

After the two first editions in 2016 & 2018, Michel DUCRET & Michel COLLIARD agreed to come back to La Mulatière. Michel Ducret finally came alone, as Coco had a last minute hitch, and arrived Friday evening just in time for our weekly lesson, for the happy few present!



The day after, we were around twenty to begin the training by a common lesson with the iaido students from La Mulatière. We began with a work on basic Kenjutsu technics, followed by the study of Ma-Aï no Tachi kata that gather all of them!

Michel then made us go more thoroughly into several katas of Shinto Ryu Kenjustsu School, to

give an idea of the series studied in the Shinto Muso Ryu Jodo in the framework of parallel weapons.

At 12:30 pm everybody stopped for the lunch, organized by the club. The weather was nice, so we went outside to eat and to make the most of the sun!

It was so nice that at 2:30 pm, we started again our training outside and came back in in the middle of the afternoon to work until 6:30 pm. There were only Jodokas left, except Jérémy and Jean-Yves, aïkidokas from Vaulx-en-Velin and La Mulatière. The rest of the group was

made of people from Paris, Grenoble & Macon, but also from Montreux, Geneva and, for the first time, Bale! And of course those from the club....



While Jérémie was studing Kihons Tandoku, we worked all together on the second part of Kihons Sôtaî (the first part had been studied during Friday evening lesson). Then we divided into 3 groups: the 3 beginners (Jérémie, Jean-Yves et Marc) kept on working on kihons study, while the others divided into 2 groups: Chudan and Kage.

And the work went on until exhaustion of the troops

In the evening, most of us met by Yves and Nathalie, for a "little" drink, followed by a Choucroute prepared with love by Yves. There was a lot of things to drink – oh yes! – and to eat, brought by all the students, therefore we ate well and had nice drinks, spent a very nice evening, before everybody spread out to those who lodged them

On Sunday morning back to work at 9:00 am with Kihons Tandoku. Then back to Chundan katas to finish the series and we finished the morning by a general review of Tanjo Jutsu serie.

And at noon, last common picnic, we finished the leftovers before everyone goes back home, tired, a little bit nostalgic (it always happens, by the end of good workshop), but so HAPPY!

Now we are just longing to be next year (because Michel accepted to come back one again, and this time, he will be with Coco!) and again, thank you Michel for all the attention and energy you gave us all the week-end long. And thank you to all of those who took part in this successful workshop: external students who came with their enthusiasm and will of doing, and those from our club who were in duty, took care of registration, cooking (thank you

Yves!!!), cleaning the dojo, shopping And who removed all problems even before they could appear! I know, I always say more or less the same thing every year, but when I'm no more able to say it, I will worry!