

SHOTOKAN DAWN OVER IRELAND

*A selected, early history of Shotokan karate in Eire
(1960-1964)*



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With a Foreword by Alan Ruddock



From a Dublin back garden in 1960 sprang the beginnings of Shotokan karate in Ireland. Alan Ruddock, a mature and enterprising sixteen-year-old schoolboy, after practising karate techniques from books with friends and unable to locate a club in his native land, became a member of Vernon Bell's emerging British Karate Federation. Using BKF documents as a backbone, Dr. Layton, with the same meticulous eye for detail that was evident in his two volume *Shotokan Dawn*, weaves a wonderfully readable account, from the trials and tribulations of establishing the first Shotokan Dublin dojo, through BKF Summer Schools and training with the infamous Tetsuji Murakami, to its coming of age, when the club aligned itself directly to the Japan Karate Association.

From the author of such classics as *Kanazawa, 10th Dan*, and *Funakoshi on Okinawa*, **Shotokan Dawn Over Ireland** is another brilliantly researched work that ensures that the foundation of Irish Shotokan has been recorded for posterity.

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