



# OJI Presidential Notes

May 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 – Virgil Goodwine Passed Away**

*Note from OJI President Russ Scherer:*

We have lost yet another Judo leader from Ohio. A former member of Ohio Judo, Inc., Virgil has served as an OJI Promotion Board member and was a former President of OJI. Virgil was the Chief Instructor (since the retirement of George Funakoshi many years ago) of the Ohio State University Judo Club and often participated in local, regional and national judo events as a competitor, coach or administrator. Often referred to as the "Gentle Giant" by many (but not his opponents in competition), Virgil was always there to help in any way he could. His humor and special laugh made him a pleasure to be around.

As evidenced by the large turnout at his memorial service this past Monday, Virgil had made positive impact on many lives in the widely diverse areas of his life. Several of these were spoken about by family, coworkers and friends during the ceremony. A number of current and former judo friends traveled from across the country, as well as those who live locally, to pay their respects.

Virgil will be missed greatly, but his ideals will live on through his students, family and friends, who have gained much from knowing him. Our thoughts and prayers will be with his family, his club and his many friends during these difficult days.

- 1) Ohio Judo State Championships – Saturday, May 12, 2018 - Bluffton University, 1 University Drive, Bluffton, OH 45817

Full info can be found at

[http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=382:2018-05-12-ohio-championships&catid=81&Itemid=278](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=382:2018-05-12-ohio-championships&catid=81&Itemid=278)

- 2) Referee Training for 2018 – The OJI website offers the OJI Referee Training Program 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. This program is meant to benefit those interested in becoming a referee as well as all referees of all certification levels. It is also beneficial to coaches who prepare their students for competition.
- 3) Reminder – High School Students – OJI Scholar Program – **May 20<sup>th</sup>** is the deadline for High School Seniors to apply for the 2018 Scholarship consideration. The non-scholarship recognition (for freshmen through seniors) deadline is July 1<sup>st</sup>. See full requirements for this program on the OJI website at [http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=215](http://www.ohiojudo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&layout=edit&id=215)
- 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

- 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)**
- 6/16/18 - 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 June. Hope to see you at a future event.*

*Russ*

Russ Scherer

President - Ohio Judo, Inc.