

OSJI Presidential Notes - January 2005

- I. All issues of "OSJI Presidential Notes" are posted on the [OSJI Website](#). Please refer to that source for current and previous issues. It is our desire to distribute these "Notes" to all who desire to be on the distribution list and not to bother those who are not interested. If you know of someone who would like to be added, please send me their e-mail address. If you are on our distribution and want to be removed, also please send me an e-mail stating such.

- II. The end of 2004 found two of our long time members, supporters, and leaders of OSJI in the hospital. **Don Speakman** (Mansfield, OH) has had circulation problems in his leg for quite some time and has undergone previous surgery to try to correct this problem. The surgery didn't solve the problem and Don recently had to have his leg amputated. He is at the Ohio State Medical Center, recuperating. Please keep Don in your thoughts and prayers. **Joyce Edwards** (South Charleston, OH) has returned to the hospital twice in December. I visited on Dec. 30th and she seemed in good spirits but is not "out-of-the-woods" yet. This latest problem (fluid buildup causing difficulty in breathing and potential interference with other vital organs) appears to be due to a changed medication routine. Joyce indicated they have put her back on the previous medication and are now slowly reducing the dosage towards zero. The previous medication has other ramifications and it is not clear that they have a good substitute. I am sure Joyce would also like to hear from her many friends in the judo community. She is currently at Community Hospital in Springfield, OH.

- III. REMINDER: The State Championships are set for February 12, 2005 at Miami University, Oxford, OH. Again this year the OSJI State Championships will be open to competitors from surrounding states as well as all judoka within Ohio. The following divisions will be offered: **Senior, Junior** (including ages 17-20), **High School, Middle School** (new national competition conducted with the H.S. Nationals), a **Development** Division (for Orange Belts and below who have been in 4 or less tournaments) and **MASTERS** competition (just added this year). Details will be forthcoming shortly. Check the [OSJI Web Site](#) often - this info, as well as a lot of other useful info, will be/is

posted there. Remember Points toward the OSJI Travel Team are awarded for both Senior and Junior divisions.

- IV. Upcoming Events in Ohio during January and February (for a more complete list and updates on info, check the OSJI website):
- Clinic & Workout - Jan15 (6PM-9PM) and Jan 16 (9AM-NOON)
 - KRC Open workout - Jan 21 (7-9PM) - call Russ at 937-427-5836
 - Coaches Certification Clinic - Jan 22 or Feb 5, 2005
 - Competitors Clinic - Jan 23 or Feb 6, 2005 (held the day following the Coach Certification Clinic)
 - Junior Referee Program Clinic - Jan 22 or Feb 5, 2005 (whichever day the Coaches Certification Clinic is not held)
 - OSJI Open State Championships - Feb 12, 2005
- V. Please remember to register your club for 2005. Contact Jim Starcher for registration materials. Remember, your club instructor is required to have a background check and must be a certified coach or teacher through the USJI, USJA, or USJF in order to register your club with the OSJI.

Happy New Year!!!

That's all for now.

Keep in touch,
Russ