



# OJI Presidential Notes



## February Extra Edition 2018

*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.*

### **Sad News - Gene Fodor Passed Away**

*The following information was graciously supplied by Gary Monto:*

It is with heavy heart that I must inform you that Sensei Gene Fodor passed away at his home on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>. Gene served in the Marine Corps and the Air Force before joining the Police Department.

Gene was a retired Toledo Police Officer with 32 years of service. Gene was an 8<sup>th</sup> degree Black Belt in both Judo and Ju Jitsu, having studied for over fifty years. Gene was a member of the USJA Board of Directors, as well as serving on the USJA ethics committee. He was also a world champion weight lifter, earning several Gold medals throughout the world. He later became a senior judge in weight lifting competitions.

Funeral arrangements – Viewing: Friday, Feb. 23, 2018 2 to 8 PM at Blanchard-Strabler Funeral Home, 1163 W. Sylvania Ave, Toledo, OH 43612. Church service will be Saturday at 11:00AM at the Calvin United Church of Christ, 1946 Bakewell Street, Toledo, OH 43605. Interment Following Funeral - Saturday, February 24, 2018 at the Willow Cemetery, 1941 Pickle Road, Oregon, OH 43616. Wake will follow at the Hungarian Club of Toledo, 224 Paine Avenue, Toledo, OH 43605.

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*Note from OJI President Russ Scherer:*

I am saddened to hear we have lost yet another Judo leader from Ohio. A former member of Ohio Judo, Inc., Gene often participated in OJI activities and was a driving force in the development of Judo in the Toledo area through the Judan Judo of Toledo with Gary Monto. From their participation in a small referee clinic at my home, through many state meetings and tournaments, to the hosting of several USJA national events, Gene and Gary have been there to support Judo development. Gene will be missed and our thoughts and prayers will be with his family, his club and his many friends.

Russ

- 1) Referee Training for 2018 – The second segment of referee training was held in Portland, Indiana on Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with a novice shiai. Implementation of the 2018 IJF Rules/Modifications was covered and used at the novice shiai. The OJI website is fully functional again so you can use the OJI Referee Training Program on the website at: [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=280&Itemid=513](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=280&Itemid=513) . The training has been updated to include all 2018 IJF updates and interpretations (as of 1/19/18) and will be updated again when the USA Judo modifications and implementation schedule is released. The third segment of referee training will be held at the Kettering Recreation Center on Sunday, March 4, 2018. It will include power-point presentations, discussions and videos in a classroom type setting. Full information can be viewed at [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=405:2018-03-04-krc-oji-judo-rules-clinic-for-coaches-referees&catid=81&Itemid=278](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=405:2018-03-04-krc-oji-judo-rules-clinic-for-coaches-referees&catid=81&Itemid=278) . This program is meant to benefit those interested in becoming a referee as well as all referees of all certification levels. It will also be beneficial to coaches who prepare their students for competition. Participation in the January 13<sup>th</sup> Referee Clinic and/or the Portland activities is not a prerequisite for participation in the Kettering event.
- 2) Next Open Workout – Saturday, April 7, 2018 will be the next date for the RONIN/OJI Open Workout in Columbus, Ohio. Time scheduled is 8:30AM-11:00AM. Warmups and a short instructional period will start things off with the majority of the session being Randori. Further information will be posted on the OJI website at [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=404:2018-04-07-oji-open-judo-workout-at-ronin&catid=81&Itemid=278](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=404:2018-04-07-oji-open-judo-workout-at-ronin&catid=81&Itemid=278) as it becomes available.
- 3) OJI Board of Directors Meeting (1/13/18) will be rescheduled – The winter meeting of the OJI BoD which was to be held at the conclusion of the Kettering Mini-Shiai and Referee Clinic had to be

rescheduled due to lack of a quorum caused by bad weather (ice and snow). We will set our budget and programs for 2018.

- 4) Club Advertising on New OJI Trailer – Ohio Judo, Inc. has purchased a new mat trailer and is offering clubs the opportunity to have their club logo affixed to the trailer to support the mat program and advertise their club. The one-time fee of \$250 covers the cost of the decal and supports the mat and trailer program. If your club is interested, contact Mike Mooney or Russ Scherer.

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

- 2/24/18 - Mayfield Championships (Jacksonville, NC)
- 2/25/18 - Konan Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 3/3/18 - USA Judo National Scholastics and Youth Championships (York, PA)
- 3/4/18 - OJI/KRC Rules Clinic for Referees and Coaches (Kettering, OH)
- 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)
- 3/25/18 - Michigan Open Championships (East Lansing, MI)
- 4/7/18 - RONIN/OJI Open Judo Workout (Columbus, OH)
- 4/14/18 - OJ Helvey Kentucky State Championships (Brandenburg, KY)
- 4/14/18 - Liberty Bell Classic (Bryn Athyn, PA)
- 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)
- 6/9/18 (Tentative) – Tohkon Classic (Chicago, IL)
- 6/21-23/18 - Greatest Camp on Earth (Matthews, NC)
- 6/22-24/18 - USA Judo National Junior Olympics (Spokane, WA)
- 7/5/18 - Jack Hatton & Harun Bogdanic Junior Clinic (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 7/6-8/18 - USJF/JA Grassroots Nationals (Grand Rapids, MI)

- 7/27-29/18 - U.S. OPEN Judo Championships (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- 7/30-8/1/18 - US Open Championships Training Camp (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- 7/31-8/5/18 - Camp Bushido (CA)
- 9/15/18 - Rock & Roll Tournament (Lorain, OH)
- 11/3/18 - Great Lakes Open (Grand Rapids, MI)

*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 in January. Hope to see you at a future event.*

*Russ*

Russ Scherer

President - Ohio Judo, Inc.