Yakima Avenue Yakima, WA 98901
(509)-248-5900

Oxford Suites

1701 E. Yakima Ave. Yakima, WA 98901
800-404-7848 or (509)-457-9000

Fairfield Inn & Suites

137 North Fair Avenue Yakima, WA 98901
(509)-452-3100

Best Western Pepper Tree Yakima Inn

1614 North 1st Street Yakima, WA 98901
800-834-1649

Dojo Location

