

April/May 2008

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STRANGE HORSE Calendar Update

Canadian Tour ❖ BC/Ontario/Quebec ❖ Push Hands Camps

April: British Columbia tour

Fernie, BC NEW EVENT!

Sat April 13 (3 hours)

Sam in Fernie (subject TBA)

In this short workshop we will explore taiji and igong themes. This work will be directly related to the 108 solo form and other Yang-style based sequences.

Cost: TBA

Location: TBA

Contact: [Bridget Hemsted](mailto:bridgethemsted@gmail.com)



Kimberly, BC NEW EVENT!

April 14 (one day only)

Sensing-hands (Jue-shou)

In this event we will explore taiji through practice of *jue-shou* or, 'sensing-hands' to gain new perspectives on this endlessly fascinating subject. Sam may not be back in this area for a while so this is a great chance to work with him!

cost: \$100

location: Kimberly

contact: [Greg Miller](mailto:gregmiller@kimberlytaiji.com)

home: (250) 489-2689 work (250) 427-9371

Prince George, BC

Sat April 19 - Sun April 20

Push-hands in 3 Dimensions

In this event we will explore push-hands using three different approaches—*si zheng tui-shou* (four-hands), *jue-shou* (sensing-hands) and *ba pan jia tzu* (eight disc methods). Sam will not be doing a summer intensive in PG this year, so this is it for a while!

cost: \$180

location: Martial Arts Center 1175 Village Ave. Prince George

contact: [Jim Cryderman](mailto:jimcryderman@gmail.com) 250-562-7800



May: Ontario/Quebec tour

Milton/Campbellville

Fri May 9 - Sun May 11

2 Tai Chi Seminars: 'Moving Energy'

Taijiquan 25 Energies Series (#4)

1. Milton Ont.

Friday Fri. May. 09/08 6:30-9:30 pm

Tai Chi: 'Moving Energy'

How does the 'internal' connect to the 'external' (and vice versa) and is it possible to make relevant these concepts in daily life?

Location: Studio Harmonia, 410 Bronte Street South, Suite 201, Milton, Ont.

Cost: \$40.00 for the evening, \$30 seniors 60+

2. Campbellville, Ont.

Saturday & Sunday May 10&11/08

Taijiquan 25 Energies Series (#4)

Peng, Lü, Ji, An; Cai, Lie, Zhou, Kao

Continuing in the study of the 25 energies we will review the previous material then continue on to *Peng, Lü, Ji, An, Cai, Lie, Zhou, Kao*. Attendance at the prior workshops is recommended but not required.

Location: Campbellville Lions Hall, 42 Guelph Line, Campbellville, Ont. MAP

Cost: \$240 Saturday & Sunday

(\$220 Early Bird special before Apr. 15/07)

Full Weekend Fee (Friday evening, Saturday, Sunday) \$260, early bird \$240 before Sept 15, 2007. (early bird Fri/Sat only \$220)

Contact: [Mary Hansell](mailto:maryhansell@gmail.com) 905-854-0314

Kitchener, Ont. NEW EVENT!

Fri May 13 (One night only!)

Lessons from Jou Tsung Hwa

Tonight Sam will share a few of his most important and cherished lessons and memories from the late Master *Jou Tsung Hwa*, one of the most important figures in 20th century taiji.

location: Calvin Presbyterian Church, 248 Westmount Rd., E., Kitchener, ON

contact: [Steve Higgins](mailto:stevehiggins@kitchenertaiji.com)

Peterborough, ON

Fri May 16 - Mon May 19

Yang Style Taiji Sanshou

88 Sparring Form

Once again Sam is teaching the 88 movement Yang-style Taiji Sanshou, the two person traditional sparring routine. This form is the bridge between push-hands and taiji free sparring and for many Taiji players, represents the cream of the art.

cost: \$400 (Early Bird special \$375 by Apr. 21)

location: St. Paul's Church Gym, corner of Murray St. & Water St. North

contact: [Jean Kirk](mailto:jeankirk@stpaulsgym.com) 705-750-1756

Gatineau, PQ

Fri May 23 - Sun May 25

Le pousse-mains du Tai chi en 3 dimensions

(Push-hands in 3 Dimensions)

Dans cet atelier nous explorerons trois différentes approches au pousse-mains. Nous utiliserons le travail de sensation/perception des mains (*jue-shou*), le travail à quatre mains (*si zheng tui-shou*), et les méthodes des huit disques (*ba pan jia tzu*) pour obtenir de nouvelles perspectives sur ce sujet toujours fascinant. Le vendredi soir sera particulièrement consacré au travail de sensation/perception des mains (*jue-shou*).

(English) In this event we will explore push-hands using three different approaches. Through use of *jue-shou* (sensing-hands), *si zheng tui-shou* (four-hands) and *ba pan jia tzu* (eight disc methods) we will gain new perspectives on this endlessly fascinating subject. On Friday night, we will focus especially on *jue-shou*.

(Appropriate for English & French speakers)

Vendredi soir (Fri eve): 19h00 à 22h00 seulement: \$45 (membre) \$55.00 (non-membre)

Samedi ou Dimanche (Sat or Sun): 10h00 à 17h00

seulement: \$85 (membre) \$100 (non-membre)

Samedi et Dimanche (Sat and Sun): \$170 (membre)

\$195 (non-membre)

Fin de semaine (whole weekend): \$185.00 (membre)

\$210.00 (non-membre).

Location: Centre de Tai Chi Gilles-Vaillant

109 rue Wright, Gatineau

Contact: [Réal Lalande](mailto:real.lalande@gmail.com) 819-778-0147

July/August 2008:
17th Annual Vancouver Push Hands Camps
 Vancouver, BC, Canada
 Fri July 25 - Mon July 28
Camp 1:
 'Form-Formless-Form'
 Vancouver, BC, Canada
 Fri Aug 1 - Mon Aug 4
Camp 2:
 'Applied Energetics'
 to register contact: **Sam**

2008 • 17th ANNUAL SAM MASICH VANCOUVER PUSH HANDS CAMPS

In this year's Sam Masich Vancouver Summer Push Hands Camp we will approach the 25 energies and their theory from two internal perspectives. The first camp *Form-Formless-Form* will concentrate on the theory of yin and yang as related to the summation of the 25 energies. This approach, tying together concepts such as *canji jin* (treating silk energy) and taiji will surely awaken new levels of understanding.

In the second camp, *Applied Energetics* a focus on posture and alignment through a study of energetic centres and routes takes us into more advanced stages of the work. Here we begin to touch on the technical basis for the concept of *Shen-ying* or 'spiritual enlightenment', as referred to in the Taijiquan Classics allowing us to work with the 25 energies at a completely different level.

Cost: \$700 EACH CAMP (Early Bird \$700 if registered by May 15) (Both camps \$1400/\$1300 if registered by June 15) \$200 non-refundable deposit by May 15 (\$500 both camps) *First-come-first-serve* on approval.

Deposits payable to Little Productions: 5111 Station Main Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6B 4A8 604-682-1263 sam@sammasich.com Camp prices do not include meals or lodging.

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For more info on the 2008 Vancouver Push Hands Camps [click here](http://www.sammasich.com)