

Judo Victoria Incorporated Secretary's Newsletter

TOURNAMENTS

Revamp of State Championships



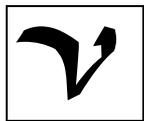
his year's State Championships should cause smiles on the faces of competitors and spectators alike. The Committee in a major initiative to raise the profile of Judo has decided to hold the Championships at the Albert Park Aquatic Centre.

This venue is one of the best in the State. In addition to swimming pools it has facilities for many indoor sports and has a "shopping centre" atmosphere, with members of the public moving through it at all times. This exposure should raise the public profile of Judo as well as providing excellent accommodation for the championships. The State Championships will become a showcase for Victorian Judo.

The Championships will be using the new age limits for the youth section ie under 19 for women and under 21 for the men. It will also be using the new IJF weight divisions.

In a further effort to publicise Judo and add to the enjoyment of the spectators, kata demonstrations will be interspersed through the proceedings. Peter Alway has asked potential demonstrators to contact him on 9431 2094. See you there.

US Open Results



Victorians have done well at the US Maruchan International Open as the US Open was called this year. The names of our competitors keep popping up at international events. Australia had 17 male and 13 female entrants at this event and

achieved 3 silver and 6 bronze to achieve an overall 3rd place. Victorians achieving success were: Rebecca Sullivan u52 silver, Lara Sullivan u66 bronze, Kathy Arlove u72 silver and open bronze, Daniel Kelly open bronze. More than half of the Australian medals were achieved by Victorians. Congratulations to both the competitors and their coaches.

National Champs



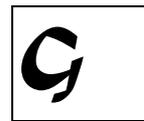
It's time to start thinking about next year's National Championships and the need to appoint managers and Coaches to prepare the team and ensure travel and other arrangements are made. You will see a large notice calling for Managers

and Coaches.

Normally these would liaise with the Teams coordination sub-committee **but** no-one has applied for this committee yet. The needs of both the elite and the grass-roots players must be met and the sub-committees were designed to involve a greater range of the membership to meet these needs. Technical Judo knowledge is not a pre-requisite for this committee, only a desire to put in time to help the State's players wanting to enter National Championships. We can get 4 players per division. Our aim should be a State Senior team of 64 competitors and a proportionally larger junior and youth team. So, how about it — put in for a sub-committee.

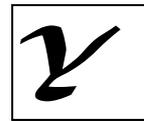
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The Message



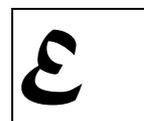
Getting the message across is a part of the Secretary's job, a part which I believe is very important — hence the time I have put into getting the newsletter going again. Networking is important ie your contacts with other clubs, instructors and players; but equally important is the formal system of notices, newsletters etc as this draws in the people who don't have extensive networks and makes the details clear. So feel free to copy this newsletter and distribute it to your members, parents and, basically, anyone who will read it!

Poster Notices



You may have noticed (at least I hope you did) the poster sized notice for the Fun Day. You may also have wondered what the smaller version was for. I am trying to get going a system that some clubs already use ie the smaller notice can be photocopied and handed out at class to all club members at half the price of the standard notice, as well as putting the poster up on the wall. This should ensure at least a few more entrants to tournaments.

Annual General Meeting



Each year all incorporated bodies are required to have a general meeting of members. These meetings are a legal requirement as well as being important for the running of the body. This year's meeting is the first since the inauguration of judo Victoria Incorporated. Legally it is required that the membership examine and if agreed approve the accounts for the previous year. This was the reason that it was

so important that the auditor's report was available for the meeting. In addition our statement of rules (constitution) requires the election of half the Committee each year. The meeting also considers matters related to the overall policy of the body put on the agenda by members. As you can see this makes the meeting very important, so I am sure that you will do your best to ensure that your club is represented and that the delegates have proper papers to identify themselves as official representatives of your club.

Think Tank Two



es, I know, another of Rod's catchy names for a boring meeting. Not quite. Those that attended the first Think Tank will be pleased to know that it resulted in a development plan that was presented to the department of State Development and resulted in monetary assistance for Judo. Our plan now needs updating and people need to be appointed to implement various parts of the plan, so on 15 February next year a further workshop will be held. This will not be a formal process like the AGM. While it will still have administrative rigour the discussions will be free ranging and will have for its sole purpose the production of a workable development plan for Judo and a list of people to implement the ideas.

Please be on the lookout for the notices.

Club Development



hat have you done recently to increase the membership of your club? Have you tried any of the ideas in the last 'newsletter'? The following is a list of such ideas put together by clubs around the world.

A Yellow Pages entry. We get 3 or 3 enquiries a week for Judo clubs. If you got just 1 per week your club would grow..

Bring-a-Friend night. Everyone brings a friend, no mat fee is charged for the friend. A bar-b-cue could be held in conjunction with this for extra attraction.

Flyers at regular intervals at shopping centres. You could also have a demonstration or a video showing. Demonstrations of themselves at shopping centres or school fetes have mixed success but the kids in the club love doing them. The flyers seem to be the thing.

Write to your local paper about gradings and tournament successes.

Give a prize or a free membership to the member who brings in the most new members.

Put a sign on your car or van etc.

Offer something free with a long term (6 months or 1 year) full membership payment eg a free judo suit.

Have Tee-shirts with the club name and logo.

Set up an internet site. Link it to the JVI site and we will provide a link to your site from <http://www.ipax.com.au/~rodcox/jvi.html>.

Finally, saturation is important. The more clubs that bring Judo to the public notice the more we will all benefit.

MEDICAL ALERT

Asthma Medication Banned



new asthma medication, which is available in Australia and is being used by judo players in clubs has been banned by the International Olympic Committee. Competitors are not permitted to use this medication. As we have random drug testing in Australia, drug testers could turn up at any event. The medicine is called

FORADILE (eforoterol fumarate)

If your doctor or chemist has recommended this medication to you, ask them to suggest something else.

COMING EVENTS

Diary Dates



ates of coming events that you can put in your diary:

Annual General Meeting	23 November 1997
State Championships	7 December 1997
Sub-committee applications close	12 December 1997
Last Committee meeting for 1997	14 December 1997
Australia day Demonstration	25 January 1998
Squad Training Commences	1 February 1998
A.C.T. Open	8 February 1998
First tournament for 1998	1 March 1998