

Fujian Five Ancestor Boxing

Zoom-Recorded Classes for self-study and guided practice Taught by 6th generation instructor, Sifu Russ Smith

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A few participant testimonials:

"Five Ancestors is an anthology of the Hoklo martial arts, which share principles with the more widely practiced Okinawan and Cantonese arts. If you're a practitioner of one of these arts, study of Five Ancestors can be illuminating, like a Spanish speaker learning Latin. If that's your interest, Smith Suhu, who also teaches Okinawan Goju-Ryu and Hakka Pak Mei, can shed light on those connections.

Despite the influence of the Hoklo arts, instruction is difficult to find. Traveling to Asia and training long-term is, to put it mildly, unrealistic for most of us, and Burinkan's Five Ancestor program makes these arts accessible to those of us who can't.

Moreover, Russ puts an extraordinary degree of care into his teaching. A skilled martial artist is not necessarily a skilled teacher, and it is very clear that Russ has put a great deal of effort into mastering both." -Stanford Chiou

"As an art or as a window into another method, Ngo Cho Kun as taught by Russ Smith Sifu of the Burinkan is levels beyond what you're expecting.

While trying to avoid hyperbole, let me explain.

The Five Ancestors Boxing course is presented in a logical, methodical and illuminating way. The underlying principles - things given a ton of lip service in the M.A. community though often without nuts-n-bolts detailing - are clearly explained and enumerated. Tools for pressure testing and validating techniques are detailed. And the explanations lend themselves to use as exploration mechanics of other arts.

Transmission of the tradition is clearly a priority, but that is not used as an excuse to hide core ideas behind the awe of the style.

And most importantly, the art is fun & interesting to learn. Both for the style itself as well as the manner in which it's transmitted.

Do yourself a favor - get in. You WILL learn and you WILL grow as a martial artist." -Sensei Cody Stephens

"It's rare to find a highly skilled practitioner of the martial arts with a passion for teaching, as well as the ability to decode the core principles of a complex system such as Wu Zu Quan, and then play it back to students in a format that is easily understood and applied.

Sifu Russ Smith is one of these rare individuals.

This is not one of those dumbed-down, learn-everything-in-five-minutes bits of fluff the MA world is known for, but an intelligently crafted, fantastically detailed study of Five Ancestor Fist that will benefit anyone serious about training and excelling in the Southern Chinese Boxing methods. Hugely recommended!!!" -Ryan Ng

"Five Ancestor Fist is a fascinating art to study, as a karate practitioner. Parallels between both arts surface in every class, and make it clear that 5A is a parent art to styles like Goju Ryu. This course explores the engines behind power delivery, martial strategy, history and conditioning. In my experience, 5A feels like an expansion upon my karate, which also includes Chinese weapons.

Sifu Russ Smith is a hidden treasure of martial arts instruction in the US. He has practiced and studied multiple Japanese, Chinese and Filipino martial arts in a career spanning over 30 years, which has led to an instruction model that focuses on developing live skills while keeping traditions alive.

Sifu Smith possesses and admirable ability to discern the esoteric aspects of martial arts from the practical theory that applies in a self-defense scenario, and eloquence to transmit his learnings.

The best recommendation I can give is the fact that most of Sifu Smith's students are teachers in their own styles, coming to the Burinkan for enrichment and continuing studies. Whatever level you are at, you're sure to learn good things."

-Sensei Jorge Rincón

"I have trained in Goju Ryu Karate for over 30 years and am always looking for a deeper understanding of its techniques, applications and history. I was initially drawn to Sifu Russ Smith's Five Ancestor Fist program because of the shared history between these two styles and what I found is a different way to look at moves that I have been doing for years. Not one class goes by that I don't gain insight into the kata of Goju Ryu. I have also been introduced to a system with a beauty and complexity all of its own showing me many new things that I have not come across before.

Furthermore, I can say that as a teacher, Sifu Russ Smith is one of the most articulate and competent instructors that I have ever worked with. He has lesson plans and clear learning objectives for each class and takes a professional approach to the role of an educator.

I would recommend this program to any Goju Ryu practitioner or other martial artist who is looking for a greater understanding of the principles and concepts that guide their arts." -Sensei Trevor McLaughlin "When Sifu Russ Smith started the Ngo Cho Kun course, I knew that this was a rare opportunity. I had read his book 'Principle-Driven Skill Development in Traditional Martial Arts' and found in it an incredible resource for improving my own training, but to be taught a beautiful art directly under his eye and according to his processes? Too good to pass up.

I've practiced a lot of things over the years, but with 17 years of Isshinryu karate experience I'm more than comfortable to say that anybody who practices an art under the Nafadi umbrella will feel right at home in 5 Ancestors Boxing. I promise you'll find nuance in your training and connections to your art that will be illuminating, but to say my Suidi friends should look elsewhere would be an opportunity for growth wasted.

Sifu Russ Smith has decades of experience in multiple arts and you can tell just by how he moves that he has put in the work, but even more impressive than his obvious skill is his mindset: he recognizes that teaching is a profession with its own goals and related skillsets separate from being an expert practitioner. To put it simply, he approaches this program as an educator. He's not trying to get you out the door doing a couple forms and some one-off applications as his "contribution to the art". Every class is focused on skill-development and creating the ability to explore the art as an informed practitioner.

See you in class!" -Matt Perlingiero

"I would like to take the time to share my feelings about being a student at the Burinkan Martial Arts Dojo. Firstly, throughout my martial arts journey, I have never seen a teacher so deeply involved in the advancement of his students. Mr. Smith is not only generous with his time but also provides a plethora of tools for the learning process, such as books, training camps, and online fine-tuning.

I was not a fan of online learning before, but the way Mr. Smith has implemented it is incredibly functional. I just completed his one-year Five Ancestors online program, and I have gained a much deeper understanding of martial arts than ever before. I am now starting my second year in his well-structured curriculum.

