



# OJI Presidential Notes

Nov 2017

*In an effort to stay in-touch and provide timely information about OJI activities and regional events, it is planned to distribute these "Notes" directly to all members of OJI plus anyone else wishing to receive these e-mails. They will also be posted on the OJI web site. If you wish to be removed from this e-mail list, please contact me using reply to sender (please DO NOT use "reply all"). Similarly, if you are not currently on the "direct e-mail" list and wish to be added please contact me stating your request.*

- 1) Academic Achievement recognition program – Four High School students have met the requirements and have been selected as Ohio High School Judoka High Honors Academic Scholars for the 2016-2017 school year. Josh Kastner and Rose Tyler were Seniors and members of the Kettering Rec Center Judo Club. Mika and Skylar Schumway were Juniors and members of the Chu To Bu/Brassa Judo Club. Congratulations to all for their outstanding academic achievement this past year.

*Note to All High School students:* If you have a GPA (only count this school year grades – September 2017 through June 2018) of 3.0 or higher (normalized to a 4.0 max system) and meet all other program requirements (review the requirements listed on the OJI website at:

<http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php/where-to-train/dojo-web-pages-menuitem/216-oji-scholars-program-description-application>) you will be eligible to be recognized through the OJI High School Academic Honors Judoka Program. Wishing all the best of success this year.

- 2) Referee Training for 2018 – There will be a series of Referee Clinics and Seminars during next year. The first will be held on Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a development mini-shiai at the Kettering Recreation Center (Kettering, OH). Implementation of the 2018 IJF Rules/Modifications will be covered and used at the mini-shiai. The OJI Referee Training Program (located on the OJI Website) will be updated to include the 2018 Rules by January 3, 2018. Please study this program prior to each clinic. This program is meant to benefit those interested in becoming a referee as well as all referees of all certification levels.
- 3) Ronin Joint Workout (11/18/17) – The fourth joint workout for 2017 was held at the Ronin Training Center in Columbus, OH and again proved to be a successful setting for some good training. There

were a good number of participants and instructors with the group breaking into four sections for the morning clinic session and then a combined afternoon randori session was held. During 2018 we plan to have a workout at Ronin each Quarter and a second workout each Quarter which will be hosted by other clubs throughout the state. If you are interested in hosting one of these workouts, please contact Ray Smith (OJI Director of Development) or Russ Scherer (OJI President). We also plan to participate in combined workouts to be held in Indiana.

