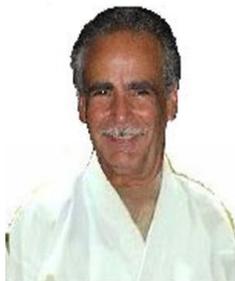


The Shorinjiryu Shinzen Kyokai

- A Gathering of the Shorinjiryu Family
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- Exchanging Knowledge, Spirit, & Friendship

**From the Desk of the President**

by Myron M. Lubitsch, Hanshi



The Shorinjiryu Shinzen Kyokai is an international organization of many Shorinjiryu schools, and one measure of that is the distribution of those who support it. With this issue of the Shorinjiryu Shinzen Kyokai's Shimbun we welcome a number of new positions to our leadership team.

Michel Lauren, Kyoshi, has accepted the position of Canada Regional Vice President and Jim Griffin, Shihan, has accepted the position of Asia-Pacific Regional Vice President. That we have grown large enough to create these positions is a testament to all who support and work for the betterment of Shorinjiryu and the Kyokai.

Pete Hiltz, Renshi, along with his webmaster duties, has accepted duties of Shimbun Editor. These are our formal publications and we are honored to name him Publications Director.

New editors bring new ideas and Renshi Pete is no exception. He and I have discussed Shimbun publication schedules and formatting, content and format, the theme of the Shimbun, and its audience. I look forward to his ideas and the energy he will bring to our newsletter.

As always, feel free to submit Shimbun articles directly to me but also copy them to Renshi Pete at [shimbun@shorinjiryu.org](mailto:shimbun@shorinjiryu.org).

Welcome to the inaugural issue under Renshi Pete's care. Enjoy!

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**2012 Calendar**

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|-----------------------|--|-----------------------|---|
| Sunday, February 19   | Referee Clinic, Imperial Dragon Dojo, Brooklyn NY            | Sunday, May 27        | 16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Koshiki Tournament St-Jerome, Quebec, Canada    |
| Saturday, February 25 | Winter Regional, Imperial Dragon Dojo, Brooklyn NY           | Saturday, June 16     | Father's Day Recognition Tournament & Spring Regional, Brooklyn NY      |
| Saturday, March 31    | 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Watanabe-Ha Tournament, Baltimore MD | Sunday, July 15       | Clinic and Adult Tournament Island Budokan                              |
| Saturday, April 14    | Provincial (Quebec) Koshiki Tournament                       | October 6 or 7        | 26 <sup>th</sup> Annual International Shorinjiryu Shinzen Shiai NY, USA |
| Saturday, April 28    | Kenjiyukai Invitational Youth Tournament Edison NJ           | Saturday, November 17 | Children's Tournament Island Budokan                                    |

## **Shorinjiryu Shinzen Kyokai Leadership**

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### **Joining the Kyokai**

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The Kyokai is open to all schools and students descended from Shinan Kori Hisataka. Schools may be asked to submit proof of lineage, to include documentation or video of forms practiced. To join, contact Hanshi Lubitsch at [join@shorinjiryu.org](mailto:join@shorinjiryu.org).

### **Shimbun Submissions**

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To be added to the email  
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The Shorinjiryu Shinzen Kyokai Shimbun accepts submissions on any Shorinjiryu related topic. Submitters do not need to belong to the Kyokai. All submissions will be reviewed by the Editorial Board and the Kyokai reserves the right to reject manuscripts that market a product or service, are not in alignment with the Kyokai philosophy of non-interference with member schools, or that advocate one school over another. Submissions should be in English. The Kyokai reserves the right to make grammar, formatting, and other minor edits to improve the readability of the work.

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Submit articles as Microsoft Word, text, or Open Office formatted word documents. Submit pictures individually, in addition to including them in your document.

The Shimbun publishes on June 15 and December 15. Submissions are due by June 1 and December 1. Late articles may be held until the next edition. Submit articles to [newsletter@shorinjiryu.org](mailto:newsletter@shorinjiryu.org) or directly to Renshi Pete at [renshipete@morningstarkarate.com](mailto:renshipete@morningstarkarate.com) or Hanshi Lubitsch at [mmlshihan@aol.com](mailto:mmlshihan@aol.com).

