


JUDO BC



Celebrating 50 Years of Judo in British Columbia



Through the diligent practice of Judo, a Judoka will improve mentally, physically and morally. The Judoka will become both able and motivated to contribute to their community. Communities make up society and a better society will improve humanity.

Professor Jigoro Kano

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The information included is correct to the best of our knowledge and is by no means a complete history of Judo BC. If there are any errors, we would be pleased to hear from you so future publications can be corrected. We would also love to have more history about Judo BC's first 50 years as a Registered Society and welcome any submissions.



22-May-2014

My Fellow Judoka,

It's very humbling to sit and write this note. This year I will have spent 30 years in Judo and when I look back, Judo has made me the person I am today. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't use skills and characteristics that I learned throughout my Judo career. I have lifelong friends and colleagues I would never have met without Judo BC and the journey began by stepping in to a Dojo at 10 years old. At that time I didn't know that there was a dedicated core of volunteers working hard to ensure that I was safe and there was a plan for my development, all I knew was that I loved this sport. It was a few years before I even became aware of Team BC and the larger organization when I was invited to a Sunday workout. What an eye opener! Besides being thrown again and again and again, I saw the larger body of Judo and the opportunities to travel grow and thrive within that community.

There have been so many people involved in Judo BC since its inception 50 years ago and each of them have left their mark on our organization. Even more impressively some of them are still involved today, how many sports can claim the lifelong dedication that we see in Judo! At any given event you can look around and see a group of Koenkai, or local supporters, who have given so much back to this sport.

Judo BC has made several contributions at the National level as well, be it at the Board of Directors, officiating, coaching or competing. We have seen our members participate in the IJF and Olympics,

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even winning Canada's first Olympic medal in Judo. I have had the privilege of participating in some of these activities at the National and International level and have always been impressed by the way Team BC carried itself, with pride and confidence, ready to take on all opponents. We have grown as an organization over the last 50 years as well, becoming more sophisticated, engaging our provincial partners and implementing new programs. However, we have always kept the original idea Sensei Kano: Mutual Welfare and Benefit.

As I look into the next 50 years of Judo BC and beyond I am reminded of "standing on the shoulders of giants", today we see a strong vibrant organization that is prepared to take on the future but this only because of the foundations others have built for us. I am gratified to see the athletes that I competed with on Team BC taking leadership roles as coaches, officials and instructors. I look forward to watching the continuing success of Judo BC.

Yours in Judo,

Sandy Kent
President - Judo BC



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Dear Members of Judo B.C.

Congratulations on the 50th Anniversary of Judo B.C. I have strong ties to the Steveston Judo Club and Judo B.C. My relatives are the Kuramoto Family and trips to Vancouver are some of my fondest memories growing up in and out of Judo. During my competitive days, my closest friends were Judo B.C. athletes, Rob Coles, Kane Morishita, and Curtis Pentland just to name a few. Many times I wished I had grown up as a Provincial member but in usual Judo B.C. style, I was always welcomed as one of your own.

I wish to thank Mr. Jim Kojima for the years he spent mentoring and guiding me as I developed my skills to become Judo Canada's President. His advice and wisdom has helped me to develop relationships in the Pan American Judo Confederation and with the International Judo Federation.

Recently my time has been spent with Mr. Sandy Kent, the current President of Judo B.C. I have appreciated the advice and friendship he has shown me on the Board of Directors

of Judo Canada. Sandy is what we have come to expect from Judo B.C.: hardworking, dedicated and supportive of the team approach used in the development of Judo in Canada.

These are just a few examples of what has made Judo B.C. great for the past 50 years. I am sure that this trend will continue on for another 50 years. Hebbel once said: "Nothing great has ever been accomplished without passion". The organization of Judo B.C. lives and breathes passion, which shines through the development of your athletes, your tournaments, your vibrant community and your organization.

Yours in Judo,

Mike Tamura
President - Judo Canada

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1938 - Shigetaka (Steve) Sasaki and Dr. Jigoro Kano



1924 - Inside building, 1st official Judo Club in Canada, TAI IKU DOJO, Photo 1932



In about 1932, a Judo Club was formed in Steveston to provide the Japanese Canadian Communities growing families, with a meaningful recreational activity

1962 Tom Mukai Kyuzo Mifune



1939 - Tashme Judo Club



1962 - Victoria Judo Club



BC Judo Team

HISTORY

THE EARLY YEARS OF JUDO IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

A man named Jigoro Kano developed the art of Judo, translated as 'the gentle way' or 'flexible path,' in Japan near the end of the 19th century. As a rather frail boy of eighteen, he studied various styles of Jujitsu, 'the gentle art.' In 1882, a year after his graduation from Tokyo Imperial University, Kano opened a new Dojo. The newly created Kodokan, a word that translates as 'a school for studying the way,' began to teach a martial art of Kano's own devising - Judo.

