

# Hui-O-Judo Beltsville March 2012 Newsletter



## Upcoming Events

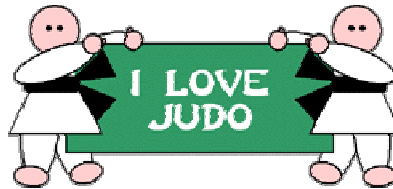
### March

1	March April Judo classes begin	Beltsville, MD
6	Beginners class starts(8 weeks)	Beltsville, MD
10-11	USJI Youth and Scholastic Nationals	Irving, TX
11 (Sun)	New Rochelle Open	New Rochelle, NY
17	Ken Tamai Memorial Judo Championships	Hyattsville, MD
17	Ocean State Judo Championships	West Warwick, RI
18 (Sun)	New Jersey State Judo Championships	Princeton, NJ
30-Apr1	Edmonton Internal Judo Championships	Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
31-Apr1	Liberty Bell Judo Classic	Huntingdon Valley, PA

### April

14	Akiya Judo Championships	Cleveland ,OH
15	Garden State Judo Classic	Wayne, NJ
21-22	USJI Senior National Championships	Irving, TX
28	Shufu Junior Promotional	College Park, MD
29	Shufu Senior Promotional	College Park, MD

Please stop at the front desk to pay for the March/April class. The barcode for Children's beginners class is **744264**, the barcode for adult beginners is **744314**, and the barcode for Mixed ages, Intermediate is **744364**



**Ken Tamai Memorial Judo Championships**– Hui-O will once again host the Ken Tamai Memorial Judo Championships on Saturday, March 17th at the DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville MD. All judoka are encouraged to participate. We need EVERYONE's assistance with the tournament. The tournament setup is Saturday morning from 7-8am. We have to move all of mats up from the dojo to the school and return them on Saturday night. 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.

**For our Sunday only event judoka** – There are a few tournaments coming up on Sundays. Fliers are available at the judoka or online. If you would like to participate in any of these events, please see one of the Sensei. We are happy to travel to the events with you.

**Virginia State Judo Championships** – Arlington Judo Club hosted the Virginia State Judo Championships on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale Virginia. Hui-O-Judo Beltsville provided three competition mat areas. Thank you to Chris Howell, Mark Smith, Brad Mason and Robert Kirk for making this happen. In the competition field, we express congratulations to Daniela Dorazio who won the first place gold medal in the Women's Novice under 57kg division. Congratulations to Sensei Mark Smith and Sensei Brad Mason for placing first in the Katame No Kata competition

**Shufu Promotionals:** The promotionals are rapidly approaching again. ***Please note the date has changed to Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> for junior and Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> for seniors.*** Requirements are



available on the Shufu website ([www.shufujudo.com](http://www.shufujudo.com)) Senior judoka – you MUST have your paperwork completed, approved by Sensei Kevin, and submitted one month prior to the examination. (By March 28<sup>th</sup>) Junior judoka must submit paperwork two weeks prior to examination. (By April 13) For brown belts you must have your kata requirements completed and evaluated by Sensei Karen prior to paperwork being turned in. There is a great deal of information that each of you needs to review and know. Promotional requirements should not be studied just

before an examination. All of the students should be constantly studying their examination requirements throughout the year. It is very important that you all know the terminology, in both Japanese and English. We are able to spend a limited amount of time reviewing all of the materials. All of you should have the judo study book. There is a great deal of information contained in this book. I realize that all of you have many other responsibilities in your lives. Please take the time to look over the requirements at home and bring your questions to class. Anyone who is going to try for their promotion should see Sensei Kevin or Sensei Mark as soon as possible. Even if you are not going to be promoted you should try to attend. It will be a great learning experience.

**Club membership** - It is up to each one of you to PLEASE pay your bi-monthly class fees at the front desk. We have kept the rates for the judo club very low since we started the club. However, many judoka on the mat are NOT paying the center for the class. MNCPPC has remarked about this on numerous occasions. If you are not paying your membership with MNCPPC, you will be asked to leave the facility.

**Judo Clinics** - Throughout the year, Hui-O hosts clinics for Shufu Yudanshakai. I encourage all of you to try to attend them. The clinics cover a variety of topics. Topics vary from coaching, refereeing, standing techniques, mat techniques, advanced competition skills, different katas, tournament operations, and a variety of other topics. The clinics are held in Beltsville at the Academic Center. They are open to all judoka, regardless of skill level or rank. The clinics are an excellent way to get instruction from different instructors, see new techniques, work with judoka from other clubs, and gain valuable experience and knowledge. Shufu has some of the oldest and best referees, who are all former great competitors, now they are our sensei's and coaches. They live judo in every sense of the word.

Hui-O will also host a **Kime No Kata clinic presented by Sensei Peggy Whilden, Sensei Frances Glaze and Sensei Karen Whilden on Sunday May 6.** This is an excellent opportunity for Senior students to learn the kata and work with a very experienced sensei.

**Hui-O travel team –**



We are looking at taking small teams of judoka to local tournament a few hours drive from here. Hui-O supports many of the local tournaments to help build fellowship in judo and to challenge us with different types of competition. There are tournaments in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Virginia, New York, and the Carolinas. However, Sensei Mark and Sensei Kevin both work all day at the events as well as drive and help to manage the team. We would like to have a few parents or senior students volunteer to go along on the trip to help drive and to assist with team management. You can help keep

stats on the tournament and take photos at the events for us. Robert Kirk was a huge help to us for our trip up to Connecticut. Having additional people along allows us to take the newer judoka to help them gain experience at small events or allow us to take more seasoned players to high level competitions. Two larger tournaments we attend that are coming up soon are the Liberty Bell in Pennsylvania in April and the AM CAN in Niagra Falls, NY in May.