I wholeheartedly recommend Burinkan in any of its forms." -Simon Ducharme

Class 1 – Introduction to the art. Training first defensive hand, Kim. (Duration 1 hr. 28 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00:00 Intro, History, Theory, Summary of the Style 00:14:30 Books 00:24:00 Information about the style 00:54:15 Stances (馬) and Stepping (步) (Chien Be [戰馬], scoop/sweep and shuffle forward) 01:01:15 Short salutation (起拳) 01:08:45 180 deg. turn 01:13:50 Defensive Hand: Kim (擒) 01:18:40 Ho Chiu Kim (和手擒) 01:21:30 Questions and Summary

Class 2 – Variations on Kim, related techniques, and usage. (Duration 1 hr. 6 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 03:30 Review of prior class topics 07:30 Stance: Sei Ping Ma (四平馬), passthrough stepping, and chasing step 14:50 Combining Stepping with Kim 19:30 Ho Chiu Kim (和手擒) 21:40 Hong Be Tsai "Elegant Phoenix Tail" (鳳尾彩) 24:24 Kim to Che Chat (坐節) 25:26 Kim to Che Chat to Yim Cha (陰插) 28:05 Double Kim (雙擒) to Sang Kwa Lip (雙掛入) 30:50 Kim reaching to capture 2nd arm 35:28 Theory of San Sau (散手) practice 39:30 Stances vs Stepping ("ma" vs "bu") 47:40 Bow and Arrow stance (弓箭馬) usage 49:30 Three-legged tiger punch (三腳虎拳) 51:49 Combining straight and diagonal stepping 59:55 Adding a leg kick 1:02:14 Summary

Class 3 – Introducing defensive hand: Kou ("hook") (Duration 1 hr. 19 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, questions, elbow position and humerus rotation 04:25 Kim – practice and usage. Methods for grabbing and pulling. 09:36 Ho Chiu Kim 11:26 Elegant Phoenix Tail. Inside gate tactics. 14:46 Kim / Chieng (撞) and Ho Chiu Kim / Chieng 19:45 Chieng / Liu (扭) 21:40 Liu to Chieng transition with short power 26:54 Che Chat and Liu - Sinking, stepping, bridging options, long-arm sinking 34:56 Kou ("hook", 鉤), Kim / Kou combination 38:10 Kou / Cha (截) combination 39:20 Power management with the hips for short power (swallow 吞, spit 吐) 40:38 Kou / Chieng / Cha (截) combination. Elbow connection to core. 45:38 Form timing and power versus usage timing 51:10 Kou and closest weapon, closest target. Elbow line targets. 51:55 Elbow control and po pai (抱牌) 53:56 Chieng to Kou and Chieng / Kou / Chieng combinations 56:55 Chieng / Kou / Chieng / Cha (截) (3 beat) combination 1:00:24 One arm Chieng / Kou / Cha (截) – feeling the gap 1:02:30 San sau free study 1:03:17 Kim / Chieng / Kao / Chieng / Cha (截) combination 1:04:14 Retreating elbows, pulling, and extending kim. 1:07:16 Short salutation 1:08:33 Long Salutation – Movements 1 (鐵槌沉江) and 2 (金蟬脫殼) 1:14:36 Questions and Closing

Class 4 – Introducing defensive hands: Tioh ("flick") and Hian ("turn") (Duration 1 hr. 17 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, reminder of prior classes, discussion of terminology, bow in 04:26 Tioh ("flick", 挑) 06:21 Ho Chiu Tioh (和手挑) variations 19:40 Visualizing usage on the inside and outside gates. Enlisting sink and spit with che chat or kim. 24:58 Classical shapes and taolu for structure and power vs practicing for usage. 26:44 Examples versus formulas. How to guide your own study and understand the art. 30:06 Dividing practice time between "training" and "study". Understanding context. 34:00 Defensive hand – Hian (掀) 39:27 Ho Chiu Hian (和手掀) with pivoting and Sia ("peel", 削) as a follow-up. Sinking 46:06 Classical Combination practice – Kim / Chieng 49:06 Classical Combination practice – Chieng / Liu 50:09 Classical Combination practice – Tioh / Cha 52:38 Combination practice - Kou / Chieng 54:00 Combination practice - Kim / Chieng (same hand) 56:42 Combination practice – Tioh / Chiat (切) (same hand) 1:00:06 Long Salutation practice, first two movements 1:05:17 Long Salutation practice, adding next two movements (大鵬展翅,美女梳妝) 1:14:00 Class review and summary

Class 5 – Salutation, Kai and Yao (Duration 1 hr. 15 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, class 5 plan 02:24 Bow in 02:34 Closing with "Enticing Hands" (招揚手). Chest-closing fajin. 08:12 Usage of Enticing Hands, depending on range and use of shifting back to Tiao Be 18:08 Introducing Kai ("open", 開) 20:35 Classical combination practice - Tioh / Cha 21:55 Classical combination practice – Kai / Chiat 23:23 Classical combination practice - Kai / Chiat (single beat) and usage 25:21 Introducing Yao ("shake", 搖), its variations, and pairing with Kao 27:00 Combination – Kim / Yao and usage, including "shuai" (摔) 38:47 Classical combination practice - Kao / Yao 41:40 Two forms of combinations: simultaneous vs serial 43:00 Fei Yao ("flying yao", 飛搖) 44:20 Double Kao into Yao 51:47 Combination Kao / Fei Yao / Tioh 56:20 Chasing and continuing 59:14 Understanding the class format. How to practice the san sau effectively. 1:00:56 Long Salutation practice, adding next two movements (關平抱印, 請拳) 1:12:08 Class summary / wrapup

