



CKF Jodo Report - June 2021

The past year has been dominated by the specter of Covid-19 and all the accompanying closures and restrictions. People did their best to practice when and where and how they could, but the new thing was the "zoom" class. While this technology had been in existence before Covid, it was the pandemic that knocked us out of our complacency to try it out for Jodo. While it can't replace in person practice, its remarkable ability to bring people together from far and wide was revealed.

In the past year, we held more than half a dozen Jodo seminars, and uncounted classes. They were largely taught by Taylor sensei and Tribe sensei. However, we also had Thomas Groendal sensei join us from the USA, Jeff Broderick sensei join us from Japan, and Chris Mansfield sensei join us from England as guest instructors for seminars, as well as other Canadian Jodo instructors in seminars and teaching their own students.

Resources were developed to help promote Jodo, improve communication within Jodo and provide instructional materials apart from what is offered through the CKF. Opportunities were provided to challenge non-CKF grades of 4-2 kyu in ZNKR Jodo and beginner level certificates in Omote over zoom.

All events were open to anyone and everyone, and included social meetings in the evenings. We took the opportunity to really focus on the Jodo koryu on many occasions, practicing Tanjo Jutsu and Shinto Ryu with the Chilean Jodo Kai, introducing practice in Kage through Sei Do Kai and focusing on Omote at this year's May seminar. We had people joining from all over the world and, in particular, strengthened the ties between Canada and South America.

The following events were held on Zoom for Jodo:

2020-2021

- April-Ongoing - Chilean Jodo Kai classes every Tuesday with Taylor sensei and regular Ka Muso Kai classes
- May 16-18 - Guelph Spring Seminar - refusing to give up on a 30 year tradition
- June-Ongoing - Sei Do Kai classes, Jodo every Wednesday
- July 18-19 - Jodo Canada Seminar
- July 25-26 - CKF Virtual Gasshuku
- August 15-16 - Ka Muso Kai Summer Seminar
- November 28-29 - Fall Jodo Seminar - Broderick sensei gave a great talk on Jodo history
- February-June - Semi-monthly ZNKR Jodo Workshops with Tribe sensei
- March 6-7 - Port Credit Seminar

- May 21-24 - Guelph Spring Seminar - bigger and better than last year, focus on Koryu Jodo
- June 19-20 - SSK Online Seminar (Argentina)

This pretty closely follows our usual seminar calendar, which in 2019 included:

- Apr - Haru Geiko (Peterborough)
- May - CKF International Spring Jodo Seminar and Grading
- Aug - Quebec City Seminar
- Aug - Calgary Seminar
- Sep - Fredericton Seminar
- Nov - CKF International Fall Jodo Seminar and Grading
- Jan - Thunder Bay Seminar
- Mar - Port Credit Seminar

In 2019, we were able to offer CKF Jodo gradings in the summer in Calgary and Quebec City in addition to Ontario in the spring and fall, and plan to continue holding annual gradings in the Eastern, Central and Western regions to help those regions develop.

We are keen to organize in person practice and events again, but also plan to continue to do zoom classes and add a zoom element to our seminars in order to reach a wider audience.

Since 2018 the Jodo section has been planning for the next big Jodo grading, up to 7th dan, to be held in Guelph in May. It was supposed to be May of this year, but hopefully it will only be postponed one year or less. We are cautiously optimistic about being able to invite high ranking sensei from Japan and Europe once again before the year is out, as under normal circumstances we are often able to invite them for the spring and fall seminars