



Hui-O-Judo Beltsville

Monthly Newsletter for March 2007

Upcoming events:

March

6	Beginner Class starts – 8 weeks	Beltsville MD
10	Ken Tamai Memorial Judo Championships	Beltsville, MD
10	New York Open Championships	New York, NY
24-26	High School and Colligate Nationals	Chicago, IL

April

1-2	Liberty Bell Championships	Philadelphia PA
9-13	Jason Morris Spring Camp	Glennville NY
14	Morris Cup	Scotia, NY
20-21	Senior National Championships	Miami, FL
29	Cranford Judo Invitational	Cranford, NJ

Flyers on all above events are available at class. For more information – see one of the senseis at class.

Beltsville Spring Open– Hui-O will once again host the *Ken Tamai Memorial Judo Championships*, in honor of our Sensei, on Saturday, March 10th at the Beltsville Academic Center. All judoka are encouraged to participate. We need EVERYONE's assistance with the tournament. The tournament setup is Friday night from 7-9pm. Saturday we need help with registration beginning at 815am!! We also need help with the referee food area, concession stand, mat tables, raffle ticket sales, t-shirt sales and general tournament operations. Please enlist the assistance of your family. We look forward to seeing you at the tournament. Please let me know how you can help out.

Shufu Open– The Shufu Open Judo Championships were held in College Park on February 3rd. The event had about 80 junior competitors and 80 senior competitors. There were 20 teams from different dojos in the region. Hui-O placed 11th overall. Hui-O-Judo Beltsville had four contestants play. Sensei Kevin helped to run the head table as the head technical official. Sensei Mark and Sensei Bradley both served as tournament referees. Christian Barthelemy coached the team. Isabelle Barthelemy and Reggie Reed were support staff. Cameron Reed took first place in his division. He defeated Joey Limjoco from Dale City Judo Club in Woodbridge Virginia. He also defeated Noa Ahole from Alexandria Judo in Alexandria Virginia. Arielle Barthelemy took second place in her division. She lost to Miriam Segedi, a 16 year old Sankyū, from the Phan University of Martial Arts in Burke Virginia. Martine Barthelemy took fourth place in his division. He lost to Ricky Denu from College park Judo, Tre Ramos from Mayfield Judo in Pennsylvania and to Samir Stretched from Delaware. He defeated Matt Lewis from College Park. Alexander Ly also took fourth place in his division. He lost to William Inserra from Fredricksburg, VA. Victor Azvendo from College Park, and Nick Dantzler from College Park.. Congratulations and thank you to all of our judoka for representing the club in this event.

Virginia State Championships –The Virginia State Judo Championships were held in Arlington, Virginia on February 24th. Hui-O-Judo provided our mats for this event. Sensei Kevin, Sensei Mark and Sensei Bradley packed all of our tournament mats on Friday afternoon and took them to Arlington to set up. They worked late into the night to set up the tournament. On Saturday, they were there early for a meeting on the National Championships to be held next April in Virginia Beach. The three of them worked all day at the tournament. Sensei Kevin work the head table as the lead technical official. Sensei Mark and Sensei Bradley were both tournament referees. The event had a large draw of participants. Late at night, they had to dismantle all of the mats and return them back to Maryland, then return the rest

of the tournament equipment back to storage. Please note that if it were not for the dedicated sensei's doing all of the work, we would not have tournaments in this area. We ask that more parents and families get involved in helping out to make the local events successful.

Promotions:

The Shufu Promotionals are the first weekend in May. Everyone should attend these. **Please review your requirements** and look to see if you feel that you have meet all of the “minimum” requirements for promotions. If you feel that you are eligible, please see Sensei Kevin. If you are not yet eligible to be promoted then you should attend for competition only or to support the other club members. If you cannot compete then you should come to assist with all of the support staff functions. It is a great learning time. You also never know what may happen. **Even if you think you meet the “minimum requirements” DO NOT expect be promoted.**

Since the last promotional we have given written examinations for you to practice. We will give one more before the promotional. These happen at the very beginning of class. Be on time if you want to take advantage of this opportunity. Everyone should be studying his or her promotional information. Everyone should be reviewing his or her general testing materials and terms. Everyone should be reviewing their terminology, throws, pins, and if applicable, chokes and arm locks. If you are unsure of anything, please ask us to review it in class. There is a great deal of material to cover. Everyone should have all of the basic information in his or her head. I realize the Japanese is difficult for some of you but you must at least be able to associate the techniques with the names.

Everything that you need to know is covered in the study book. The club has some books and videotapes available. Please borrow these and do not keep these. I had multiple copies of all of the tapes but never seem to get any of them back. Now only a few exist. There are also handouts available. The local bookstores also have some books. Another place is your **local library**. If you have other information at home, please copy it and share it with all of us. For anyone who has been away from judo for a period of time or is new to this area, I really need to get any kind of back up information that you can get a hold of to attach to your file. I also need it for promotional record keeping. But anyone who has additional information can pass it along to me also.

Clinic notice - The Prince George's Judo Club will hold **Development Clinics for Referees, Junior Competitors, & Technical Officials on Saturday, May 19th** at the Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glenn Dale, Maryland 20768. This event is open to all Junior and Senior Judoka with a current membership in either USJI, USJF or USJA. **Note:** You do not have to be a member of either organization if you are entering the Technical Officials Clinic. Membership in USJF or USJI can be obtained during registration. Registration will be from 8:30 to 9:00 am. The three clinics will run simultaneously from 9:00 am to noon. There will be a mock Shiai, for Junior Competitors, from 1:00 to 3:00pm with Referee Clinic attendees officiating and Technical Official Clinic students keeping score. Then a feedback session from 3:00pm to 4:30. This way, whichever clinic you choose: 1) you will receive instruction, 2) you will have a chance to practice and use the knowledge and techniques and 3) you will get positive feedback to help you to improve you skills.

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