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President's Report Neville Sharpe

Congratulations Team Vic 2013

looked great in the new Navy Blue hoodies. At the JFA presentation to volunteers, David Nabulsi

collarbone in the junior men 81kg semi final, he lost, but won the bronze medal match despite needing help to put



KEY DATES

July 7th

Refereeing Rules seminar

July 21st

JVI tournament
Kata, Shiai, Masters

August 9th -11th

Southern Cross
International Open

October 5th -12th

Australian Masters
Games

For more details
about these events
see website

On behalf of Judo Victoria I wish to thank our state coaches and managers for an outstanding job at the national titles.

As the Victorian President, I was very proud of the performances of our players on the mat and of the morale and teamwork off the mat. This only happens with strong leadership.

Thanks are due to our coaches Maria Pekli, Daniel Kelly and David Nabulsi, as well as a support crew that included Paul Coughlan, Hunter Richardson and Doug Noack.

I cannot speak highly enough of our state manager Jean Coughlan who did an outstanding job with the support of our Treasurer Nick Papadimitropoulos. Our team

was recognised as our Volunteer of the Year. On the mat the highlights included:

Perry P winning his last 3 fights with a broken thumb. Aris Parente winning the Kyu grades tournament with less than a year of training under his belt.

Craig Farrington fighting in 3 divisions, which included a Gold Medal in the Masters. Kirren Robson-Garth winning gold in Masters, breaking a finger, then winning bronze in 90's with one hand.

Maeve Coughlan winning Cadets, Junior Women and bronze in seniors. Not a big deal, except she is 14 YEARS OLD!

Phil Cursons winning bronze in +100, beating some high grades despite being a blue belt. Kitt Campbell dislocating his

his gi on.

Eoin Coughlan breaking through for his first senior win at 81kg.

As far as the younger ones go, Stefan Javni winning bronze winning lots of fans with his enthusiasm.

Jordan Nabulsi, Paige Daulo and Ana Elefterescu all won highly contested divisions and fought with poise beyond their years.

Our Seniors also deserve a mention. Winning 14 medals in 14 divisions, including 5 gold. Also, 2 Victorian based players Sara Collins and Stevie Kelly won gold and bronze respectably.

Neville Sharpe President JVI

John Dronryp honoured with OAM



By now you will be aware that Johannes (Johnny) Dronryp has been successful in his nomination for the Order of Australia Medal. The award was officially announced in Monday's media. He has been a tireless worker for our sport as a volunteer and has been recognised by the award of a 7th Dan, degree of black belt, and the award of an honorary Continental Refereeing licence, and a Life membership of Judo Victoria Inc. I have known John since the late 1960's when he examined me for my Yellow Belt! Since then John has become a mentor for both my coaching and my refereeing. John has excelled in all aspects of our sport. John was the middle weight champion of Holland before settling in Australia in the

early 1960's. He then opened the very successful Bentleigh McKinnon Judo Club in 1963 of which he has been the senior coach ever since. John is a charismatic figure who is very highly respected by all of his students both past and present. John has never lost the passion for the sport and takes his wife Helen to watch the World Judo championships on a regular basis. John has been an elite national referee for over 40 years. John has served as a member of both the Australian and the Oceania Referees Commissions. John is still a member of the Victorian Referees Commission and acts as an important mentor for new and up and coming referees.

Two years ago John was recognised for an outstanding contribution to refereeing in Australia and in the Oceania region with the award of an Honorary Continental Referee Licence. John has been a member of the Rank Accreditation Board for many decades. In this way he has made a direct contribution to the high technical standards of judo in Victoria and in Australia. John has exemplified a practical way for young people with perseverance, passion and positive attitudes embodied in Judo to develop resilience and life-long coping skills. Judo Victoria would like to congratulate John. He is a very worthy winner of this award. Neville Sharpe

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International Update



Last month, IJF President Marius Vizer was elected President of Sport Accord.

Sport Accord is the umbrella organisation for all Olympic and non-Olympic international sport federations as well as organisers of multi-sport games and sport-related international associations.

In IOC news, the Executive Board of the IOC has moved Judo forward in groupings of Olympic Sports.

Sports are classified into categories that define the distribution of Olympic revenue to International Federations. Judo has moved into Group 3.

IJF President, Marius Vizer said "Today I wish to thank judoka around the world because this significant increase in our status within the Olympic family is result of everyone's hard work."

The Victorian Story of the Katas – Nationals 2013

Chris Legaud



"Victoria was one more time very well represented at the National Kata Championships 2013 in Wollongong with 4 pairs covering 4 katas (Nage No Kata, Katame No Kata, Kime No Kata and Ju No Kata).

As well as the very experienced pair Janet Lambert and Jenny Beaton, it was pleasant to see new faces taking part at this event for the first time: Jakub Sawczuk, Miki Mayer, Chris Legaud, Perry Papadimitropoulos and the most junior of all Salome Broch, only 16yo !!

Indeed the very successful pair Peter White and Andrew Coatsworth did not participate this year which gave the opportunity to a young generation to come through and show their skills.

The kata competition took place during the first day of the championship on Friday evening

and everybody was impressed by the crowd in the Stadium as the Kyu grade and Masters were fighting on a different mat at the same time.

Perry Papadimitropoulos and Chris Legaud were the first pair on the mat to show the Nage No Kata. We could feel the tension as the start of the kata was not seamless even if some of the throws executed by Perry looked fantastic. This was not good enough to grab the gold but it was a real performance to get the silver for a first participation. Perry and Chris demonstrated as well the Katame No Kata and were awarded a bronze medal for their performance.

Miki Mayer paired up with Jakub Sawczuk to show the Kime No Kata but unfortunately missed the gold medal for their presentation but it was a really good effort for the pair and especially from Miki who fought almost at the same time in the

Masters and got the Silver medal in his weight division.

The Ju No Kata was certainly the kata offering the biggest competition as 5 pairs put their names on the list.

The experienced team of Janet Lambert and Jenny Beaton could not repeat their result from last year and did not place on the podium but the surprise came from the talented pair Jakub Sawczuk and Salome Broch who performed brilliantly and took the gold.

This story would not be complete without thanks going to Rodney Cox for his precious advice and more importantly for his time as kata judge.

It was an exciting night for Victoria with a collection of 4 medals in 4 different katas: 1 bronze, 2 silver and 1 gold.

Well done to all participants!!"

Club Development—How is your club going?

The Australian Sports Commission's Club Health Check tool helps sporting organisations to assess capability and plan for the future.

Several JVI clubs have undertaken the ASC Club Health Check and thought it was a worthwhile exercise to do.

It is straight forward, takes about 30 minutes and the club is sent a report identifying improvements and suggestions for how to grow the club.

JVI encourages clubs to 'have a go' and do a Club Health Check. The link is below-

<http://www.qlbs.com/webq/ACSStart.aspx?system=ASCHealthCheck>

First Aid Training

Expressions of Interest for the planned JVI First Aid and Update course close on June 30th.

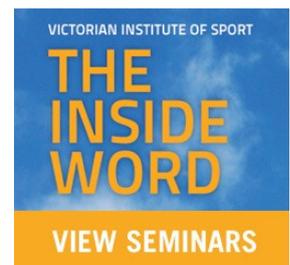
To register contact the Development Officer on development@judovictoria.com.au or 0401540179



The Inside Word seminar series

A number of JVI coaches attended sessions in the V.I.S seminar series— *The Inside Word*, and found them very useful and informative.

Presentations were by VIS program Coaches, Sports Scientists and Support service providers. The presentations can be found on the link below.



www.vis.org.au/high-performance-services.html