Class 6 – Five Classical Combinations and Clearing Obstructions

(Duration 1 hr. 20 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 04:14 Class 6 plan 05:40 Short Salutation and Closing. Chest-closing fajin. Additional usage concepts. 15:38 Classical combination practice – Chieng / Liu. Usage and variations. 31:40 Classical combination practice – Kim / Chieng 37:25 Classical combination practice – Tioh / Cha 40:58 Classical combination practice – Kai / Chiat 45:02 Footwork reminders 47:36 Classical combination practice – Kao / Yao 54:10 Clearing Obstructions - Escaping Hand (脱手) and Sang Kia Kun (double vertical punch, 雙豎拳) 1:04:42 Clearing Obstructions - Coiling Hand (盤手) and Sang Kwa Lip (double hanging in) 1:10:40 Long Salutation practice, adding final two movements (白鶴亮翅, 雙龍搶珠) 1:15:00 Class summary / wrapup

Class 7 – Rotating Chop, Clearing Obstructions, Sam Chien core sequence (Duration 1 hr. 20 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, class 7 plan 04:42 Short Opening, Enticing hands closing, adding Rotating Chop (Tsuan Puah, 轉破) 18:40 Clearing Obstructions – Bridging / Transfer 44:48 Adding stepping "in the space of an Ox laying on the ground" (拳打卧牛之地) 1:00:46 Sam Chien primary sequence (cha [插], che chat, tun chiu [吞手], chun chiu [駿手])

Class 8 –Clearing Obstructions, Po Pai, Sam Chien breath detail, Scissor and double hook (Duration 1 hr. 16 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, class 8 plan 06:09 Clearing Obstructions – Bridging / Transfer 11:48 Power Focus – "Diamond Ging" (金剛勁) – single-side hip power 22:40 Clearing with Kao Yao and stepping offline 29:30 Clearing and finishing with Po Pai, from both above and below 37:00 Coiling hand and foot sweep to Sang Kwa Lip 45:40 Sam Chien – focus on breath percentages for each movement 01:04:14 Sam Chien tail – first two movements – Scissor (雙關剪) and double hook (雙鉤) 01:11:06 Using Sinking energy with double hook 01:13:00 Summary, Closing, Questions

Class 9 – Sam Chien details, thrusting, applying the form ending, clearing obstructions (Duration 1 hr. 19 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, class 9 plan 02:48 Sam Chien – poem and meaning (三戰起, 練到死) 07:27 Thrusting and variation 21:00 Form Ending, adding Sia, Chiat, Tueh (釵) 34:06 Applying the scissor and hook 54:58 Exiting the pa chat (打節) with flipping hammer (反墜) 59:06 Exiting the pa chat with sinking punch (沉手) 1:04:58 Pressing out of pa chat 1:12:58 Summary, Closing, Questions

Class 10 – Sam Chien – 4 points of gold, applications of ending, lotus blossom (Duration 1 hr. 18 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, class 10 plan 02:05 Formula for Obstruction clearing with Escaping and Coiling 03:08 Attack and Defense transitions and Moving bridges 04:40 Beginning Sam Chien 09:58 Four Points of Gold (四點金) stepping training 15:10 More on Four Points of Gold training 17:28 Lotus Blossom (蓮花) stepping with Sam Chien movements in application 1:08:00 Ending Sam Chien 1:11:46 Summary, Training and Application theory, Questions, Closing

Class 11 – San Sau – Partner Usage Demonstrations and Application Theory (Duration 1 hr. 35 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome, class 11 plan 02:55 Beginning Sam Chien 07:54 San Sau four-level training theory (進步協調練法) 13:58 Defensive Hand: Kim variation (elbow control) 24:20 Defensive Hand: Tioh (flick) 27:44 Defensive Hand: Hian (turn) 32:47 Defensive Hand: Kai (open) 35:33 Defensive Hand: Kao (hook) 40:18 Kao and Po Pai variations 42:46 Chieng / Liu (punch / sink) 44:50 Kim / Chieng 46:20 Tombstone body (墓牌身) and Triangular body movement (三角勢) 47:15 Four Stages of Training: Single (單技練法), Serial (連環攻擊), Parallel (連消帶打), Parallel to Serial (合練) 47:40 Tioh / Cha (intercepting chop) 49:30 Strong vs Weak (壯節對弱) and Three Segments (三節三門) 52:11 Kai / Chiat – finding openings 54:38 Kao / Yao (shaking) and double Kao / Yao 57:28 Fei (flying) Yao 1:00:48 Three-legged Tiger punch 1:01:46 Kao / Chieng -> Cha and study of beats, timing, and hip rotation 1:06:44 Enticing hand and details of range and timing 1:11:15 Scissoring and Qinna (chin-na) with double kao 1:14:20 Obstruction-clearing: Escaping and Coiling hands 1:15:36 Usage of Chiat (slicing chop) 1:17:48 More obstruction-clearing with Po Pai variations 1:21:56 Engaging the front foot sweep 1:22:58 Tsuan Puah (rotating chop) 1:24:24 Applying double hook from Sam Chien (na / shuai) 1:27:00 Kim / Pa Chat -> Sia -> Chiat from Sam Chien 1:28:00 Transitions out of Pa Chat. Using movements for alternative use 1:31:34 Questions and wrapup 1:32:18 Ending Sam Chien

Class 12 – "Po Pai" variations and classical taolu Li Sip Kun ("20 punches") (Duration 1 hr. 20 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 03:16 Questions and Class 12 plan 05:20 Beginning Sam Chien and Sam Chien details 13:26 Po Pai overview, meaning, variations 15:06 Po Pai - Push / Pull variation 21:12 Po Pai - Neutral / Rotation method (yin / yang) and grabbing with various parts of the body 28:50 Defensive Hand: Gai (scoop, 盖) and Qinna (擒拿) against the elbow 37:16 Po Pai - Scoop and Push variation 41:58 Po Pai summary 43:06 Classical Taolu: Li Sip Kun ("20 punches", 二十拳) 45:40 Li Sip Kun sequence practice and power focus 53:50 Linear practice 57:28 Application-based timing 1:06:30 Putting application-based timing in the taolu 1:07:40 "Heavy" hands (重手), sinking power practice 1:09:30 Body engagement, timing for power, diamond ging, and avoiding "floating" punches 1:12:33 Questions 1:16:30 Ending Sam Chien

