

# NEARLY THE SECRETARY'S NEWSLETTER

Once again an interim letter, as I did not get organised as quickly as I thought I would. The President (and others) are definitely twisting my arm over the Committee Minutes and I am working on them.

## Good News

Congratulations to Lara Sullivan for her 5<sup>th</sup> place in the World Judo Championships in Paris. Congratulations also to Rebecca Sullivan, Andrew Collett and Daniel Kelly who competed in this event.

## World Updates

At last the IJF has approved the use of blue judogi for international events. The JVI approved the use of judogi of any colour in State events some months ago.

The following new weight categories were approved for senior competition:

men: -60, -66, -73, -81, -90, -100, +100 kg

women: -48, -52, -57, -63, -70, -78, +78 kg

Additional contest rule changes will be discussed at the next rules/referee seminar.

## Fun Day

This innovation should be well supported. We have not yet had many suggestions from outside the Committee, but so far we hope to have games, minor contests and some instructional stations manned by our current top competitors for the Juniors, with some general training for the seniors. Families can enjoy a bar-b-cue and a chat afterwards.

## Marketing

Judo numbers in the State are not rising at anywhere near the planned rate. As Clubs are the point of contact with new members, it falls to clubs to market Judo.

Get your local camera buff to take some photographs of judo techniques and write a short article to go with them eg son throws father, and send to your local newspaper.

School fetes are in the air with spring, ask your local school if they would like a judo demonstration as an attraction.

Run a "bring a friend day" and have your better students take small groups in rotation for breakfalls, a throw and a hold.

## The AGM and sub-committees

We apologise about the need to adjourn the AGM to 23 November, but we could not get the Auditor's report in time for the original date, so rather than hold two, we adjourned the meeting. Please do your best to attend this vital meeting.

There is still time to apply for sub-committee positions. An updated form has been included with the AGM notice. If the sub-committees don't work, neither will Victorian Judo — have you applied yet?

And don't forget, you can look at Judo Victoria's internet site at

*<http://www.ipax.com.au/~rodcox/jvi.html>*

All the best for your Judo, Rodney Cox, secretary (pro tem), 13 October 1997