Judo was the embodiment of Kano's desire to develop a style of unarmed combat with three main purposes: to train the body, to learn to defeat an opponent in combat, and to develop a proper and superior personality. It was not merely a martial art - it was also a sport and a way of life. An open-minded individual, Kano incorporated aspects of Western wrestling along with traditional Jujitsu techniques. A skeptical public soon decided to put Judo to the test by pitting this upstart new martial art against the proven, more traditional art of Jujitsu.

In a match held by the Tokyo Metropolitan Police, Kodokan Judo was matched against Totsuka-Ha Yoshin-Ryu Jujitsu; if Judo won, the Tokyo Police would immediately switch their hand-to-hand combat training from Jujitsu to Judo. Kodokan Judo won twelve of the fifteen matches and tied one more, proving itself and ensuring its continued life. In the years that followed, Judo gained in popularity and began to spread. By 1889, Kano, an

internationalist and dedicated teacher, decided that the time had come for Judo to spread out from the islands of Japan. He took his first of many trips overseas to bring his new creation to Europe and the United States. Some years later, Judo found its way to the west coast of Canada.

In 1923, Steve Sasaki decided something had to be done about Judo in British Columbia. He had grown disgusted with the Judo versus wrestling matches in vogue at the time, seeing them as nothing more than fixed contests. Sasaki had started Judo in Japan at age twelve and was awarded his first-degree black belt, the rank of Shodan, at age seventeen. Determined to promote proper Kodokan Judo in the city of Vancouver, Sasaki spent a year conducting meetings and canvassing the local Japanese Canadian community in order to gauge interest and garner support. Due to his efforts, the first recorded Judo Dojo in British Columbia opened its doors in 1924.

The club's beginning was, to say the least, inauspicious. The Dojo itself, called the Tai-Iku Dojo, was actually the high-ceilinged living room of a Mr. Kanzo Ui, one of the major financial supporters of the new club. Other benefactors supplied mats and such, but most of the costs for the Dojo came out of Sasaki's own pocket. This initiated a kind of trend whereby many early Judo teachers, called Sensei, spent their own money in order to teach Judo to others. One of the major financial contributor's to Canada's

first Judo club was the infamous Etsuji Morii, a rather shady Vancouver businessman who became interested in Judo. Morii was once described as “the *eminence grise* of the business and gambling world of Powell Street ... at once hated, feared and respected ... a prominent figure in the pre-war community structure.”

The new Judo club was quite successful, and Sasaki’s Dojo soon outgrew its colourful but humble beginnings and moved to Vancouver’s Dunlevy Street in 1925. Sasaki’s early students included both first- and second-generation Japanese Canadians; as these new students gained sufficient training, they began to take their learning and share it with others. By the second half of the 1920s Judo had begun to spread across British Columbia.

Many of Sasaki’s students went on to open other clubs in B.C. and received a great deal of help from their former Sensei in this regard. In 1926, Tomoaki ‘Tom’ Doi and Takeshi Yamamoto started a club in Steveston. They quickly turned to the generosity of the Tai-Iku Dojo. Although busy himself, Sasaki visited Steveston twice each week; in fact, the Steveston Dojo eventually became a branch of the Vancouver Dojo. Like Sasaki, Doi ran the Steveston club on a non-profit basis, asking for help from the Japanese Canadian community and even paying expenses himself when needed. More of Sasaki’s friends and students started opening their own clubs elsewhere in the province. Sasaki himself often personally aided in teaching at

these new clubs, or – when this was not possible – convinced his assistants to do so. These clubs were often founded in Buddhist churches or Japanese language schools, central gathering spots for B.C.’s Japanese Canadian community. Perhaps Sasaki was, as some have commented, “simply a man of his times, as amateur athletics directed towards the working class were just beginning to percolate through Canada.” However, as the vast majority of Sasaki’s students were Japanese Canadian, it is perhaps more accurate to describe him as a community or cultural activist. In any case, from 1924 to 1932, many young Japanese Canadian men and boys began to learn Judo.

