



On the mat

DANILO HAJDUKOVIC

Danilo (Danny) Hajdukovic is a newcomer to Australia's martial arts teaching fraternity but has been practising the arts for nearly 30 years, with the last 16 predominately dedicated to Wing Chun kung fu.

Hajdukovic has trained in judo, taekwondo, Wing Chun (The Canberra Wing Chun Academy) and simultaneously cross-trained with skilled stylists from other disciplines of kung fu, karate, Western boxing and grappling.

An introduction in 2004 to the skills of Hong Kong-based Grandmaster Wan Kam Leung and his system 'Practical Wing Chun' left Hajdukovic with no doubt that he had found both the system and mentor to which he would affiliate himself.

"GM Wan Kam Leung's system is a precise and practical modification of Wing Chun based on decades of meticulous analysis and physical application," says Hajdukovic. "He has ensured the natural evolution of Wing Chun kung fu without the compromise of tried and tested principles.

Sifu Hajdukovic is the Regional Director for Canberra/ACT representing GM Wan Kam Leung's Practical Wing Chun Kung Fu system in Australia.

"A proud trademark of this branch, teachers and students, is the respect shown for all fighting disciplines that embrace true martial spirit, dedication and camaraderie," says Hajdukovic.

DEFENCE AGAINST A THROAT-GRAB & PUNCH: WING CHUN KUNG FU



1 Sifu Hajdukovic is confronted by Con ('The Silverback'), with clearly aggressive intent.



2 Con advances quickly, surprising Hajdukovic by grabbing him by the throat as he lines himself up to strike...



3 ...so Hajdukovic immediately and simultaneously performs *toi-ma* (retreat and sink), collapses the attacker's grabbing arm with a right-arm *jon-sau* and thrusts his left thumb into the attacker's eye.



4 Con still manages to throw a punch, which Hajdukovic meets at the elbow with his left arm to neutralise the strike...



5 ...then starts to pivot (*jun-ma*) to his left, performing *hoi* to control Con's balance by using his force against him...



6 ...and traps Con's arms at the elbows as he completes the pivot, simultaneously controlling Con's head and destroying his balance.



7 Hajdukovic now lunges forward, pulling Con into a left upward sweeping elbow-strike to his face...



8 ...followed immediately by a left pivot, combined with a downward sweeping elbow-strike to Con's throat, ending the fight.