



WILD GEESE MARTIAL ARTS



Paul Cox Receives a Black Belt from Grand Master Danny Guba

Congratulations to our own Paul Cox on receiving his Black Belt certificate from Doce Pares Grand Master Danny Guba.

Paul has over 15 years training in the Filipino Martial Arts, from when Pat O'Malley and John Harvey first came to Ireland to introduce their Rapid Arnis system.

For a time Paul was the highest graded student of Rapid Arnis in Ireland and the second highest student in the system after Jude Tucker.

Paul left Ireland for a number of years, continuing his training and now teaching in places such as the Gambia, Lebanon and Cuba, he still has students in many of these places. Upon returning to Ireland he took his place as a kenpo instructor at Shay McNamee's Martial Arts Academy, where he met Dave.

Dave, already an experienced martial artist, learned Kenpo and Rapid Arnis from Paul. At this time Paul was not publicly teaching the Filipino Martial Arts, so took Dave as more of a training partner than student.

In 2003, Dave attended a Cream of the Crop seminar in England, featuring Pat O'Malley, John Harvey and Grand Master Danny Guba.

So impressed with what he saw of Danny he returned home to tell Paul what he'd seen. Paul immediately called Pat for an introduction.

Very soon Paul was travelling to Danny's London home for private tuition, and both Paul and Dave were travelling to the UK for Danny's seminars.

It was around this time Paul and Dave decided to set up their own organisation, teaching the Filipino Martial Arts of Doce Pares Eskrima and Rapid Arnis and the unarmed combat of Ed Parkers Kenpo Karate. The name "Wild Geese" was chosen and Wild Geese Martial Arts was formed.

The Wild Geese visited the Philippines in 2006, training at the Doce Pares HQ for a full 3 weeks. It was on our return that Danny decided Paul was now ready for the next level.

Paul's visits to Danny became more intense until Danny turned around and said "Now I give you 1st Degree Black Belt". The first in Ireland. While grades and collecting belts is not a priority for the Wild Geese, we are more about good quality martial arts, it is a great honour to have recognition from a master of Danny's calibre.