Judo training was often done on improvised mats in what were sometimes poor physical conditions for the sport and martial art. Tournaments were held between clubs, and the Judoka – the Judo students – trained hard in order to best represent their Dojo. Many American Judo clubs in the Pacific North-West participated in these tournaments and likewise invited Canadian Judoka to compete south of the border. Through the efforts of Sasaki and his students, Judo began to flourish in many Japanese Canadian communities in British Columbia. After 1932, this growing sport would experience a boost in popularity from two different sources.

In the early 30s, a commissioner from the local Vancouver R.C.M.P. detachment attended a February Judo tournament in order to observe the hand-to-hand combat aspect of

Judo. Steve Sasaki’s display of the martial art made quite an impression on the R.C.M.P. representative. Soon afterwards, the commissioner contacted Ottawa and requested permission to replace boxing and wrestling training with Judo. However, the R.C.M.P. decided that Sasaki would have to demonstrate the effectiveness of Judo against the local police boxing and wrestling champions. Sasaki, in incredible shape and holding a third-degree black belt at the time, defeated both the boxing expert and the local Mountie wrestling champ. About two weeks later, the Vancouver R.C.M.P. detachment received orders from Ottawa to put Judo instruction among their regular courses, while boxing and wrestling became options. A short time after that, Sasaki opened a Judo Dojo located at the Heather Street Barracks. Eleven officers began training in Judo under Sasaki, with practices held twice each week. In 1934, eleven officers of the R.C.M.P. were awarded the rank of shodan, first-degree black belts – one of the earliest serious involvements of non-Japanese Canadians in Judo.

In 1936, another event substantially affected Judo in British Columbia. Jigoro Kano, Judo’s creator, visited Canada for the first time. Returning from the Olympics in Los Angeles, Kano stopped in Vancouver on 17 August 1932 to see the first Canadian Dojo devoted to Kodokan Judo. At the time of Kano’s arrival, Sasaki was in Tokyo training under Kyuzo Mifune, a diminutive Judoka of very high rank who had even competed before the Emperor Hirohito. Because of this, Yoshitaka Mori of the Vernon Dojo had the honour of

meeting Kano at the passenger docks. When Kano returned to Vancouver in 1936, however, Sasaki was there to meet him. During this eventful visit, Kano did a great honour to the young Tai-Iku Dojo by renaming it the Kidokan, or ‘house of intrinsic energy.’ He also asked Sasaki to accompany him across North America and Europe in order to help promote Judo. During this trip, Kano told Sasaki how it was important to spread Judo across Canada. This evidently had a great effect on Sasaki, for when he returned to B.C., he made several changes to the Kidokan. He had a dormitory built for the Nisei (second-generation Japanese Canadian) members of the club who lived outside the region. He also developed conversational English classes to help improve the employability of members whose English was weak. In 1938, returning from international Olympic committee meetings in Cairo, Jigoro Kano stopped in Vancouver one final time. A group of young boys from the Kitsilano Judo club assembled at the docks to meet Kano and Sasaki. Unfortunately, this was to be Kano’s last visit to Canada; a painful loss to Judo worldwide, Jigoro Kano passed away on the voyage back to Japan.

Though it survived Kano’s passing, Judo in British Columbia nearly disappeared following an even greater tragedy. British Columbia had never had a shortage of anti-Japanese sentiment; however, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941, public sentiment gave way to a cry for action. Nearly two months later, the Canadian government created a protected area 100 miles wide along the coast of British Columbia which

was deemed off-limits to all people of Japanese racial descent. Japanese Canadians west of the Rockies were to be relocated in camps further east in Western and Central Canada. The Judo clubs were perforce shut down as the teachers and students were removed from the protected area.

Some of BC's Judo instructors, influential community leaders according to a 1942 intelligence report, were among the first to be arrested. This created some interesting confrontations between the police and B.C. Judoka. The Nakashima Judo Club still tells about an incident that took place during these times when Yasumatsu Nakashima, the founder of the club, was about to unload his fish at the dock. He was met by three police officers who attempted to use force rather than reason when they came to seize his boat; they were all rewarded with free swims. Fortunately, this scene was relatively rare; although the Judoka were more than capable of resisting physically, most complied with the demands of their government. Businesses that also housed Judo Dojos were seized and sold as Judoka boarded trains and left for an unknown fate east of the Rockies.

