



OJI Presidential Notes

March 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) The February Joint workout was held on Feb 18th at the Budokai Judo & Ju Jitsu Club in Hamilton, Ohio – Aaron Handy did a great job with the clinic/workout and Russ Scherer gave a short synopsis of the 2017 rule changes and answered questions. Thanks go to the participants and additional instructors. We hope it was beneficial to all who participated. The next Joint Workout will be part of the "Super Saturday" to be held on April 22nd at the Kettering Rec Center. Complete information is on the Ohio Judo, Inc. website at <http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php/event-listing/354-2017-04-22-ohio-judo-super-saturday>
- 2) The 2017 Ohio Open Judo Championships will be held on March 18th in Lima, Ohio – Mark Hunter and Mike Mooney will be the tournament co-directors – tournament flyer is posted on the Ohio Judo Website. Points will be awarded towards the Ohio Travel Team Program.
- 3) Scholarship (Academic Achievement) recognition program – High School Seniors who have a cumulative GPA of 3.5-4.0 (on a 4.0 max scale) for 9th Grade through the first half of 12th Grade and will be attending college this coming Fall should review the program, and if they meet all requirements should apply for the 1 year partial scholarship. Details can be found on the OJI website at <http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php/where-to-train/dojo-web-pages-menuitem/215-oji-scholars-program>
- 4) Judan Judo (Portland, IN) hosted a Beginner's Referee Clinic and Novice Shiai on Feb. 25th with the clinic and evaluations given jointly by Dave Smith and Russ Scherer, both IJF-A referees. The new 2017 Rules were used and the turnout and performance of the participants was great. Many young Judoka had their first experience in a refereeing capacity and most seemed to enjoy it. Hopefully they will continue to train and we will see them at many events in the future.



New referees get training at Judan Judo Club, Portland, IN – Feb. 25, 2017 – many young recruits



Clinicians Dave Smith (IN) and Russ Scherer (OH)

Special Notes:

- 1) If your club was registered with OJI last year and has not renewed yet, please send in your club form with \$25 to Michael Mooney per procedures outlined on the OJI website. If your club was not registered with OJI last year, please consider joining us and registering now for 2017.

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

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

- 3/18/17 - Ohio Championships (Lima, OH)
- 3/18/17 - OJI Board of Directors Annual Meeting (Lima, OH)
- 3/18-20/17 - USA Judo National Scholastics (Reno, NV)
- 3/19/17 - Michigan Open Sr & Jr Judo Championships (Lansing, MI)
- 3/26/17 - NY Open Team Championships (NY, NY)
- 3/31-4/1/17 - Nick Delpopolo Clinic at Chu To Bu (Avon, OH)
- 4/1/17 - Liberty Bell Championships (Bryn Athyn, PA)
- 4/1/17 - Rules Clinic - Joon Chi (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 4/8/17 - Indiana State Championships (Portland, IN)
- 4/22/17 - OJI Super Saturday (Kettering, OH)
- 4/29-30/17 - USA Judo Senior Nationals (Salt Lake City, UT)
- 5/6/17 - Akiya Judo Championships (Cleveland, OH)
- 5/20/17 - Ocean State International Championships (RI)
- 5/20/17 - USJF Self Defense Certification Workshop (Tentative)
- 5/27/17 - AM/CAN KATA Competition and Referee Clinic (Buffalo, NY)
- 5/28/17 - AM/CAN Challenge – All Shiai Divisions (Buffalo, NY)
- 6/2-4/17 - USA Judo International Camp (Garland, TX)
- 6/3/17 - North Coast Championships (Lorain, OH)
- 6/16-17/17 - National Junior Olympics (Spokane, WA)
- 6/22-24/17 - Greatest Camp on Earth (Matthews, NC)
- 7/6-9/17 - Grassroots Summer Nationals (West Palm Beach, FL)
- 7/21-22/17 - US Open Judo Championships (Ft. Lauderdale, FL)
- 7/22/17 - Neil Adams Clinic (Milwaukee, WI)
- 8/5/17 - Michigan State Games – Judo (Grand Rapids, MI)
- 8/7-15/17 - World Police & Fire Games (CA)
- 8/8-13/17 - Camp Bushido (CA)
- 9/16/17 - Rock & Roll Shiai (Lodi, OH)

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 at the beginning of April. Hope to see you at a future event.

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