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**KEY
DATES**

October 5th & 6th
Australian Masters
Games
JVI Tournament

October 6th
JVI Geelong Shiai
Tournament

October 20th
JVI AGM 1pm
Springers
Keysborough

October 28th
World Judo Day

For more details
about these events
see website

President's Report

Neville Sharpe

New and improved Judo Victoria membership and grading procedures:

After countless complaints from members and from our registrar about the national registration system, Judo Victoria has moved to a new and improved On line registration system that is specifically designed to meet our needs. It is also cheaper to operate.

Since commencing use of the JFA system, which was only been adopted by three states, JVI has encountered a series of problems and identified fundamental defects with it.

These included:
-corruption of data contained in the system.

-reported difficulties experienced by our membership when registering and reregistering;

-the incompatibility of the IMG system to the requirements of the JVI. (This has meant the inability for the JVI to accurately track its membership and produce reports of value)

-IMG's reluctance and cost to provide features required by JVI.

The early reports are that the transition to our new system has been very smooth and that our members and clubs are already finding it a lot easier to use.

After a trial of selling Kyu Grade certificates to clubs to issue, we have experienced a few problems, including not having an accurate data base of our members grades and having some JFA certificates being issued to non- financial members and non members.



Based on the recommendation of the Rank Accreditation Board and from our registrar Malcolm Slade, we have gone back to the previous system of having the registrar issue all Kyu grade certificates, printed with the member's name and grade.

Our registrar has guaranteed an efficient system with a fast turnaround time.

Membership Cards:

Last year Judo Victoria decided to issue all members with individual membership cards.

Unfortunately the cards were not issued as promised. Under the new committee the process of issuing individual cards has started and most members should have received cards by now.

We have had a few hiccups with some of the cards disappearing in the mail!

If any clubs have not received their cards please contact our registrar - Malcolm Slade.

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Congratulations to Traralgon Judo Club on being named Gipstar 2013 Club of the Year.

On accepting the award, David Nabulsi spoke of the strong culture the Club has developed thanks to the dedication of its coaches and the ability to challenge its members to be their best, not only in competition but in day to day life.

Aoife Coughlan had the rare distinction of being both a senior and junior monthly recipient through the year and finished the evening as the overall junior winner for the year.

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" Respect (on the mat) is no different from what you should expect off the mat "

Maria Pekli: Victorian State Coach



Sports people behaving badly has received a lot of press coverage recently.

It is probably timely to have a look at one of the core values of Judo—respect.

From the IJF website-Etiquette, Manners and Ethics

"Judo students learn important values of respect, respect for their instructors, or sensei ; their partners, both senior and junior to them ; the officials and referees of judo ; the families and friends of judo classmates; and above all, themselves."

Judo starts and ends with a bow.

In other words, judo starts and ends with respect.- the ability

to treat all people equally as you would want to be treated yourself.

One of the mottos of judo is "Jito Kyo-ei", generally translated as "mutual welfare and benefit".

This encapsulates the idea of RESPECT in judo. By working in harmony together, great things can be accomplished.

JFA endorses the Australian Sports Commission Codes of Behaviour for Coaches and Officials.

They can be found on the JFA website under Policies and Documents.

The Code of Behaviour for Athletes can be found there too.

From the ASC-
" Abuse and harassment is one of the major sources of conflict in sport and athletes are the main offenders - 37 % of abuse comes from athletes
22 % from coaches
19 % from spectators and
17 % from parents"

Judo is more than just "fighting". Judo has a higher moral code. We should all work together to ensure that all judo is always practiced with RESPECT

Codes of Behaviour for Parents and Spectators can also be found on the ASC website.

The JVI website has an up to date Calendar and other useful documents.

Presidents Report (continued from page 1)

JVI First Aid course a success:

On 25th August Judo Victoria hosted a First Aid course in line with the objectives of our Strategic Plan.

The course was very successful, and the participants all agreed that it was great to have a course tailored to meet the needs of Judo coaches. An essential part of being a NCAS registered Judo coach is that we must have a current First Aid certificate. JVI will plan to run First Aid courses and CPR updates in the future if there is enough demand.

JVI Annual meeting 20th October:

Advance notice to clubs to keep Sunday the 20th of October free as it is the date of our 2013 Annual General Meeting.

The JVI Committee has experienced a lot of change over the past two years and because half of the committee are up for re-election every year and a lot of us have changed into acting roles in 2013, all of the committee are up for re-election with the single exception of Ivo Dos Santos who still has one year of his term to run.

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We are looking forward to a period of stability and certainty once the new committee is elected. The official notices calling for the AGM will be coming out soon.

All clubs have been sent an email listing their financial members and hence voting rights at the AGM according to the JVI Constitution.

JFA AGM:

The JFA AGM is coming up on the 23rd of November. Under the JFA constitution, the JFA only has five directors and in 2013 the positions of the Secretary and the Treasurer are up for election. If any of our members are interested in nominating for the JFA Board I encourage you to consider it seriously. When the JFA call for nominations comes out we will notify all clubs.

Neville Sharpe JVI President

Profile

Dr. Ian Gillies

Yondan

Life Member



In each edition of the JVI Newsletter a Judoka will be profiled.

How long have you been involved with Judo?

“You have been refereeing forever” was a recent remark made to me. Well not quite forever but for a long time. My first contact with judo was in 1953 in London, yes that’s 60 years ago this year.

Why would anyone want to be a referee?

(Ian laughs) For the pleasure of being involved in the sport .It takes lot of study and knowledge to be a referee and you are always learning. I enjoy the challenge of trying to work out what players are doing and thinking .

What benefits are gained from Judo?

Confidence, Fitness, Coordination, Self Defence

Do you have a Judo highlight?

A highlight? All the refereeing that I did in the Pacific—New Zealand, Tahiti and at the Budokan in Tokyo, competing in France and Brussels—what a learning curve !

I was also part of the organising team at the 2000 Sydney Olympics and was ‘mat side’ when Maria Pekli won a Bronze medal for Australia.

What four people would you like to invite to a dinner party?

Charles Darwin the naturalist, Aristotle the philosopher,.....a religious figure.....Buddha and Sir John Monash to discuss his engineering achievements like Yallourn, military tactics and his use of ‘Blitzkrieg’

Why did you go on strike and take a case to the Equal Opportunity Commission?

I was at my first nationals in Adelaide. The Referees went on strike because the Referees Commission would not allow the women referees to referee male bouts (Yes that is correct!). The Referees voted that women should be allowed to referee male bouts or there would be no Competition. The women were equal forever after...

I was told I was too old to referee in 1990. I took the case to the Equal Opportunities Commission in Adelaide and established a ruling that, as long as the ability was there, age was no barrier. This was established as a general rule for sports.

As a Referee what does the Judo value of Respect mean to you?

I like to see the winning judoka being respectful to their opponent. I do not like to see the winners running around the mat and carrying on. They should give thought to how their opponent is feeling, how much training they have put into it, the skill that is involved and remember that they may not be the winner in their next bout.

^ You can read more about the Judo life of Ian Gillies –look out for an article on the JVI website



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There are two spaces available in each newsletter.