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3rd Dan Shindo Jinen-ryu Karate-jutsu

Tony Borgebäck started his martial arts training in Kalmar Budoklubb as an 8 year old, first in Judo and then as a teenager with ju-jutsu.

When Kalmar Karate Klubb started with Poul Kee 5Dan JKA Shotokan as head instructor, Tony was in the first group of beginners, though Tony was already an instructor and a board member in Kalmar Budoklubb. The ju-jutsu is today known as Ju-jutsu Kai, under Soke Hans Greger. Karate immediately became a passion with Tony. Training in both karate and ju-jutsu followed and paid of with a black belt in Ju-jutsu Kai in 1987. Studies in the USA interrupted the ju-jutsu training. Tony started training in the Santa Monica College Karate Club in 1990 under Sensei Darrel Goode, 5Dan, Japan Karate-do Ryobu-Kai. Sensei Goode became a big source of inspiration and a good friend. Tony began to help out with instruction and got an invitation to participate in instructor trainings in Japan Karate-do Ryobu-kai Hombu dojo in Anaheim.

The opportunity to learn and study under Kiyoshi Yamazaki Sensei became a life- altering experience. To this day, Yamazaki Sensei remains the guiding light in Tony's life-long studies in Karate-do. After 10 years in the USA, Tony returned to Sweden with the promise to Yamazaki Sensei to start a new Ryobu-Kai Branch in Sweden.

Today, Tony leads the Karate activities in Kalmar Budoklubb, and is once again a board member. JKR Sweden's senior student also studies kobujutsu and has close ties with Ryukyu Kobujutsu Hozon Shinko Kai, which is under Kisho Inoue Sensei, a long time close friend of Soke Yasuhiro (Takehiro) Konishi Sensei.