

Judo Victoria Incorporated Secretary's Newsletter

FEEDBACK

Records — 1

Enclosed with this mailing you will find some very red pages. These are copies of our records about your membership. As you look at them you will find that there are some major errors. Unluckily Keith Swenser is not psychic so he cannot know where the records are wrong unless you tell him. We would appreciate it if you could make the corrections on the page and post them back to the Judo Victoria Inc office. This will assist your members to get better service, especially when going for gradings and when trying out for teams

So please make the effort to help us to help you..

Records — 2

We have recently been approached by some members who were wondering what has happened to their Dan certificates from their last grading — a grading which took place about 5 years ago ! As a worst case you should get your Dan certificate for grades up to sandan within 4 months and for yondan up within 6 months. Unluckily your grade is not official until it is registered with the JFA Inc, and if you do not have your certificate, the odds are it has not been registered. A major problem will arise when you want to go for your next grading, and by that time everyone but you may have forgotten the details thus holding everything up and making more work for everyone. If you or a member of your club have been through a Dan grading more than 6 months ago and have not received your certificate yet, PLEASE LET US KNOW by writing to the JVI office as soon as you can.

PEOPLE

Eighth Dan

Arthur Moorshead, someone whom I am sure you all know, was reported in my last newsletter as being recognised by the Judo Federation of Australia Inc as hachidan (8th Dan). This report was based on the fact that the JFA Inc had recommended to the Oceania Judo Union that the

grade. The OJU rejected this request and subsequently the JFA Inc has rejected the application also. Judo Victoria Inc has written to the JFA Inc protesting that decision and pressing the case for Arthur's promotion to hachidan.

NEWS

Australian Book

Although we see many Judo books produced in Britain and the USA we do not often see one produced in Australia. So it is a pleasant surprise when we see that Arek Zigmunt of the ACT has produced a small, but useful book on combinations and counters. The book is \$15.00, including postage and handling and can be ordered from Arek Zigmunt, 5 tarlton Place, Bonython, ACT 2905.

Sharon Rendell

Sharon Rendell OBE, the British International with a string of major championships to her name and now Australian National Coach, was invited to visit Victoria to assist with the training of the many elite women athletes in this State and at the same time to lend her expertise in training other Victorian competitors. While here, Sharon assisted with public demonstrations and displayed a relaxed but efficient approach to coaching. The Committee has decided that she should be invited to come to Victoria again and is preparing a detailed program for her visit.

INTERNATIONAL

Anti-doping Action

PARIS, April 30 (Reuters) -

The French government on Thursday agreed a bill to boost the fight against doping in sport that includes tougher action against dealers. Under the bill young people will be given a medical check-up before starting any sport. A medical record will be built up for sportsmen throughout their career. The sports ministry also decided to create an independent commission against doping which will try to harmonise

sanctions between the different sports federations. The government also decided that sanctions against dealers should be tougher. "Sportsmen are often victims while dealers are criminals," sports minister Marie-George Buffet told French television. "We're not happy when a positive dope test occurs but we must be aware that it is the end of a long process. What we want above all is to protect our youth." The sports minister said there were 226 positive dope tests in France in 1997. Only 25 involved professionals or full-time athletes. "The problem has been reaching alarming proportions," said government spokesman Daniel Vaillant. "It is notably linked to the growing importance of financial concerns in sport." Eight prominent French athletes, including five soccer professionals and an Olympic **judo** champion, failed dope tests for the banned steroid nandrolone in recent months.

IJF Accepts Unified Korea Judo Team

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) -



The Seoul-based International Judo Federation said Wednesday that it has accepted a proposal to form a single Korean team for this year's Judo World Cup. The proposal by the South Korean Judo Association calls for the two Koreas to field a single team at the inaugural 1998 International Judo Federation World Cup in Minsk, Belarus, on Sept. 12-13. "The participation of a unified team will contribute towards world peace and furthermore to the improvement of bilateral relations between the neighbouring countries," said Park Yong-sung, the South Korean chairman of the federation. It was unclear, however, whether North Korea's communist government would agree to the proposal. The two Koreas are still technically at war since an armistice, rather than a peace treaty, ended their 1950-53 conflict. Their border is sealed, with no mail or other direct means of communication. In the early 1990s, the Koreas formed single soccer and table tennis teams for international tournaments. Also on Wednesday, the Judo federation said the blue Judo uniforms introduced during the 1997 Paris Ordinary Congress for all IJF Events, will be used in the upcoming Minsk World Cup for the first time.

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Success !!!



Australian competitors achieved major successes at the Senior nationals at Hamilton Island in Queensland, at the Oceania Judo Championships in Samoa and at the Junior and Youth nationals at Launceston in Tasmania.

This success culminated in the JFA Inc making a Special Award to **Andrew Collett** for his outstanding performance.

Full details in the next Newsletter which, hopefully, will not be delayed as this one has been.