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TAI CHI CHUAN & INTERNAL ARTS JOURNAL

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Great news!

We are very pleased to announce the return of the printed version of the TCC&IA Journal which should be landing on members' doorsteps in the next few days (post permitting!).

If your magazine does not arrive by Christmas, please contact us enquiries@taichiunion.com

You can still access the digital magazine [here](#)

We are already compiling content for the next issue and look forward to receiving your submissions.

Email them to us editor@taichimag.org

Contact us:

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treasurer@taichiunion.com

Website updates (events & Instructor listings ONLY)
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MEMBERS UPDATE MEETING

Many thanks to everyone who attended the members' meeting on Saturday 26th November live on zoom; it was great to put faces to the names of our fellow members. We announced some exciting new projects including a **new website** and the **Gerdes Geddes Fund** for Instructor Members working with disadvantaged groups. [Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the website.](#)

We enjoyed meeting everyone and had overwhelmingly positive feedback both at the meeting, and since, which is very encouraging and means a great deal to the Board. We are now working hard on the details of the new projects. These will be shared in our newsletters to members.

"The meeting was very helpful, thank you. I appreciate the work the board has put in to get the Union back on track."

"I found that very inspirational. You were all very good and the presentation was super."

TCUGB FOR EVERYONE!

The TCUGB is for everyone interested in Tai Chi and the Internal arts. Previously, the TCUGB was focused on supporting its Instructor Members, but we realise it's essential to support your students too as they are the future; so to are the wider public interested in Tai Chi and Internal Arts.

It's easy for them to join as an Ordinary Member for only £30 a year; they will receive 3 printed magazines a year, newsletters, t-shirt, and other benefits. Details at <https://www.taichiunion.com/how-to-join/>

SELECTION OF TCC&IA JOURNAL ARTICLES

A selection of the articles which can be viewed online at www.taichimag.org

- ❖ [Meet the directors](#)
- ❖ [Teaching children](#)
- ❖ [Stepping up to 108](#)
- ❖ [History of Cheng Tin Hung](#)
- ❖ [Tai Chi Tango](#)
- ❖ [Tai Chi Combat](#)



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CALLING FOR PHOTOS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS

To refresh our website, improve social media and develop marketing material for our members, we need quality images.

There are photographers, both amateur and professional, within the TCUGB membership and we'd like to pull this together, so we can all support each other.

If you have photos you're willing to share, or are interested in being part of this project, please contact us for more details at

photography@taichiunion.com

TECHNICAL PANEL AND GRADES UPDATE

The Technical Panel is formed from Senior members of the TCUGB, all specialists in their field. In October they reviewed the grading system which had been in place for many years as it was becoming divisive and not fit for purpose for today's Union.

In future, only people who have been training for a minimum of 5 consecutive years can apply to be Instructors. All existing Instructors will keep their accreditation as a TCUGB Instructor. The only grade will be Senior and will apply to those who have been members of the TCUGB for 10 or more consecutive years. Revised guidance notes will be available for potential new members and are important to read before applying. If you have any questions, please contact us: treasurer@taichiunion.com

This new simplified system will take effect from January 2023.

CIMSPA NATIONAL STANDARDS UPDATE

This has been a long, hard project and has caused some controversy with some members over what it may mean to them. Please remember that it is not intended to restrict the practice or teaching by TCUGB members as it does not cover the whole arts, just improve quality control in specific sectors. We have written a Q&A that is in issue 67 of TCC&IA Journal and can be downloaded by [clicking here](#). If you have any specific questions not covered, please send to enquiries@taichiunion.com

HELP WITH INSURANCE

We listened to feedback and needs of members and worked with insurers to develop insurance policies to meet your needs. Please visit <https://www.taichiunion.com/join/insurance/> where full policy details can be found. We are doing our best to source the best value and cover for you.

ADD YOUR EVENTS AND CLASSES

Please remember to add your events to the Union website to let members and others know. It's a FREE service as part of your membership. Add your events and classes at <https://www.taichiunion.com/event-listings/>

ADVERTISE IN THE TCC&IA JOURNAL. MEMBERS 50% DISCOUNT SPECIAL OFFER

Feedback on the new look journal has been excellent, and it's really heartening that members are listing events again. Maybe it's now also time to advertise your workshops, course, and products in the journal as members with **receive a substantial 50% discount** if you book before the end of January. Approx journal publication dates are April, August, and December.

If you are interested in finding out more, you can email the editorial team at editor@taichimag.org

FINALLY

Best wishes for wonderful Christmas and happy & healthy New Year. We're looking forward to working with you all in 2023.

Board of Directors, TCUGB CIC



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