

## Getting Back on the Path

By Sensei S. Shaw

It is the Sunday evening after our first ever HDJF North American Tai Kai to be held in Canada. I would like to thank our Three Directors, Shihan Hoffer, Shihan Chris LaMonica as well as Sensei Loucks and Sensei Fowler for their instruction over the weekend. It was outstanding!! I have had a great conversation with my wife Alison regarding her first ever Tai Kai (as a spectator) and being the spouse of a Hakko Denshin Ryu JuJutsu student Alison could not help but notice the kinship and spirit shared by our HDJF brothers and sisters.

I am reminded of that camaraderie and friendship during and after every HDJF event as well as during and after a night of class at the Dojo...There have been times in my journey along the path of our Art that I have not been as committed as at other times given life's twists, turns and changes that we all have to face. But I always recognize that familiar sense when I have returned to the path.

I would like to thank Shihan Hoggart for his efforts, Shining Mountain Dojos Canada members for their hard work and my fellow HDJF members for attending this year's Tai Kai. It was great to see you all. I would also like to invite any past or current HDJF members that have gotten off the path to make the effort to get back on...I look forward to learning from you at our Dojo or at as many upcoming International HDJF events that "we" can attend.

See you along the path...