

Newsletter of the American Sambo Association. Vol. 7, Number 4. July/August, 2009

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A Word from the President:

Greetings everyone,

Hi folks. Hope everyone's summer has been going well!

Our first story is an important one this month. We need your help identifying a crime victim from 25 years ago. The assault, which took place at Bobby J Blythe's Karate Dojo in Dumfries, Virginia, in 1984 has to investigators' knowledge gone under the radar for a quarter century. That is until 2 weeks ago when a video of a brutal assault appeared on Youtube. Any of our readers who may have been in that area back then, please be sure to read the attached flyer and investigation information! Your help could be critical! Forward this flyer to anyone who may be of assistance.

In the sambo world, there has been much news to report! Lots of media attention, seminars, and events.

Be sure to join our new Facebook group so you can get up to the minute news!

As usual we have lots of dates for you to mark down in your calendars!

Sincerely,
Stephen Koepfer
ASA President

Sambo and ASA News:

- **HELP LOCATE THIS UNKNOWN CRIME VICTIM FROM 1984 DUMFRIES, VIRGINIA!**

A recent video released last week on youtube highlighted a heartless brutal crime, that seems to have gone under the radar for 25 years. At this point, the victim remains unidentified. If you were living or training in the Dumfries, Virginia region in 1984, please view the attached flyer (there is a tip line listed). Any assistance may help the investigation. Federal and Local authorities are looking into this event. But, to view the investigation thread by the folks

at Bullshido, who broke the story, please click here:

<http://www.bullshido.net/forums/showthread.php?t=88535>



HELP IDENTIFY CRIME VICTIM

Video evidence of a brutal assault / attempted murder has surfaced. The "Jesus Taught Me" video shows an African American Kung Fu/Martial Arts practitioner's head stomped on and kicked into a metal pole after he was already knocked out unconscious. Afterwards, He was dragged from outside leaving a trail of blood on the mats.

It is not known whether or not the Victim survived this attack.

Victim Info:

Devoted Christian; Age 22-29 at time of attack*
Approximately 6'2", 180lbs.
Trained in Martial Arts / Kung Fu / Tae Kwon Do

Selected Facts:

Orchestrated by Bobby Joe Blythe, Perpetrated by William J. Dennis of Tozan-Ryu Shindokan
Occurred in Dumfries Virginia

Possibilities:

Claimed to have happened 25 years ago
* Victims Age now possibly 47-54

CONTACT US WITH ANY INFORMATION ABOUT THE VICTIM OF THIS CRIME

(803) 720-6718 crimeinfo@bullshido.net <http://tr.im/TINYURL>



(full size version attached)

Here is the story as reported by KMPH News in California:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wObjw4QBeA4>

● SAVE THE DATES!

October 4, 2009

6th Annual North American Freestyle Sambo Championships. Rahway, New Jersey, USA.

Event Location: Rahway Recreation Center

Tournament Rules and information:

http://www.ussambo.com/upcoming_events_b.html

This year, in addition to our adult Freestyle Sambo Championships, we will have a submission or draw no-gi 8 man tournament as

well as a youth division Freestyle Sambo tournament.

Pre-registration information coming soon!

View matches from last year's tournament here:

http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=FFA0B912BA47C9F4

October 16 - 18, 2009

Third Annual Sambo Summit Training Camp

All Professional ASA Club Owners are required to attend this camp. All Affiliate Club Owners are strongly encouraged to attend.

Camp Location: ECS Training Center, Pflugerville, Texas (Austin)

<http://www.eclecticcombat.com/>

Registration and hotel information coming soon here:

http://ussambo.com/upcoming_events.html

Camp Coaches will include: Stephen Koepfer (NY Combat Sambo), Aaron Fields (Seatown Sambo/Seattle JiuJitsu), Gregg Humphreys (Miletich Fighting Systems), Dayn DeRose (South Mountain Martial Arts).

View some highlights of last year's Oregon camp:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GuYPeg2M4ds>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oudEAre2MHg>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DiFKUe6kqKO>

- **New ASA Member Club Rating System.**

While the ASA does not "certify" instructors or offer Sambo "ranking", we do want to publically acknowledge clubs which are active in their Sambo training and participation (This applies to clubs not run by our ASA advisors or officers).

