

1962 -Started martial arts (Karate & Judo) at age of 19 years in Melbourne

1969 -moved to Wollongong studied locally in Korean karate and judo

1970 -Met Grand master Young Ku Yun 8<sup>th</sup> degree , studied in Sydney

1972 -Opened first school in Wollongong to teach Tae Kwon Do to the public under supervision of Grandmaster Yun

1973(Dec)-Promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> degree Black Belt Instructor met General Choi first time, he witnessed the Black belt gradings conducted by Grandmaster Yun & presented me with a 'Special' Masters Black Belt (From General Choi personally) . Opened second school in Shellharbour

1975-**Became member of elite tae Kwon Do Demonstration team. Demonstrated Tae Kwon do at Sydney Opera House**

1975-**Met General Choi second time , he traveled to Wollongong with Grandmaster Yun , talked to local media and Television conducted demo and brief at my schools (General Choi founder of Tae Kwon Do). General Choi signed my first tae Kwon Do Bible . I performed 'a single handed' demo in front of the Korean & Australian Government VIP'S and was presented with a (replica) medallion by Korean government officials, that date back to the 15<sup>th</sup> century called Map'ae and that is the equivalent to a Samurai or Knighthood in Korea**

1976(Mar)-Promoted to 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan Black Belt also senior Instructor of the Australian Tae Kwon Do Academy

1977-Met general Choi 3<sup>rd</sup> time and Master Rhee Ki Ha from the UK , both traveled to Wollongong with Grandmaster Yun , talked to local media and demonstrated on TV .**General Choi gave me personal instruction, at my home for 4 hours about basics and patterns,** and this was the highlight of my career (being personally instructed 'one to one' by the founder of Tae kwon Do himself a great Honor that I will never forget)

1978(Jan)-Met General Choi 4<sup>th</sup> time in New Zealand. **General Choi asked me personally to move to New Zealand and promote Tae Kwon Do also to establish TKD headquarters there.**

1978/79-Moved to New Zealand. **Helped to promote Tae Kwon Do with new Zealand Instructors and establish New Zealand Headquarters.** Instructed unarmed combat at Auckland army base for three months

1979-returned to Australia to continue study of Tae Kwon Do under grandmaster Yun .Promoted to 3<sup>rd</sup> Dan Black belt

1980-Met General Choi 5<sup>th</sup> time in Brisbane for seminar and 1<sup>st</sup> open tournament organized by Grandmaster Yun and myself where I was chief referee

1984-attended two week seminar in Brisbane under Grandmaster Yun and Grandmaster Park Jung Tae 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt, I received the Instructors Certificate of the 'South Pacific Tae Kwon Do federation' (Grandmaster Yun's organization). I then retired as an Instructor for Grandmaster Yun. I then studied hap ki do under Master Sung Do Kim for approx 11 months met Grandmaster Jong Sang Ha 8th Dan Black belt at Liverpool. Studied under him and held the position of Chief Instructor for 6 years

1987(Jun) promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> Dan Black belt

1988- **Received 'Certificate of honor' from Korean Chun Kwan federation for dedication and promotion of Tae Kwon Do**

1990- Retired from training due to knee injuries (editor's note: Master Korent received Knee replacements from the 'old style' type of 'training systems')

1990/93-instructed basic self defence at Illawarra

1993- Introduced to Choi Kwan Do, by instructor in Richmond (Sydney)

1994(Jan)-met National Instructor for Choi Kwan Do , James Wellsmore and attended intensive 25hour seminar to learn the basics of Cho Kwan Do

1994(Mar)- met Grandmaster Kwang Jo Choi 9dan Black belt , founder of Choi Kwan Do, and President of Cho Kwan Do Martial Arts International. Attended a five four intensive seminar in Wollongong to learn the finer points of Choi Kwan Do received 4<sup>th</sup> Dan certificate and recognition Plaque .

1997-developed my own Martial Arts 'Han Soo-Do'

2001(Mar)- Promoted to Master 7<sup>th</sup> dan Black belt by Independent World Tae Kwon Do Organization .

2004-**Became Founding Director of International Self Defence Association (ISDA)**

**'Installed in the ISDA 'Hall of Fame' for Outstanding Service and dedication to Tae Kwon Do and Martial arts**

-actively involved with ISDA in creating an international 'brotherhood' of Martial artists cross-training and learning from each other in the 'true spirit' of Martial arts International Friendships in a non competitive 'learning atmosphere' .

Editors Note : 'Master Korent has so much 'experience' to contribute he has 'been there and done that' in a Martial Arts Journey that can only be described as 'Legendary' and worthy of 'respect' from all Martial Arts Instructors who know the 'Hard road' that Master Korent forged during the formative years of martial arts history in Australia & New Zealand especially his fantastic back ground in Tae Kwon Do. Not Many Instructors can claim this 'heritage' or 'linage' .The ISDA is proud to have Master Korent as part of our founding Board of Directors and appreciates his contribution to the team Directorship' .

Graham Healy Founding Co-Director ISDA  
Administrative Coordinator ISDA

Master Korent has been trained by , attended seminars, and met the following persons of Martial Arts Fame and repute:

- Grandmaster Young Ku Yun (trained /Seminars)
- Grandmaster Jong Sang Ha 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt (trained)
- Grandmaster General Cho Hong Hi 9<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt founder of Tae Kwon Do (trained with personally)
- Grandmaster Jung Tae Park 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt (seminar)
- Grandmaster Ki Ha Rhee 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt (Met with Gen Choi)
- Grandmaster C.K. Choi 8<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt (met)
- World Heavyweight kickboxing Champ , Bill 'super-foot' Wallace (1981 seminar)
- World Kickboxing Champion , Benny 'The Jet' Urquidez (1982 seminar)