### **Editorial Board**

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## From the Desk of the Editor

by Peter Hiltz, Renshi

I am honored and excited about serving the Shorinjiryu Shinzen Kyokai as its Shimbun editor, and grateful to Hanshi for the opportunity. The Shimbun is a vital tool for connecting the member schools of the Kyokai and is the only known non-parochial newsletter about our karate style with a worldwide and multi-school audience.

Whenever you bring new people on-board you get new ideas and I am no exception. Let me share my vision, and some of the changes we're making to improve the Shimbun.

I envision the Shimbun not only as the Kyokai's primary publication – please don't call it a rag :) - but also as an opportunity for the entire Shorinjiryu community to move closer together. Shinan Kori Hisataka's Shorinjiryu has many valuable flavors and all have things to offer. To support this, we will now accept Shorinjiryu related articles from any Shorinjiryu school or practitioner, regardless of political affiliation.

To insure the highest quality content, we are setting up an Editorial Board to review all submissions. Consisting of senior individuals from three schools, the Board will ensure that each article receives a multi-school review.

Opening the Shimbun to the wider community requires that we communicate guidelines for publication. Our guidelines are very simple: a) you cannot advocate any school or style as better than another, b) you cannot market products or services, c) your article must be in alignment with the Kyokai principle of non-interference between member schools, d) and your article must be in English. We reserve the right to make minor grammar and spelling corrections, and of course will have to reformat it to the Shimbun's format.

You may submit articles or pictures either to Hanshi Myron or myself at the addresses above. You may submit them anytime, but sooner is better than later. We intend to publish the Shimbun twice yearly, on June 15 and December 15. The submission deadlines to guarantee inclusion in the current issue are June 1 and December 1, respectively. Submissions may be in Word, Open Office, or text format. Please do not send Adobe pdf formatted files. Please send the original pictures separate from the article so I can size them for email publication.

If you'd like your picture included, please send a copy of a portrait shot. You may send articles to Hanshi Myron at [MMLshihan@aol.com](mailto:MMLshihan@aol.com) or to myself at [editor@shorinjiryu.org](mailto:editor@shorinjiryu.org).

## **Kyokai Annual Dues**

by Myron M. Lubitsch, Hanshi

Your annual school registration dues are critical to the success and functioning of our organization. They fund our website and support the work that goes into the Shimbun and Kyokai clinics, and provide the funds or “seed money” needed to organize and run our yearly Shiai, the largest gathering of Shorinjiryu schools in the world.

School memberships are \$100, and additional donations will be greatly appreciated.

Individual Memberships are available at \$25 each.

Membership brings a number of advantages. Your school gets listed on our website along with your contact information and you and your students gain direct exposure to other Shorinjiryu schools. Blackbelts do not pay registration fees for tournaments at the Kyokai Hombu Dojo and the Kyokai provides scorekeeping, referee, and judging clinics. Networking, sharing of forms and ideas, and fellowship with other devotees of Shorinjiryu are, of course, priceless.

The Kyokai is non-political. You can join and gain all the benefits regardless of any larger affiliations your school may have.

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### **From the Desk of the Editor – cont.**

In addition to the current mailing list, we will be creating a formal Shimbun emailing list that is open to anyone. If you want to receive a direct email copy when it is published, email [editor@shorinjiryu.org](mailto:editor@shorinjiryu.org) and I'll add you to the list. Interested in a paper copy delivered to your mailbox? We can do that too. An annual subscription for mailed copy is \$10. Mail it to me at Shimbun Editor, P.O. Box 210160, Woodhaven, NY, 11421, USA. Make the check to the Shorinjiryu Shinzen Kyokai. Feel free to email my at [editor@shorinjiryu.org](mailto:editor@shorinjiryu.org) to let me know it is coming.

Pete, Renshi

## **Sunshine News and Announcements**

### **Sunshine News is Restarting**

We're restarting the Sunshine News! Send us your promotions, births, marriages, graduations, or anything at all that the Shorinjiryu community should know about.

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## **Letters to the Editor**

Renshi:

Please address Letters to the Editor as shown above, and please sign each with your name and title.

Letters maybe edited for space and content, and the Shorijiryu Shinzen Kyokai may or may not publish letters at its sole discretion.

Pete, Renshi

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