We have devised a new aspect of our club membership which will soon be noted on our website member listings.

All ASA member clubs will now be eligible to receive the label "**Bronze Medal Club**", "**Silver Medal Club**", or "**Gold Medal Club**".

This will be achieved by documenting with the ASA any Sambo seminars and trainings which the club has hosted or the chief instructor has attended.

There will be a new training log link that will appear under each club listing on our website. The log will list the date, topic, instructor, and number of hours of the instruction or seminar hosted/attended.

These seminars need not only be ASA Sambo seminars. We will accept seminars or instruction offered by any noted Sambo coach. If we are not aware of the Sambo coach in question, the ASA reserves the right to inquire about the coach or delay listing of the hours until the coach is verified.

Once a club/head instructor reaches 25 hours or training, the club (not the individual) will receive a Bronze listing. At 50 hours, a Silver listing. At 100 hours, a Gold listing.

It is important to note that these new distinctions are intended to reflect the activity level of member clubs since joining the ASA, not skill of their individual instructors.

As such, these ratings do not apply to any individual, but rather, to a club's listing in our organization. The ASA's hope, as a training based (not ranking based) organization is to

promote continued training and increased activity by our member clubs...while helping spread Sambo at the same time.

We at the ASA stand with the roots of Sambo in that it is mat time, not the belt around your waist, which should stand out among our peers. Inasmuch, we want to recognize our active member clubs with public note of their willingness to sweat, practice, learn, and put Sambo into practice.

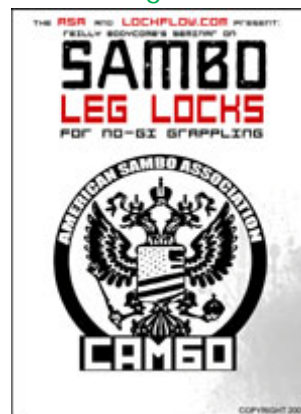
Once we have a compiled list, we will begin updating our website.

- **New ASA Facebook Group!**

Be sure to join the new American Sambo Association Facebook group so you can keep up to date with ASA news and press releases!

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#/group.php?gid=204099400426&ref=mf>

- **New Leg Lock DVD with Reilly Bodycomb!**



Available now at www.remixdojo.com or www.budovideos.com

Here is a sample:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BR6h72B-W-U>

- **ASA & Catch Canada Joint Seminar!**

President of Catch Canada, Kris Iatskevich, and ASA President Stephen Koepfer offered a joint 2 day seminar in Montreal, Canada on August 15-16, 2009.

The seminar was a huge success and will soon be released into a DVD set!

- **Remix Dojo Shiai BBQ Party in NYC!**

On August 22, 2009 Reilly Bodycomb's Remix Dojo launched its Shiai party series in Brooklyn, NY with live music, DJ, and BBQ! Be sure to keep an eye out for the next event! It was a blast! Visit www.remixdojo.com for more information.

Shiai Highlight Reel:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f4-xOY6Fnrg>

- **Remix Dojo is the new official ASA store!**

We are proud to announce that www.remixdojo.com is the new official ASA store. The store is run by Reilly Bodycomb and will also host videos, news, and other Remix Dojo brand products. Now, you can purchase all ASA merchandise on-line! So please be sure to check out the new Remix Dojo store.

- **Sambo in the News!**

August 26, 2009.

Fedor in NYC for Strikeforce/M1-Global Press Conference.

Part 1:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5bzR_5ZtgEo

Part 2:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rfs-5iblvCY>

August 22, 2009.

Interview with ASA board Member Serge Gerlach

<http://www.mevio.com/episode/174541/Sambo+Wrestling>

August 21, 2009

Cummings Combat Sambo makes the Florida news!

<http://www.wjhg.com/video/?autoStart=true&topVideoCatNo=default&clipId=4060918&flvUri>

September, 2009

Sambo history covered in the September issue of Fight! Magazine

- **Clearance Sale on ASA Grappling Shorts!**

Now is your chance to represent the ASA! We are clearing out our stock to make way for future/new apparel. Limited stock available. All sales are final!

All ASA grappling shorts (red, blue, and black) are **marked down to \$20 plus shipping and handling** – that's more than %50 off the retail price! Supplies are limited, so if you want to take advantage, get over to www.remixdojo.com and place your order today!

