



AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala Event Report 2022

This year's annual AMAHOF event was the culmination of three year's of preparation following the cancellation of the 2020 and 2021 events due to COVID 19. The event was extremely well attended and supported by members throughout, not only from WA but also the rest of the country. We had over 180 people attend the Gala Dinner held at Joondalup Resort in Connolly, north of Perth. Additionally, large numbers attended the grading, workshops and demonstrations presented by the inductees.

The weekend commenced with the AMAHOF AGM being held at 4pm at Joondalup Resort and was supported by many of the new inductees and financial members with our new badges being provided to the inductees and executive members.



AMAHOF President Ed Scharrer and attendees at the AMAHOF AGM 2022
The AGM was followed by the meeting of the Sokeship Council dealing with matters relating to rank recognition, gradings and the martial aspects of AMAHOF.

Saturday morning events commenced early with the examination for **Geordie Thompson** for his 7th (Nanadan) Dan where he demonstrated not only his own precise physical skills but also those of the students he has trained, showing his clear skills as a Master Instructor.



This was followed by an interesting discussion and demonstration by **Peter Wong** on the “Do” in Taekwon-Do (ITF) and his continuing efforts to promote this aspect of the Art.



Colin Wee, then presented a dynamic demonstration and workshop on the applications of a Traditional Taekwondo form. This involved many of the members present and was very well received by the group.



Tom Johnson followed with a skilled two-man demonstration of the use of the Jo and Jodo Kata. The beauty of these weapons was displayed in this skilled demonstration.



The pace was changed with **Vince Cordeiro** involving the entire group with a practical workshop focusing on the movement and breathing of Taichi to center yourself in the moment.



Dean Woodhams then followed up with a workshop showing the effectiveness of his art in two-man drills.



Just before lunch, **Lionel Daley** showed his versatility since his planned workshop on stick disarms had to be modified due to a lack of available sticks. He instead showed his Jujitsu/Karate skills with a series of locks holds and takedowns.



Peter Hunt then continued the workshops after lunch with a 10 minute demonstration with Russell Lawrence, then went on to show how to hold and direct the sword, kamae or sword positions, and tactical two-man drills .





Then it was back to grappling and ground skills with **Sean Allen**, with many participants being thrown around and significantly held in place with a variety of locks and holds



Wayne Spear's workshop on grappling mobility and takedowns was an excellent interaction between presenter and participants. He displayed a huge range of solid technique and this meant participants could choose which they would like to explore in depth.



Tom Bellamy completed the workshops for the first day with a display of Taisabaki & Kazushi which really demonstrated the effectiveness and power of the techniques from Nihon jujitsu. His two student exponents who helped him present, displayed extraordinary resilience and spirit.



Sadly, **Victor Stuart** was unable to provide a workshop due to an ongoing injury. However to ensure we had a full program Steve Weston stopped in to provide an overview of power generation theories, and three step sparring using ITF Taekwon-Do technique.



The major event for the weekend was the AMAHOF Presentation Awards Gala Dinner with guest of honour **Mr David Kelly MLA**, Minister for Youth from the WA government and one of his senior advisors.



Over 180 people enjoyed the festivities, witnessing the presentation of the membership material for the 2020-21 and 22 inductees, a reflection of members past, the presentation of certificates to the organisers and board members, and a number of spousal support awards. Overall the evening was a terrific celebration after a hiatus for a number of years. Our appreciation goes in particular to the Major Sponsor Spiro Mallis, to the official event photographer Ben Van Deijl for his excellent photographs of the evening, raffle prize sponsors, all the inductees, board members, and organising committee.





2020 inductees presented in Joondalup
(L to R) Colin Wee, Vince Cordeiro, Simon Vanyai, Peter Hunt, Tom Johnson



2021 inductee presented in Joondalup Mr Lionel Daley



2022 Inductees presented at Joondalup (L to R) Victor Stuart, Tom Bellamy, Peter Wong, Wayne Spear and Sean Allen

The entertainment provided for the gala event, and the drumming workshop was presented by Mr Simon Vanyai on Sunday morning. The workshop gave participants the opportunity to make a lot of noise and really let loose on the Taiko drums. It was clear to all who enjoyed this workshop that the physicality of drumming is a great release but also requires a lot of stamina and good musicality. The professional drummers of the Taiko group provided a magnificent and unforgettable display at the event, keeping everyone entertained and raising the tempo of the evening substantially.



The last day would have seen Tony Ball close up our workshop series. However, due to an injury, this session was kindly taken over by Tom Bellamy who covered close quarter tactics,

handlock dynamics, manipulation of centre of gravity, and striking from a Nihon jujitsu perspective.



AMAHOF extends gratitude to the organisers of the event in Joondalup for their dedication and commitment to making the weekend such a successful event. Thanks specifically go to Dorothy Coe, Peter Hunt, Colin Wee, and especially GM Ramon Lawrence OAM.

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Thank you for your ongoing support for AMAHOF

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