

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR LEO LIPINSKI

Personal Details

NAME: Leo Lipinski

DATE OF BIRTH: 7th August, 1946

Karate History (Present grade 8th Dan)

1962 Began training in Judo and Karate in Durban, South Africa. Various styles practiced.
1966 Opened first dojo.
1968 Graded 2nd DAN, Gogen Yamaguchi, Goju-ryu Karate-do.
1969 Appointed Branch Representative for the All Japan Karate-do Gojukai in South Africa.
1970 Appointed Chief Instructor South Africa, All Japan Karatedo Gojukai.
1987 Joined Tasaki Shuji's Goju-ryu Karate-do Seiwa Kai Organization and the JKF Gojukai. Appointed Chief Instructor and President of Seiwa Kai Great Britain.
1991 Appointed International Representative for Tasaki Shuji.
1993 Awarded title of Renshi, JKF Gojukai.
1998 Formed JKF Gojukai Europe and voted in as President. (current)
2002 Awarded the title of Kyoshi.
2005 Appointed as Director of JKF Gojukai (Japan).
2005 Graded 8th Dan in Goju-ryu Karate-do in Japan.

- § Attended training almost annually in Japan since 1968 with more than 3 years in total.
- § 1st Dan taken in South Africa.
- § All grades 2nd Dan through 8th Dan taken in Japan. Up to 5th Dan with Gogen Yamaguchi and subsequent gradings with Shuji Tasaki. Also hold 7th Dan JKF Gojukai.
- § Attended annual Kata Courses in Japan since 1991 under the tuition of Akira Shiomi, (Japan Karate Federation NATIONAL KATA COACH).
- § Deputy for Tasaki Shuji, in 20 countries with over 15000 members.
- § Personally responsible for forming JKF GOJUKAI (EUROPE) 12 countries in all.
- § Only non-Japanese member of the Board of Directors of JKF GOJUKAI -May 2005.
- § 1968 won National STYLE Competition. Up until that time no All Style Nationals. 2nd Place Kata.
- § Captained Natal University (South Africa) Karate team 1969 and 1970.
- § As Senior Instructor for Seiwakai International I have coached competitors from many National Teams and I count amongst my students several National Coaches.
- § I have been judging kata and refereeing Kumite since 1969.

Current Posts in Karate in England

- § Member of Directing Committee ETKB almost since inception in 2000.
- § Have been part of Karate Unification process both while on Management of EKGB and subsequently as Directing Committee Member ETKB.
- § Currently represents ETKB as part of the Whole Sports Plan Implementation Board for Unification.

Previous Posts in Karate in England

- § Member of EKGB Management 1998/9*
- § Member of EKGB Technical Committee 4/5 years*
- § Member of EKGB Public Relations sub-committee*
- § Member of EKGB Working Party for reconsidering voting structure.

*Resigned from these positions and joined ETKB.

Academic/Professional Qualifications

- 1963 Matriculated Durban High School
- 1970 Bachelor of Commerce, University of Natal, South Africa.
Subjects in addition: Economics, Statistics, Company Law, Accounting.
- 1982 Bachelor of Science, S.A.M.R.A University, California, USA.
- 1983 Certified Acupuncturist in California USA. (specializing in Sports Injuries)

Accounting and Auditing Experience

- 1966-8 G.Hackner, Benn & Co.(Chartered Accountants and Auditors.)
- 1971 Kessel, Feinstein (Chartered Accountants and Auditors).

Management/Business Experience

- § Had 5 Dojos in London for many years. Organizational teaching commitments led to this being terminated.
- § Has been self-employed as Managing Agent for rental properties since 1996.
- § Have been responsible for implementing the design and building of many of these as Managing Agent.