The ASA 2005 Unity Classic Tournament DVD is

now on sale for \$10 + S&H! Be sure to check out www.remixdojo.com for details!

- **American Sambo Association Seminar Series!**

In April, 2009 the American Sambo Association launched its new seminar series with intensive seminars at **NY Combat Sambo** and **Seattle Jujitsu/Sea Town Sambo**. The ASA hopes to offer regularly scheduled training opportunities nationally at low cost though intensive training seminars at some of our ASA member clubs. We realize that many folks can't make it to our 4 day training camps and hope to generate more interest in Sambo through these smaller local training intensives.

Currently, **NY Combat Sambo**, **Sea Town Sambo**, **Cali Combat Sambo**, and **Cummings Combat Sambo** will be offering regularly scheduled intensives. However, we expect more ASA member clubs to jump on board soon!

The next schedule intensives are:

Seattle, Washington: September 5, 2009

Sambo clinic at Sea-Town Sambo and the Seattle Jujutsu Club. An American Sambo Association Seminar Series clinic. 25 dollars for the day.

ASA Board members Aaron Fields (of Sea-Town SAMBO) and Serge Gerlach (of CaliSAMBO) will be coaching a seminar on takedowns, gripping, and groundwork using SAMBO's principle based methodology. All experience levels welcome

Clinic location:

Sea-Town Sambo/Seattle Jujutsu Club
1314 NE 56th St
206-713-9745

www.seattle-jujutsu.org

Please reserve space ahead of time and feel free to contact Aaron directly with questions.

Please bring a ju jitsu/judo dogi top, kurtka, belt, shorts

The club has a limited number of loaners

Dothan, Alabama: August 15, 2009

Dothan Combatives will be hosting a Sambo Grappling Seminar featuring Sambo Coach Carlos Cummings of Cummings Combat Sambo MMA Academy. Member of (TAS) Team American Sambo.

Where: Fire House Gym/Barra Brothers of Dothan

1924 wise Drive. Dothan, Alabama

For more info on times contact Aaron Cornett: 912-309-0554 or Fire House Gym: 334-673-Fire (3473)

• **ASA Sambo Lineage Project.**

The ASA is embarking on a huge (and I suspect long and tedious) project. We are attempting to document a lineage tree for Sport Sambo/Combat Sambo in the US/Canada. I would like to go as far back as possible (at least to the 60's or 70's as there was Sambo here in the US at least since then).

This is an apolitical endeavor, so any Sambo practitioner should feel free to respond to this request!

What I need from everyone who is a noted practitioner, Sambo coach, school owner, instructor, organization founder, etc is the following:

- Your full name (with birth date)
- Who your teacher(s) are/were (with birth/death dates)
- When you started training Sport Sambo or Combat Sambo
- Who your teacher's teacher(s) were (if you know)
- What particular Sambo organizations you were/are affiliated with.
- Any notable achievements you have had in the Sambo world or martial arts, name of your club/organization (if you own one or owned one)
- Where you are currently located.

If you do not have all this info, please provide whatever you know. Please also forward this e-mail to anyone you know who may be interested in participating.

ASA Member News:

The American Sambo Association and Catch Canada are proud to announce a new collaboration. In addition to releasing a co-promoted Sambo/Catch DVD in the coming months, Kris Iatskevich of Catch Canada and Stephen Koepfer of the ASA have been placed on the advisory boards of each respective organization. We look forward to many future projects and have already begun discussions regarding 2010 events!

Photos of the Month:



Kris Iatskevich (left), Stephen Koepfer (right), and attendees of the ASA/Catch Canada joint seminar in Montreal.

Upcoming 2009 Events:

- **August 15, 2009**
Dothan, Alabama.
ASA Sambo Seminar Series

Carlos Cummings at Fire House Gym/Barra Brothers of Dothan. 1924 Wise Drive. Dothan, Alabama. For more info on times contact Aaron Cornett: 912-309-0554 or Fire House Gym: 334-673-Fire (3473)

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ASA Sponsored Event
- **November 8, 2009 (date pending)**
Ultimate Sambo Championships
Florida, New York
Modified Sport Sambo rules.
Contact www.ultimatesambo.com for more information.