**Hui-O- Judo Beltsville helping others**

– Hui-O-Judo Beltsville was asked to provide mats to an event called Warrior Awareness Seminar which took place at the Ivymount School in Rockville on Friday Feb 10 starting at 6PM and ended on Sunday at 4PM. The session is led by Moti Nativ, a Judo yudansha from Israel, and a teacher of the Feldenkrais Method of Somatic Education. He led a workshop on the synergy between the Feldenkrais Method and Martial arts. Other judoka found it enriching to their Judo, their kata, and their ability to teach and communicate to new students about moving their bodies in the unfamiliar ways Judo demands of them. Hui-O also helped when the Arlington Judo Club decided to host the Virginia State Judo Championships on February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale Virginia, they asked Hui-O-Judo Beltsville to provide the mats for the event. Our judo club provided three competition mat areas (three times the size of our practice area at the dojo). The mats had to be loaded into trucks, transported to Virginia, set up, managed, then dismantled, removed and returned to Maryland. Special thanks to Brad Mason, Chris Howell, Robert Kirk and Sensei Tim Moser for their assistance in this major undertaking.

**March 2012 will mark the 6th Annual United States Judo Association "Visit-Another-Dojo"**

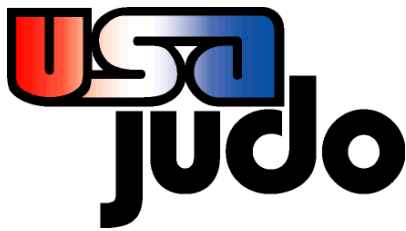
**Month** Sensei Marshall Coffman has extended an invitation to all of our judo to visit the Budokan



Judo Club on any Monday in March from 6:30-8:30 pm. Our class ranges from age 6 to adult and from beginner to advanced. Mat fees will be waived. Budokan Judo club practices at the Northeast Community Center, 4075 Gordon Stinnett Avenue, Chesapeake Beach, MD 20732 Tel # (410) 257-2554 (410) 257-2554 The community center is next door to the Water Park in Chesapeake Beach. **6th Annual March-is-Visit-Another-Dojo-Month!** Four years ago, the USJA began the Visit-Another-Dojo grassroots initiative. With no major holidays, few school vacations, and warm weather

still far away for many of us, March is the ideal time for a change of pace. Please join us and make a point of planning an exchange between your club and others in your area! An interclub exchange is an economical way to add some variety to your club's workouts and test your and your students' skills. Consider making a commitment to rotate instruction by different sensei or get a group of people from your club together and make a "road trip" to attend another club's open workout.

## Team USA's Kayla Harrison Takes Gold, Makes History At Dusseldorf Grand Prix – Team



USA's Kayla Harrison today made history as the first U.S. woman to win the Dusseldorf Grand Prix (formerly the German Open), joining only fellow Team FORCE member Travis Stevens and their coach, Jimmy Pedro, in claiming that spot for the United States. Harrison along with other U.S. teammates have been on a European tour the last several weeks and Kayla adds this gold to a gold she won just last week at a World Cup in Budapest. "Today

was a very tough day psychologically for Kayla who was very tired from being in Europe for so long," said her coach, Pedro. "Despite that, she stepped up and won all of her matches by ippon up until the final." A key goal for Kayla in fighting at this tournament today was to face Heidi Wollert of Germany who Kayla has never fought. Kayla threw Wollert for ippon with ippon seionage in the semi-finals. And in the final round, Kayla won an extremely hard fought golden score battle against the 2008 Olympic Gold Medalist to take the top spot on the podium today at the ultra-competitive Dusseldorf Grand Prix. Harrison was awarded the victory on 'flags' by the referees after neither fighter scored during the regular five-minute match or the three minutes of golden-score overtime – In golden score, any point wins a match. "She has now proven that she can beat everyone in the world at 78kg and is poised to become our first ever Olympic champion," Pedro said. "I could not be prouder of Kayla's accomplishments." "We came here to fight Wollert and get tough matches to prepare for the Olympics," Harrison said. "I feel as if that goal has definitely been accomplished! I am EXHAUSTED. But I know that this will all have been worth it come August 2nd."

**Nick Delpopolo fights hard, wins two, places 5th** Nick Delpopolo, 73 kg (NYAC/Jason Morris Judo Center, Scotia, NY), another strong contender for Team USA at the Olympics next year, fought hard to win two matches and a fifth place yesterday. "Nick Delpopolo looked very strong all day," said Pedro. In the first round Delpopolo got caught for wazari with drop seionage by Mongolian Odbayar Ganbaatar but then "came back and countered the Mongolian kosoto gare to tie it up. Then with 30 seconds to go, he caught the Mongolian with drop taio for yuko."

In the second round, Delpopolo beat his Canadian nemesis Nick Tritton, throwing him for ippon with uchimata with just two seconds left in a dead-even match. Then Delpopolo faced world #2-ranked Ki-Chun Wang from Korea. In a tough back-and-forth match where both players almost scored numerous times, the Korean caught Nick with tomoe nage for yuko with one minute left. "Nick just couldn't find a way to get the yuko back," Pedro said. "Nick really fought well today and looked good all day. He's just one match away from getting over the hump and beating a world top-ten in the quarters to get into the money at these major events," Pedro said. "He should be proud of his performance today." **- Story by Ernest Pund**

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