Class 13 – Classical Taolu Li Sip Kun details (Duration 1 hr. 26 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome 01:27 Recap, Theory, Questions and Class 13 plan 03:15 Beginning Sam Chien 09:10 "Ten toes facing heaven, four points of gold rooted" 10:54 Classical Taolu – Li Sip Kun – study variations 11:40 Training (訓練) vs Studying (學習) 13:30 Classical method – 1 hip rotation per movement 20:08 Focus on "guarding hand" (護手). Lead hand like a lance, rear hand like a shield. (前手取人如戟, 後手顧己如盾) 25:22 Hian re-purposed as Wan Tui (flipping hammer / backfist) 30:02 Colliding / Diamond Ging 31:08 Focus on leg lift during turn 38:10 Short power practice 48:32 Open hand variations - Kim/Chiat/Cha/Cha. "Like a dog shaking water from its fur." 56:46 Changed timing, with high/mid/low punches. Three-legged tiger punch. 1:00:48 Focus on retreat during turn 1:03:04 Focus on advancing after turn 1:05:56 Summary of Li Sip Kun variations covered 1:10:08 Variation - additional stepping per punch. Ground reaction force. 1:18:45 Class 13 wrapup and questions 1:21:40 Ending Sam Chien

Class 14 – Ancestor – Taizuquan introduction (1 of 2) (Duration 1 hr. 30 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 02:04 Recap, Theory, Questions and Class 14 plan 02:48 Beginning Sam Chien 07:10 Li Sip Kun – classical timing for body development 09:30 Li Sip Kun – application-based timing 14:36 Li Sip Kun – varying targets and stances 22:26 Question regarding po pai and opening the center 26:16 "Techniques don't leave the middle gate, Hands stay on the center line" (技不离中门,出手对子午) 27:36 Li Sip Kun – varying targets and stances, focus on guarding hand 31:55 Introduction to Taizuquan, history, strategy, mental and physical attributes 44:05 Kwi Kieng (開弓) / Single Leg sweep (掃割) – body coordination and power development 1:01:30 Shuai Tactics / Principles of takedowns (ROM, BOS, COG) 1:06:10 Continuing when avoided – Continuous cutting leg sweep (連環掃割) 1:22:26 Close range - Lion Shaking a Bell (獅子搖鈴) 1:25:26 Class 14 summary 1:26:28 Ending Li Sip Kun 1:28:02 Ending Sam Chien

Class 15 – Ancestor – Taizuquan Shuai continued (2 of 2)

(Duration 1 hr. 18 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, Recap, Theory, Questions and Class 15 plan 09:00 Beginning Sam Chien 13:48 Beginning Li Sip Kun 15:16 Li Sip Kun details and refinement 25:50 Clipping Elbow (刈節) and Open the Bow – Single Leg Sweep details 30:00 Keeping the weight back during the sweep 36:12 Double (Vertical) Slap Sweep – Sang Pueh Sau (雙批掃) 41:20 Transition to Lion Shakes Bell 42:04 Transition to Double Spring Chop (雙彈出) 52:25 Transitioning from any defensive hand 53:25 Wuzuquan leg keywords "low" and "cold" (腿法講究低與冷) 54:25 Double (horizontal) Slap Sweep 1:13:04 Ending Li Sip Kun – Application-based timing 1:15:45 Ending Sam Chien

Class 16 – Five methods of Po Pai, introduction to Po Pien and additional Shuai practice (Duration 1 hr. 18 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, Recap, Theory, Questions and Class 16 plan 02:08 Beginning Sam Chien 06:18 Po Pai variations, applications and usage relative to bridge-clearing 15:38 Principles of false/empty and real/solid (以虛擊實) 20:52 Po Pai after applying "pass under" 35:18 Using stillness to control motion (以靜待動) 36:28 Li Sip Kun 50:02 Yin, Yang, Zhao Yang (陰, 陽, 昭陽) 52:15 Continuous (front and back) Leg Sweep chained practice method 56:00 Po Pian ("holding slanted", 抱偏) 1:05:54 Bumping Jin (靠勁) vs Colliding Jin (撞勁) 1:07:20 Lion Shakes the Bell details, transition to Double Spring Chop 1:11:34 Double Horizontal and Vertical Slap Sweep (sang pueh sau) 1:15:06 Entering with Kai for Double Vertical Slap Sweep for under-bridge situations 1:18:28 Summary of class and corrections 1:21:40 Ending Li Sip Kun 1:22:45 Ending Sam Chien

Class 17 – Introduction to the Luohan ancestor, footwork practice and Luohan hand techniques (Duration 1 hr. 27 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, Recap, Theory, Questions and Class 17 plan 02:38 Beginning Sam Chien 06:25 Rooting focus using "dropping four points of gold, five toes facing heaven" 12:42 Introducing Luohan ancestor and focus on lotus blossom footwork 15:04 Li Sip Kun technique warmup – alternating between floating and rooting 22:48 Li Sip Kun form practice 31:02 Power development in Sam Chien vs Li Sip Kun 33:56 Offensive hand - Whip ("pien", 鞭), Kim / Pien combination, Sinking for power. 40:00 Evading exchange step ("hua be", 換馬) with Kim / Pien 47:30 Transitioning into a leg sweep 59:10 Ox Turning the Grass (牛掀草) 1:02:35 Father and Son Following (父子相随) (clip at 1:7:35) 1:12:10 Luohan keywords, application theory, mental and physical attributes, and "San Zheng" (三正) 1:14:20 Combining evading (閃) with exchange step 1:16:58 Questions 1:16:16 Ending Li Sip Kun 1:20:16 Ending Sam Chien 1:22:08 Additional options and details, plus summary of class and corrections