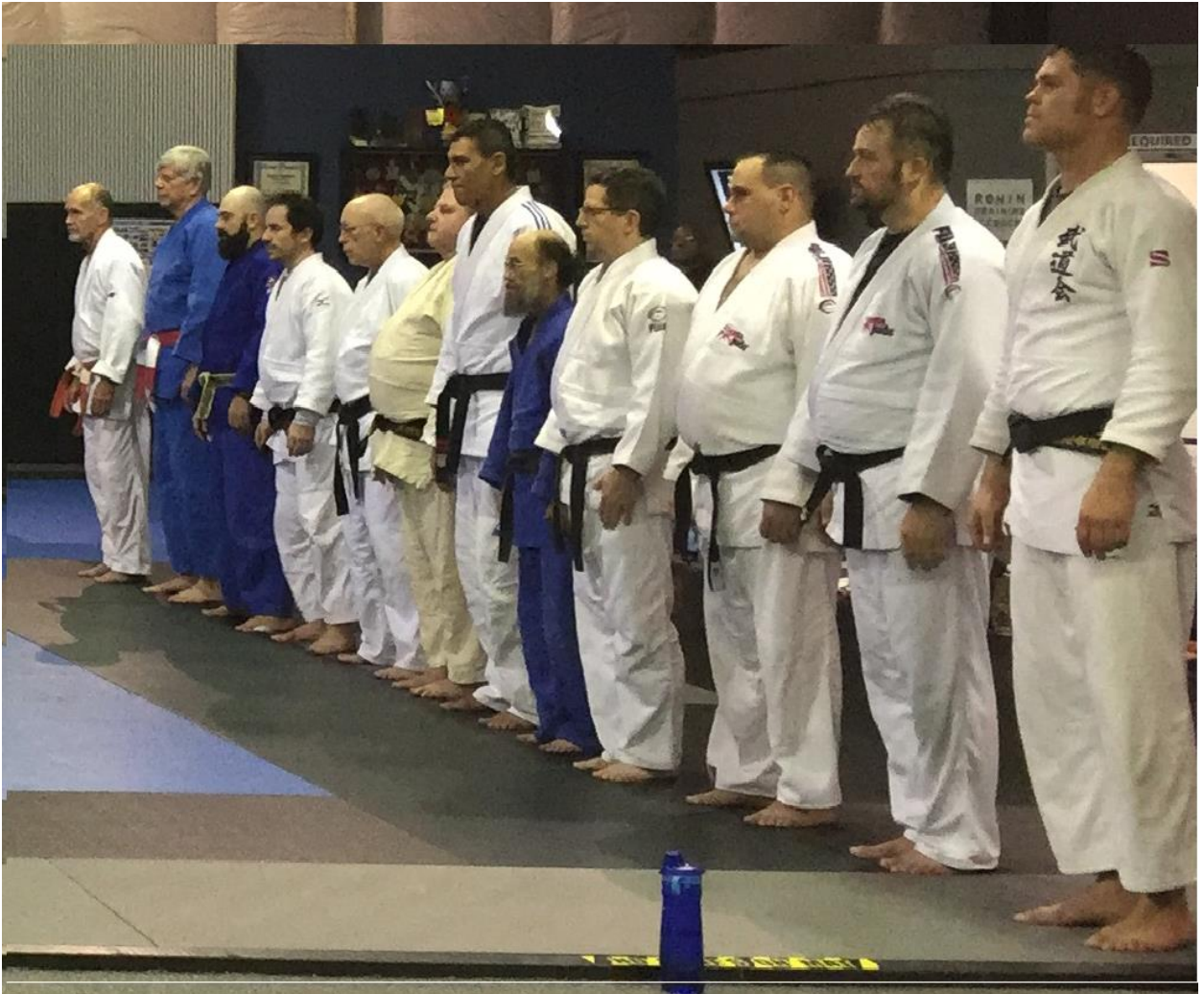
#### Morning Clinic Instructors



#### Morning Clinic Participants



Afternoon Session - Instructors



Afternoon Session - Participants







#### Special Notes:

- 1) If your club is not yet registered with OJI for 2018 yet, please consider joining us and send in your club form with \$25 to Michael Mooney per procedures outlined on the OJI website.

#### Upcoming Events (check the OJI web site for additional details and an updated listing):

**Ohio Events** - **National Events & Ref Eval Sites** - Other Events

- 12/2/17 - Santa's Shiai (Fond du Lac, WI)
- 12/9/17 - **USJA/USJF Winter Nationals (Azusa, CA)**
- 1/13/18 - **KRC Judo Club Mini-Shiai and Referee Training (Kettering, OH)**
- 1/21/18 - **Konan Promotion Clinic (Maumee, OH)**
- 1/27/18 - Wahadachi Competitor and Referee Clinics (Milwaukee, WI)
- 1/28/18 - **Wahadachi Shiai and National Referee Test Site (Milwaukee, WI)**
- 2/3/18 - **Pedro Judo Challenge (Danvers, MA)**
- 2/10/18 - Midwest Collegiate Championships (Savoy, IL)
- 2/24/18 - **Mayfield Championships (Jacksonville, NC)**
- 3/3/18 - **USA Judo National Scholastics and Youth Championships (York, PA)**
- 3/10-11/18 - **Collegiate Nationals (Iowa State, IA)**
- 3/17/18 - Rebel Invitational (Owenton, KY)
- 3/24/18 - **Kettering Judo Classic (Kettering, OH)**
- 3/24/18 - New York Open Team Championships (NYC, NY)
- 4/28/18 - Indiana Open Championships (Portland, IN)
- 5/5/18 - **Akiya Memorial Shiai (Cleveland, OH)**
- 5/12/18 - **Ohio Open Championships (Bluffton, OH)**
- 5/12-13/18 - **USA Judo Senior National Championships (Round Rock, TX)**

5/26/18 - AM/CAN KATA Competition and Referee Clinic (Buffalo, NY)  
5/27/18 - AM/CAN Challenge – All Shiai Divisions (Buffalo, NY)  
6/2/18 - North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)  
7/21-23/18 - Greatest Camp on Earth (Matthews, NC)  
7/31-8/5/18 - Camp Bushido (CA)

*If you have information about any other events that would be of interest to OJI members, please reply to this e-mail (do not send info that applies only to your club). Also – Please verify all info prior to travel – We are not responsible for the accuracy of this information. Look for another issue 1n December. Hope to see you at a future event.*

*Russ*

Russ Scherer

President - Ohio Judo, Inc.