

TACOMA AIKIDO CLUB

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In Turin with Tissier

In October I took part in a one-day workshop with Christian Tissier Shihan, 7th Dan, in Turin, Italy. Tissier went to Japan to study aikido when he was 18 years old, and stayed in Tokyo, training at Hombu Dojo for seven years before returning to his native France. In addition to representing the Aikikai tradition in France, Tissier has built up a strong organization in Northwest Italy.

When I first trained in Turin, I felt that the style being practiced was radically different from the aikijitsu we were doing here; as the years pass and we follow the influence of Isoyama Shihan, our style develops, my ability to see what is happening improves, and working with variants becomes a little easier.

Workshops are still challenging – Tissier speaks French, which Nino then translates into Italian. Kind of. With smatterings of both, I struggle for a composite mental translation, which is only confused when the Italian contradicts the French! Fortunately I have good partners and lots of visual cues. Could this be a tiny step toward O Sensei's aspirations for world understanding and peace?

Nina Rook



Tissier Shihan's workshop drew about 150 aikidoka from Northern Italy, France and (in one case) the US. Note Nino D'Alessandro poised to translate



"Uncomfortable" yet again – Nina takes ukemi with Tissier Shihan (above) and Mauro Giardino (below)



Big Day Saturday Dec 18

Join us for

Yudansha Meeting

(Dan and First Kyu)

Morgan Family YMCA

4:00 pm

Testing Completion

(You know who you are)

Morgan Family YMCA

5:00 pm

Aikido Club Holiday Party

(Everyone)

Sensei Gardner's house

8615 Idlewild Drive SW

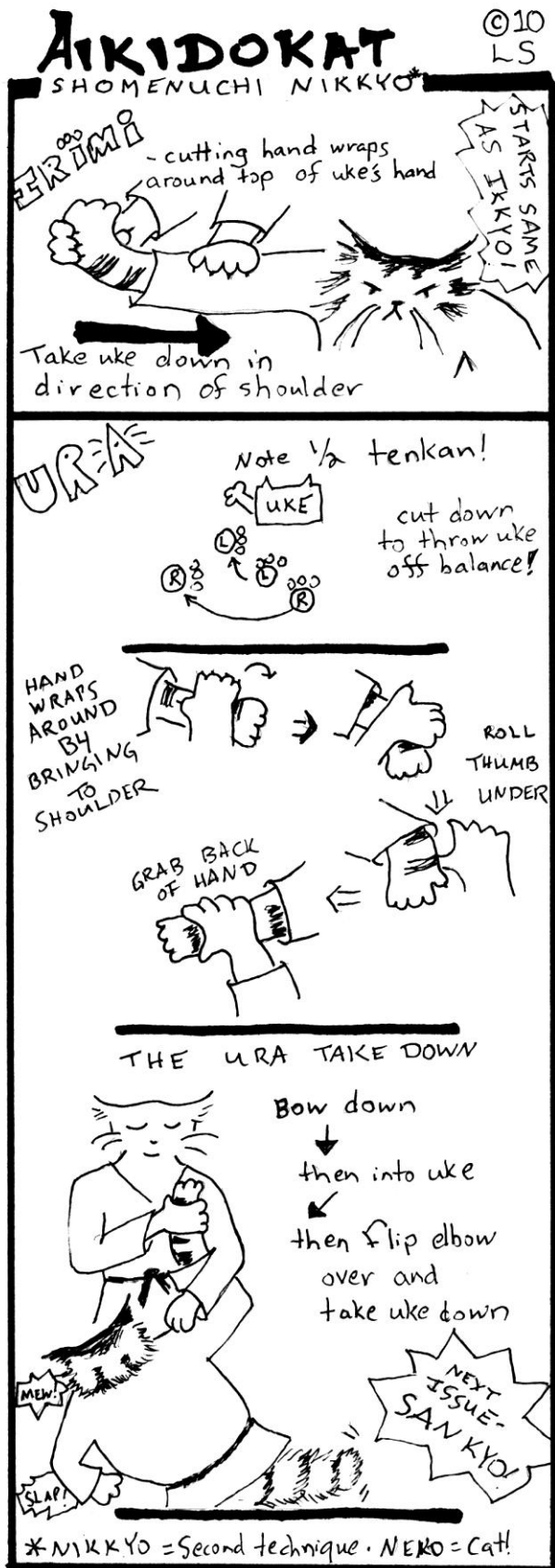
Lakewood, WA

7:30 pm

Bring a menu item



Lydia reprises test technique with Hieu



Liane Sperlich

Class Schedules

Adult (12 and up)

Tuesday 8:00 pm – 9:30 pm
Group Exercise Room
Independent warm-up before class

Thursday 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm
Gymnastics Room
Warm up at 7:30 pm in Extended Day Nursery

Friday 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
Gymnastics Room
Independent warm-up before class

Saturday
Jo/Bokken
8:30 am – 10:00 am
Gymnastics Room

Aikido
5:50 pm – 7:30 pm
Group Exercise Room
Emphasis on techniques for testing
Independent warm-up before class

Children (5 and up)

Friday
5:15 pm – 6:15 pm
Group Exercise Room

Advanced
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
Dance Room

Newsletter Items Wanted

It's lonely out there, pulling together material to keep the Newsletter relevant. We are excited to have gone to color printing, and welcome Liane's *terrific* cartoons. But we still need your help. Just polish your spirit by submitting thoughts, experiences, photos, opinions – about aikido and related topics. We'll do the spell check and production.

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