Class 18 – Continuing exploration of Luohan (Duration 1 hr. 28 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome, Recap, and Class 18 plan 08:50 Introducing offensive hand, Kong (摃) 11:36 Introducing offensive hand, Green Dragon Spot (青龍點) 13:56 Beginning Sam Chien 17:28 Beginning Li Sip Kun 23:16 Li Sip Kun using Green Dragon Spot 28:42 Hian and Green Dragon Spot to escaping hand and double vertical punch 31:13 Kim and Green Dragon Spot with evading exchange step 38:48 Hian and Green Dragon Spot transition to Father and Son Following 40:16 Hian and Green Dragon Spot transition to Kong 43:36 Using Green Dragon spot to create a bridge 45:02 Luohan Chiu (羅漢手) 48:52 Luohan Chiu transition to Kim / Pien. Kim / Green Dragon Spot to Luohan Chiu. 51:40 Range problems vs training in range. Self-defense format. 56:22 Entry via clearing or opening. Transitions from clearing to prior techniques. 58:30 Louhan Chiu with evading exchange step, then advance to continue attack 1:00:40 Enter straight, then evade to the side and crash the center 1:08:16 Enter straight and compass out. Continue, using Kim/Kong to Sia. 1:15:48 Summary review of technique similarities and differences 1:19:16 Three-legged Tiger 1:20:36 Li Sip Kun, punching mid/high/low (Three-legged Tiger) 1:23:20 Ending Sam Chien 1:25:36 Questions and closing

Class 19 – Introduction to White Crane ancestor theory and techniques (Duration 1 hr. 13 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 04:16 Class 19 plan and White Crane Boxing history 06:04 Crane Qigong – Whipping and Relaxation training 07:06 Back Flapping (扇翅膀向後) 15:40 Single Water Hand (水手) 20:46 Dropping Shoulders (落肩) 21:30 Vibration (駿) – purpose and value 25:00 Theory of Hard and Soft Cooperating (剛柔相濟) 29:08 Beginning Sam Chien 31:40 Study of Swallow hand (吞手) – neutralizing, power, and application 49:24 Vertical Deflecting Finger Thrust – Tok (啄) 55:40 Classical Combination: Tok, Gai, Pien (龍吐珠) 59:32 Defensive Hand - Floating Hand/Wrist (漂手) 1:00:34 Pioh Cha (漂插) 1:04:20 Side Thrust ("tiaw kian", 窕肩) 1:11:38 Questions, Summary, and Closing

Class 20 – White Crane ancestor theory and techniques continued (Duration 1 hr. 32 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 01:32 Beginning Sam Chien 04:20 Beginning Li Sip Kun 07:48 White Crane history and influence, theory, mental and physical attributes 16:26 Crane Qigong - Side spreading (傳播側翅膀) 18:30 Crane Qigong – Side Lifting (提側翅膀) 22:30 Body coordination for sinking energy 26:26 Back Flapping (扇翅膀向後) 29:06 Application for back flapping ging, entering with Elegant Phoenix Tail 32:06 Crane Qigong - Disrupting Yin & Yang (擾亂陰和陽) 38:16 Formula for training - Xing, Gong, Fa (形功法) 40:44 Review of Swallow Hand to Chiat. Yu Dayao's theory on timing. 47:20 Split (li, 離) to open center and for offensive usage. 1:00:08 Tiaw kian – review and details 1:03:36 Tok – review and details 1:04:54 Kao Da (鈎打) - hook and chop. Unified body and power development. 1:15:52 External (外) vs Internal (內) martial arts 1:19:40 Pioh Chiu – review and details, transition to Pioh Cha (2 fingers) 1:22:02 Intersperse Pioh Cha and Tok 1:22:23 Low Pioh Cha 1:25:14 Questions, Summary, and Closing 1:29:55 Ending Sam Chien

Class 21 – More White Crane power, timing, and usage (Duration 1 hr. 18 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 06:08 Beginning Sam Chien 09:04 Cha (插), Che Chat - long-bridge exercise 10:05 Cha (插), Che Chat - soft recoil exercise 12:32 Cha (插), Yin Cha (陰插) – rebounding training 15:48 If you want to strike East, first point West; want to hit high, first strike low. 16:55 Kim to Cha (插) 19:54 Adding lotus blossom footwork, evading step 21:22 Four-stage training formula review: Single, Serial, Parallel, Combined 26:52 Filling the gap with Kim / Cha to Cha 29:10 Better intercepting punch #1 - evasion, assisted Kim, or transition Tioh to Kim 34:52 Rear leg Kim, lead leg Cha 37:26 Using the body to pull with Kim. Delaying the turn of the hips. 38:52 Adding an additional beat with intercepting chop 39:58 Review the four-stage training formula. Filling the dead space and time. 44:14 Transitioning to "Split" against 2nd punch. Dangers of the inside gate. 46:44 Using Assisted Hook (和手鈎) 51:36 Leading with Tiaw Kian, then filling the gap. 53:18 Transition to Kao Da, then Split, then Po Pai 56:04 Using Kao Da to manage straight or looping punches 59:44 Kim / Cha / Cha, transition to hook and floating wrist to Tok 1:02:00 Tiaw Kian / Cha, transition to hook and floating wrist to Tok 1:07:08 Tiaw Kian power development with closing and opening the chest 1:08:24 Target and tool (hand shape) selection 1:11:52 Recap, Questions, Summary, and Closing 1:16:00 Ending Sam Chien 1:17:56 Advice for continuing your San Sau study

Class 22 – An Chiu and deep dive on the four stages of body coordination training – purpose and value (Duration 1 hr. 24 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome and overview of Class 22 04:08 Beginning Sam Chien and 12:48 Li Sip Kun – classical timing 16:34 Controlling technique "An Chiu" (按手) with unified body 34:28 Focus on the center for power deliver (技不離中門,出手對子午) 35:48 Shoulder position, Tombstone body, closing the chest 37:08 Summary of An Chiu. Che Chat as a variation of An Chiu. 38:24 Understanding all fours stages of body coordination for self-study and understanding 38:48 Stage 1: Single – examples, purpose, and value 53:58 Stage 2: Serial – examples, purpose, and value. Target availability and hand shape. 56:43 Snatching Victory from Defeat (敗中術勝) 1:03:48 Stage 3: Parallel – examples, purpose, and value 1:12:34 Stage 4: Combined (Parallel to Serial) – examples, purpose, and value 1:20:42 Ending Sam Chien 1:23:08 Summary, and Closing

