



KARATE: Reality versus Hollywood

Ed Garrasi, Sensei

Alleged differences in philosophy and thought are often invoked to "explain" why Westerners cannot understand Eastern concepts (such as chi and acupuncture) and, instead, label them as pseudoscience. Edward Garrasi, Sensei, will describe how the concept of karate has indeed become twisted.

The lecture will examine the differences between traditional karate, self-defense and Hollywood karate while focusing on how magical thinking, common misconceptions, qualified reciprocation and systemic inbreeding have brought the public to a general misinterpretation of karate. By further examining high-investment, low-yield techniques, preconceived scripts and forms that fail to evolve, the audience will be able to better see past the delusion that traditional karate is contemporary self-defense.

Saturday, June 15, 1996, 2:00pm -- 3:30pm

**Bethesda Library,
7400 Arlington Road,
Bethesda, Maryland**

Free Admission; All Welcome - Members and Nonmembers

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ENJOY YOUR SUMMER

This *Shadow* is the last newsletter of the 1995-96 year. We now take a break for the summer, although the NCAS Board will be busy planning our fall schedule, which begins on September 21. (See schedule below.)

Late breaking news is always distributed by email to NCAS members, so if you have an email account, let us know at ncas@cs.umd.edu.

Enjoy your summer, and we will see you again in September.

NCAS 1996-97 SCHEDULE

Our 1996-97 programs will take place at the Bethesda Branch of the Montgomery County Library, 7400 Arlington Road, a short walk from the Bethesda Metro station. Meetings begin at 2 pm and last about one and a half hours. The schedule for the next year is:

September 21, 1996

October 19, 1996

November 16, 1996

December 21, 1996

January 18, 1997

February 15, 1997

March 22, 1997

April 19, 1997

May 17, 1997

June 21, 1997

All dates are Saturday.

CSICOP SKEPTICAL LIBRARY

CSICOP has been trying to have available, both to its staff and to anyone else who wishes to use it, the finest library of skeptical materials on the paranormal in the world. They have been gathering material for this collection as a part of the Center for Inquiry's library, under the direction of Dr. Gordon Stein. He has been combing the used bookstores of the country for appropriate material. They also need your generous help in filling the runs of journals and books that they have been unable to find. Anything (either pro or con, including paperbacks, but no science fiction or other types of fiction) would be welcomed as a donation. They will give you a valuation for income tax purposes. CSICOP is a 501 (C)-3 charitable organization. If you have material that you would like to donate, please write Dr. Stein at the Center for Inquiry, 3965 Rensch Road, Amherst, NY 14228, briefly describing what you would like to donate.

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