

# ZANSHIN



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Summer 2019



## KANCHO CORNER

### EVOLUTION



Very pleased to announce four recent Yudansha gradings at our 2019 Yoshukan Black Belt Camp. **Shihan Robert Kalinowicz** was promoted to 5th Dan grade, **Sensei Charles Mayer** to 4th Dan grade, **Renshi Louise Provencher** to 2nd Dan in Kobudo and **Sempai Laurence Hébert** to 1st dan grade. We also formally provided a certificate to **Sensei Alain Denis** (2nd Dan) who had graded at last year's camp.

I have always thought that the academic equivalents of our grading system were 1st dan as a Bachelors degree, 3rd dan as Master degree and 5th dan as a PhD. These grades approximate the number of years and

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hours invested to learn our particular system.

In particular, the 5th Dan, Shihan (Master Instructor) grade and licence are only awarded to the individual that has demonstrated the skill and capacity to master our art. Although the higher grades are certainly respected, the 5th dan grade is representative of technical mastery of our art.

It is also my great pleasure to tell the examinees that for the very first time in my half-century of doing exams...this was the first where all the examiners unanimously passed the candidates...well done!

## 2019 YOSHUKAN BLACK BELT CAMP

The 2019 Yoshukan camp was one of the best yet! While the attendance was less than previous years, the spirit and camaraderie was top-tier. Participants from Quebec, Ontario and the USA came together for an action packed weekend and lots of new learning.

**Sensei Devorah Dometrich**, 9th Dan, provided some excellent Kobudo training and many students were graded at the end of the camp. Sensei Dometrich also provided iaido instruction to the few that wanted to learn/improve their katana skills. **Sensei Omer Gojak** taught Judo to interested students and **Sensei Rob Kalinowicz**, **Sensei Zeljko Violoni**, **Sensei Charles Mayer** and **Sensei Louise Provencher** were always helping out our students.

We were at a new hall this year that got top marks from everyone. The Canon Nind hall was walking distance from the Grafton Inn and all our meals (exception the Saturday night dinner at the farm) were also held there.

After a weekend of Karate-do, Kobudo, Iaido and Judo... the students had a comprehensive exposure to the many arts under the Yoshukan umbrella.

Look forward to see everyone at next year's camp: August 21-23, 2020!



Louise with Heidi and Angel



Sensei Kalinowicz trying on his new 5th Dan belt (gift from Sensei Provencher!)



Running associations takes paperwork! Sensei Dometrich and Robertson stamping passports!







**Renshi Provencher and Shihan Violoni**



**Karate Excellence Attendees!**



**Shihan Kalinowicz and Sensei Mayer**



**Black Belt camp...Where's Waldo? Can you find the Domijan brothers?**



**Sensei Dometrich with her new Tinbe gift from Yoshukan**



**Sensei Provencher graded to 2nd Dan Kobudo**



**Kanchi Robertson graded by Sensei Dometrich**





**Ryu Kyu Kobudo Hozon Shinkokai Students**



**Yoshukan and Kobudo Students with new diplomas**



**Examinees with Certificates...proud Sensei Sandra Coffey!**



**New Yoshukan Black Belt Laurence Hébert with Sensei Coffey, Mom & Dad and Dojomate, Mina**



**Sensei Kalinowicz with his new 5th Dan Red & Black belt and BB training with Sensei Provencher and Sensei Mayer**



**Mina and Laurence!**



## NDG Dojo



Acori Ross & Oscar Johnson



Jaden Guerin Girard



Noah Theoret & Briac William Jones



Rania Hassainia





**Sempai Anton teaching kids class**



**Summer kids class**



**Spring Exam @ Gadbois**

## **Yoshukan Tournament**

## **Jeux de Montréal 2019 NDG, Excellence et Gadbois**



# All the Arts Taught at the YOSHUKAN KARATE ASSOCIATION!



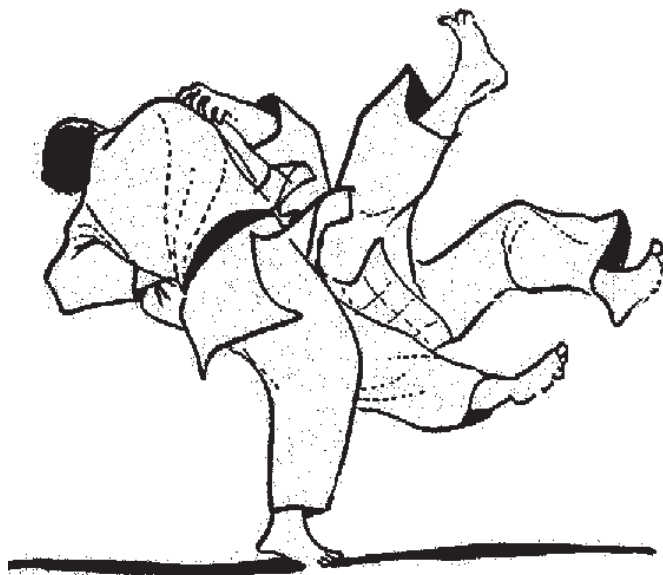
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KOBUDO



KARATEDO



JUDO

Artist credit: Oscar Ratti



## Yoshukan DVDs – White Belt to 5th Dan

All kata; Bunkai; Kumite; Ukemi; Kobudo and Gosin Jutsu demonstrated by Kancho Robertson and Yoshukan Instructors. DVDs show complete system from White Belt to 6th Dan Black Belt levels in the Yoshukan System.

**\$25 Each or \$45 for 2 or \$60 for all three. Please add \$15 for shipping & handling charges. Payments can be made by credit card or check made out to: Yoshukan Inc.**

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