Class 23 – Review, feedback, and details on long salutation ("eight-part head") (Duration 1 hr. 33 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 05:40 Overview of Class 23 08:50 Beginning Sam Chien 12:06 Li Sip Kun – classical timing 13:26 Review of long salutation with feedback and details 1:07:38 Wrapup on review process 1:18:50 Review approx. 30 single techniques already taught 1:24:52 Things to focus on when practicing "single" techniques, defensive or offensive 1:29:26 Terminology concerns

Class 24 – Review, feedback, and details on Sam Chien and Li Sip Kun

(Duration 1 hr. 12 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome and overview of class 24 03:12 Beginning Sam Chien 08:08 Li Sip Kun – classical timing 09:16 Review, feedback, and details of Sam Chien primary sequence (cha, che chat, tun chiu, chun chiu) 26:26 Review, feedback, and details of Sam Chien tail (sang kwi chian, sang kao, pa chat, sia, chiat, tueh, po pai) 52:36 Review, feedback, and details of Li Sip Kun primary sequence (Hian, Kunx3) 1:07:12 Wrapup and plan for future classes 1:10:26 Ending Sam Chien

Class 25 – Introduction to Monkey Ancestor

(Duration 1 hr. 25 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome and overview of class 25 03:26 Beginning Sam Chien 05:44 Monkey King references. Physical and mental traits. Strategies and tactics. 09:38 Eyebrow Hand (齊眉手) and hook mannerisms 12:30 Kut be (crouching / 屈馬) 17:24 Lying down movement examples 20:26 Shin Press 24:40 Leg pull / foot hook (鈎角法) 36:28 Cat Washing Face (hook and eyebrow hand)(猴进中央猫洗脸) 41:40 Palm movements (T'ng, Yao, and Wan Sut) 47:32 Overlapping Open Bow (榻開弓) 52:50 Sticking as a passive bridging movement 56:28 Po Puah So ("Holding the Tray Grab", 抱盤拨) 1:00:38 Front Catch and Tuh Chiu (propping hand, 托手) 1:04:40 Kan Gu So ("Pulling the Cow Grab", 牽牛捘) 1:10:34 Side Catch 1:12:30 Coiling Arm Grab (雙捲手 or 茵籐手) 1:17:52 Tiger Head Hold (虎頭捘) 1:20:28 Questions and wrapup 1:21:42 Final Sam Chien

Class 26 - Monkey taolu (form/kata) Traveler Points the Way (行者指路)

(Duration 1 hr. 29 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome and overview of class 26 04:10 Beginning Sam Chien 06:10 Introduction to the form "Traveler Points the Way" 09:32 Salutation 22:32 Movement 1: (North) R Hook, Elegant Phoenix Tail 25:35 Movement 2: Sang pueh sau 31:40 Movements 3-4: In tin so, L T'ng Chiu 43:25 Review / Demo 53:20 Movement 5: (West) Kao / Sut 54:07 Movement 6: L kim / L leg scoop, 57:20 Movement 7: R Kim Drop straight down, kut be / L kai 1:13:08 Movement 8: Stand R pulling cow, knee lift, vibrating kick 1:14:04 Movement 9: Pa chat / tim chiu (in sei ping ma) 1:17:58 Demo up to movement 9 1:18:30 Questions and wrapup 1:26:26 Final Sam Chien

Class 27 - Monkey taolu (form/kata) Traveler Points the Way (行者指路)(Part 2 of 3)

(Duration 1 hr. 32 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 10:02 Beginning Sam Chien 13:56 Monkey warmups – Cat Washes Face variations 25:35 Review of form 27:16 Deep-dive on Movements 6-7 – timing and double circling practice 48:50 Movement 10 – Eyebrow hand (x2) 49:46 Movement 11 – "Chicken Preening Wing" 1:00:22 Movement 12 – Kao/Yao 1:01:54 Movement 13 – Double Tucked 1:02:26 Movement 14 – Overlapping Open Bow 1:14:24 Movement 15 – Cover, Kick, and Back Slap 1:20:48 Movement 16 – Lying Scissor and upward kick 1:25:28 Movement 17 – Kneeling Grab 1:26:24 Questions and wrapup 1:30:15 Final Sam Chien

Class 28 - Monkey taolu (form/kata) Traveler Points the Way (行者指路)(Part 3 of 3)

(Duration 1 hr. 38 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome 05:28 Beginning Sam Chien 10:38 Individual Form Review for calibration 16:42 Details for movements 1-17 01:05:10 Movement 18 - Double step forward, Assisted Tioh, Po Pai 01:06:10 Movement 19 – Po Puah So 01:15:52 Movement 20 – Kao / Kao / Yao 01:18:22 Movement 21 – L Escaping hand, R Palm strike 01:18:43 Movement 22 – L Coiling hand, Kut Be – Bending Bamboo 01:23:12 Movement 23 – Sang Pien 01:23:46 Movement 24 – Tiger Head Hold, Double Spring 01:30:04 Full form demonstration ½ speed. 01:31:20 Questions and wrapup 01:36:38 Final Sam Chien

NOTE: The audio on this class had intermittent problems, which have been resolved.

