



Frequent Flyer to Auckland NZ

Hello, my name is Carlos Gambetta,

Born In Entre Rios, Argentina, I Immigrated with my parents to Los Angeles where I spent most of my youth. There I practiced for several years Martial arts such as Karate Do and Kung Fu, not satisfied with neither of them I soon dropped out of the Martial Arts movement and dedicated myself to sports in general, although always in the back of my mind I longed for a Martial Art that would fulfill me. Immigrating back to Argentina I married a local girl, had 4 wonderful kids; Jenny who has given me the most wonderful granddaughter, Emma. Gisela who just recently announced my second grandchild, yet to the date we don't know what sex it is. Then comes Pablo, my only Son, and last but not least little Nicole, a wonderful 16 year old.

I started to practice aikido back in October 1997 with Kenzo Miyazawa Shihan and kept on practicing with him until his unfortunate passing away in October 2003. He is greatly missed by all of his followers that still practice to this day. From that day on an advance student of him and Shodan Roberto Palma founded the Organización Argentina de Aikido which I now belong to. There under the Technical Advising of Makoto Nishida Shihan from San Pablo Brasil, I acquired my Shodan.

Thanks to my Job, I'm a Purser with Aerolineas Argentinas, I am able to practice this wonderful Martial Art, throughout the world, in fact I've had the pleasure to practice on a regular basis in places like, San Pablo Brasil, Madrid Spain, Rome Italy, New York and of course in Aikido Shinryukan in Auckland, New Zealand.

I found Aikido Shinryukan just a short time from the moment I started the practice of Aikido, finding not only a Dojo to practice at, but also a magnificent, warm and friendly place that quickly took me in as one of their own. From the very first moment, Nobuo Takase Shihan received me with open arms making me feel right at home, ironically being so far away from my own home.

His teachings go a long way to help me understand Aikido better, although many a times I've hopelessly tried to decipher what he is saying.... Immediately Sensei Takase introduced me to a person who is not only a great Aikidoka but also turned out to be a great friend, Simon Puffett. I can't thank him enough for the way he goes out of his way to make my stays in Auckland extraordinary. From the bottom of my Heart. Thank you Simon!! I'm still waiting for you to come to Buenos Aires so I can reciprocate.



Carlos applying katame waza Hombu Dojo Auckland



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Let me not forget two other people who also make Aikido Shinryukan a very special place to practice in... Jeanie Benson and Sarah Baker.... They're great too!!!

So if you're ever in Auckland and would like to see what Aikido is all about don't hesitate to go to the Hombu Dojo of Aikido Shinryukan in Auckland, you won't regret it. I sure don't!!!

If you are ever in Buenos Aires, Argentina please contact me so we can practice together in one of our many Dojo's throughout our wonderful country.

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See you all again soon

Carlos



Carlos Gambetta performing Kokyu nage with Kelly



Takase Shihan explaining a Kote Gaeshi Nage variation with Carlos - Hombu Dojo Auckland

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