Class 29 – Sam Chien and Li Sip Kun refinement and Se Mun Pa Kak (part 1)

(Duration 1 hr. 36 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 02:28 Beginning Sam Chien, with refinements and usage 24:18 Thrusting practice and Li Sip Kun power development 47:00 Five Parts Power practice with individual techniques – Kao 49:52 Flow practice – Kao to Cha 52:40 Unified body practice with Kao 59:48 Using Kao to Da 1:03:22 Kim / Pien with Hua Be 1:06:34 Sang Pien 1:07:08 Elegant Phoenix Tail 1:10:18 Se Mun Pa Kak – Part 1 – movements, strategies, and tactics 1:29:30 Follow up and questions 1:34:08 Final Sam Chien

Class 30 – Se Mun Pa Kak (part 2)

(Duration 1 hr. 21 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 05:15 Beginning Sam Chien 09:34 Review of Se Mun Pa Kak (part 1) 27:16 New section - Kim and Uppercut in Sei Ping Ma 45:02 New section - Jump and Kut Be with Kai 53:24 New section - Kim Pien and Tioh Chiat 1:02:00 New section - Turn Left, Kim and 2 Punches 1:05:26 Review of Part 1 and Part 2 1:18:44 Final Sam Chien

Class 31 – Se Mun Pa Kak (part 3)

(Duration 1 hr. 21 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome and discussion of Five Big Roads 11:22 Beginning Sam Chien 14:06 Beginning Li Sip Kun 18:44 Review of Traveler Points the Way 43:24 Drilling of sections of Se Mun Pa Kak (part 1) 49:08 Part 2 1:06:44 New section – Tiaw Kian (x2) 1:15:34 Final section – Sang Cha and Po Pai, 3 punches, 1 punch, and close 1:19:36 Wrapup and Questions

Class 32 – Se Mun Pa Kak segment practice

(Duration 1 hr. 29 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 04:00 Beginning Sam Chien 05:52 Warmup for Kut Be practice 08:52 Luohan footwork practice – advance and retreat 09:58 Advancing into low uppercut in Sei Ping Ma 10:55 Details on retreating with power 20:38 Practicing 90 deg turn on the diagonals 25:04 Adding Kim Pien, Tioh Chiat 29:24 Using gravity to assist forward momentum 34:02 Techniques used for alternative purposes 57:22 "Caressing Shoulder" technique coordination 01:06:53 Double Pierce, Coiling Hand, Po Pai 01:12:58 Po Pai vs Karate's Mawashi-uke – four Po Pai variations 01:27:20 Finishing Li Sip Kun 1:28:16 Wrapup and Questions

Class 33 – Se Mun Pa Kak segment practice

(Duration 1 hr. 46 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 01:28 Welcome 04:06 Beginning Sam Chien 07:14 Influence of Dazunquan (Damo Respecting Boxing) 09:52 Beginning Li Sip Kun and how it demonstrates Taizu ancestor strategy 13:24 Adding evasion and observation to Li Sip Kun practice XX:XX More details on ancestral preferences 23:56 Refinements and details on Traveler Points the Way (monkey) 35:44 Strategies and tactics of the application sequences 38:32 Luohan footwork practice – advance and retreat 42:11 Minimal retreat with Exchange step (hua be) 48:14 Retreating alternative to the rear corner 52:08 Retreating perpendicular to the attacker 55:10 Adding the shuffle step to the sequence 58:34 Rooting, floating, and classical form timing 1:04:14 Kim Pien entry 1:10:50 Warmup for Kut Be practice and details on measurements 1:15:46 Jumping practice 1:28:42 Power practice aligning stepping for uppercut 1:32:56 Se Mun Pa Kak form review with details 1:41:30 Review of class 33 concepts 1:43:42 Final Li Sip Kun 1:44:38 Details on turn (hian)

Clip these: 12:30 – Li Sip Kun 15:20 – timing 57:13 – 1:05:10 1:43:00 – dodging

Class 34 – Review of prior forms and start of Sam Chien Sip Li Kun

(Duration 1 hr. 17 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 05:28 Beginning Three Battles 07:20 Twenty Punches 08:36 Review of Four Doors Hitting the Corners 16:50 Kut Be Warmup 21:48 Details on whip (pien) 25:32 Rearranging the techniques for drilling 42:02 Review of Traveler Points the Way 1:04:00 Three Battles Cross Pattern (sam chien sip li) 1:16:42 Questions and closing

Class 35 – Sam Chien Sip Li Kun (part 2)

(Duration 1 hr. 15 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 02:28 Beginning Three Battles 05:26 Twenty Punches (deconstructed) 13:22 Four Doors Hitting the Corners details 17:28 Non-classical application (stop at 20:16) 39:20 Bridging keywords for usage 40:22 Talkthru of whole form 42:58 Methods of drilling and elbow control 45:54 Three Battles Cross Pattern 49:36 Non-classical timing for usage 59:36 New movements 1:02:50 Overview of roads 1-2 1:06:38 Homework 1:08:26 Demonstration of roads 1-2 and turn 1:12:35 Sam Chien 1:14:36 Closing

Class 36 – Sam Chien Sip Li Kun (part 3)

(Duration 1 hr. 7 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome 05:54 "Four Big Roads" – Sam Chien thru Sam Chien Sip Li 15:30 Practicing non-classical 24:07 Three Battles Cross Pattern – part 3 51:18 Traveler Points the Way – Fifth road 58:34 Three Battles Cross Pattern remaining sections 01:05:06 Wrapup and Closing

Class 37 – Saber (dao) introduction

(Duration 1 hr.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome
03:40 "Four Big Roads", plus "Traveler points the Way"
09:12 Traveler Points the Way, 5th road.
15:44 Strategy "neglect the root for the branches"
18:58 Introduction to saber – sizing, grip, etc.
22:38 Flower to deflect lower right corner and chop over
27:28 Defense on the upper right and chop diagonal
34:14 Keeping the point online, following a chop with a thrust
38:46 Wrap defense on the upper left and chop
42:46 Using the wrap to defend the upper right
57:10 Wrapup and summary
59:06 Closing with Three Battles

Introduction to Saber Only

00:00 Introduction to saber – sizing, grip, etc.
03:40 Flower to deflect lower right corner and chop over
09:29 Defense on the upper right and chop diagonal
15:16 Keeping the point online, following a chop with a thrust
19:50 Defense on the upper left (wrap) and chop
23:48 Using the wrap to defend the upper right

Class 38 – Form 1-3 details and Saber (Duration 1 hr. 21 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome 02:06 Three Battles review 11:07 Twenty Punches review and skills highlight 22:48 Four Doors Hitting the Corner review 48:42 Saber practice 1:18:04 Wrapup and summary

Class 39 – Form 1-4 details and Saber (Duration 1 hr. 6 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 03:34 Forms 1-4 linked 11:26 Three Battles Cross Pattern detail 29:28 Traveler Points the Way – Transition from Road 1 to 2 - detail 40:40 Chua Family Saber – Road 1 full 1:05:50 Wrapup and summary

Class 40 – Chua Family Saber – Roads 1-2 (Duration 1 hr. 2 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 06:35 Three Battles 09:14 Chua Family Saber – Road 1 52:04 Chua Family Saber – Road 2 58:48 Chua Family Saber – Road 3 (sneak peek) 59:02 Wrapup and summary

Class 41 – Chua Family Saber – Roads 1-2 (Duration 1 hr. 16 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 02:04 Three Battles 10:16 Twenty Punches 24:26 Traveler Points the Way – arm lock details 37:02 Developing drills from best to worst case scenarios 46:33 Chua Family Saber – Roads 1-3 1:13:40 Wrapup and summary Class 42 – Double Banner – Road 1, Part 1 (Duration 1 hr. 30 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 05:42 Forms 1-4 – practice and details 18:04 Six Gates Bridging - 1-3 33:22 Chua Family Saber 45:46 Double Banner (song sui) 1:26:48 Three Battles 1:29:16 Wrapup and summary

Class 43 – Double Banner – Roads 1-2 (Duration 1 hr. 7 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 02:44 Three Battles 06:18 Forms 2-4 – practice and details 09:13 Double Banner (song sui) – movements 1-10 23:30 Double Banner – movement 11 – grab (kim) 24:38 Double Banner – movement 12 – coiling and holding the tablet (po pai) 26:04 Double Banner – movement 13 – holding slanted (po pien) 41:12 Double Banner – movement 14 – drunken step, open (kai) 44:58 Double Banner – movement 15 – slice chop (chiat) 47:26 Double Banner – movements 16-18 – open (kai), slice chop (chiat), hairpin chop (tueh) 53:02 Double Banner – movements 18-22 - grab (kim), elbow block (kwi chiat), hook (kao), pressing palm (t'ng chiu) 1:04:42 Three Battles (soft)

Class 44 – Double Banner – Roads 3-4 (Duration 53 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome 02:45 Three Battles 05:34 Double Banner – review Roads 1-2 19:08 Double Banner – Road 3 – Eight movements 26:50 Double Banner – Road 4 – Eight movements 37:18 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – Begin Road 1 52:26 Closing Class 45 – Double Banner – Road 5 and Green Dragon Pole (Duration 1 hour 5 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome 03:58 Three Battles 05:24 Double Banner – review, refinement and Road 5 39:02 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – Roads 1 and 2 1:04:56 Closing

Class 46 – Double Banner and Green Dragon Pole (Duration 1 hour 20 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 02:09 Forms 1 thru 5 10:34 - Double Banner – review and refinement 58:12 – Staff fundamentals 1:04:54 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – Roads 1 and 2 1:18:17 Closing

Class 47 – Double Banner and Green Dragon Pole (Duration 1 hour 6 min.)

Video Bookmarks: 00:00 Welcome 01:56 Three Battles 04:42 Lotus blossom shadowboxing 30:04 Double Banner – review and refinement 37:40 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – Roads 1 thru 4 1:05:01 Closing

Class 48 – Double Banner, Green Dragon Pole, Six Gates Hand Method No. 1 (Duration 1 hour 53 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 04:56 Three Battles refinement 09:14 Double Banner – review and refinement 55:52 Yu Dayao, Sword Classic, etc 1:01:11 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – Road 1 1:26:21 Road 3 details 1:32:28 Six Gates Hand Methods 1:35:20 Six Gates - No. 1 – Assisted Hook 1:48:24 Questions, Summary, Closing and final Sam Chien

Class 49 – Double Banner and Green Dragon Pole (Duration 1 hour 6 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 03:30 Three Battles 06:58 Review and corrections on Pa Kak, Sam Chien Sip Li, and Song Sui 35:35 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – Road 1 58:40 Road 2 1:08:18 Road 3 1:20:33 Roads 4-5 1:27:32 Questions, Summary, Closing

Class 50 – Three Battles Cross Pattern, Double Banner, and Green Dragon Pole (Duration 1 hour 26 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 02:26 Three Battles 06:25 Review and corrections on Pa Kak, Sam Chien Sip Li, and Song Sui 54:00 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – Road 3-5 1:05:03 Six Gates Hand Methods 1:07:20 No. 1 – Assisted Hook (ho chiu kou) 1:18:28 No. 2 – Pierce and sit the joint (cha, che chiat) 1:23:40 Questions, Summary, Closing

Class 51 – Green Dragon Pole and Six Gates Hand Methods (Duration 1 hour 12 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome 04:20 Three Battles 07:44 Green Dragon Coiling in the Water Staff – review and corrections 35:12 – Six Gates Hand Methods versus the Eight Methods of Attack 36:56 No. 1 – Assisted Hook – review and corrections 38:01 No. 2 – Pierce (then sit the joint) – review and corrections 39:30 No. 3 – Uppercut (then Cover) 46:46 No. 4 – Hang (then Low Chop) 1:03:40 No. 5 – Press (then Scoop) 1:09:40 Questions, Summary, Closing, and Closing Three Battles

Class 52 – Partner training formulas and Six Gates Hand Methods (Duration 1 hour 34 min.)

Video Bookmarks:

00:00 Welcome and discussion on learning form sequences 15:06 Three Battles 20:20 Skill Development formulas 21:07 Body Coordination Methodology (single, serial, etc.) 27:16 Scenario fallback (success, obstruction, failure) 31:24 Four stages of drill randomness and selection 47:50 Six Gates Hand methods 1:29:50 Questions, Summary, Closing, and Closing Three Battles