The wartime relocation could well have resulted in a permanent end to Judo in British Columbia. However, due to the efforts of Sasaki and his students, as well as to the close relationship Sasaki had forged with the R.C.M.P., Judo did not perish in the internment camps. Although homes, boats, radios, cars, and businesses were seized and sold to fund the relocation process, Judo survived. In the Tashme camp, a family detention camp

twenty kilometers north of Hope, Steve Sasaki and Atsumu Kamino continued to teach Judo. Their students were primarily young boys, as men between the ages of 18 and 45 were often sent to work camps to be used as essentially slave labour. With around 2500 internees, Tashme held the largest concentration of Judoka among the three internment camps. Sasaki's affiliation with the R.C.M.P. served him well in this regard, as the only contacts the internees had with the outside world were R.C.M.P. officers, B.C. Security Commission representatives, and the camp store operator.

When Sasaki asked the B.C. Security Commission to allow Judoka to join him at the camp, his request was granted. Although many of the former Judo practitioners were unable to train while labouring elsewhere, Judo was being spread among a new generation of Japanese Canadians. This teaching of Judo was also taking place in the Popoff camp as well as the Angler P.O.W. camp. Genichiro Nakahara of the Chemainus Dojo instructed at Popoff, while Masato Ishibashi and Kameo Kawaguchi taught Judo at the Angler camp.

By the time the restriction on Japanese Canadians in B.C. was lifted in 1949, Judo had already spread to many Canadian provinces through forced relocation and voluntary resettlement. The sheer number of Judoka who relocated to Ontario and Quebec caused a definite shift in the eventual organizational structure of Judo in Canada, a shift that saw B.C.'s monopoly of the teaching and practice of Judo come to an end. Before the abolishment of

the restricted area in 1949, the only B.C. Dojo still in operation was the Vernon Dojo, established in 1944 by Yoshitaka Mori; martial arts were still banned at this time in many places, and Japanese Canadians required a special police permit to meet in groups. Mr. Mori was the first to obtain such a permit for Judo. It was not until the early 50s that Judo returned to the coast of British Columbia

As the Japanese Canadian fishermen and their families returned to coastal B.C., so too returned some of Judo's early practitioners. Following his stay at Tashme, Steve Sasaki moved to Ashcroft in 1951. It is well known that he taught Judo there and eventually opened a Dojo, although the exact inception date of the club is unclear. The Vancouver Dojo is therefore considered the first coastal Judo club to officially reopen its doors. On the corner of Cordova and Princess, in the old Ukrainian Hall, Tomoaki Doi, Yonekazu Sakai, and Graham Hall – the first Caucasian promoted to black-belt after the war, and the very first Canadian promoted from white belt directly to black – reopened the Dojo. The following year, Sasaki met with Doi to discuss the establishment of a new Judo Dojo in Steveston to replace the one that was abandoned. They called together many the former pre-war practitioners and, as a group, decided to form a new club.

As most of the Judoka had no money, there was some difficulty acquiring funding; an interest-free loan from the Japanese Fishermen's Benevolent Society allowed the Dojo to buy mats

and open for business. The instructors were all volunteers, and the club complement at its rebirth, including children and adults, was around 80 members. Other clubs soon followed, and Judo was once again alive on the west coast. Kano's advice to Sasaki had taken root at last; Judo had spread across Canada and, thanks to the efforts of Sasaki and his students, and once more returned to its Canadian roots on the shores of British Columbia.

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1964
Doug Rogers, Silver Medal at the 1964 Olympic Games, Tokyo



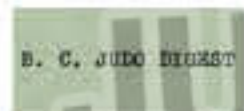
1964
Judo BC becomes a Registered Society



1964
3rd National Championships hosted in Vancouver



1970
National Championships hosted in Vancouver



1971
First BC Judo Digest published, editor, John A. Huntley



1971
Name changes from BC Black Belt Association to BC Judo Association

1971
1st Provincial High School Tournament in Quesnel



1971
1st International High School Tournament in New Westminster

1971
Steveston Martial Arts Centre official opening



1972
S. Kotani and T. Yamamoto visit



1972
All Japan high school team visit



1974
Hiroshi Nakamura, National Coach, Coaching Clinic, Steveston

1976
Korean high school team visits Prince George



1976
Japanese high school team visits Vancouver

1960's

1970's

1970's

1976
1st Canadian Women's Judo Championships



1976
Doug Rogers inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame



1977
1st visit by Ms Keiko Fukuda, 6th Dan, Kata Clinics, Steveston

1978
Steveston Judo Club, selected as a National Coaching and Athlete Training Centre



1978
National Team Training Camp at Steveston



1979
1st BC Winter Games, Kamloops

1979
Judo Canada introduces Judo Canada Passport

1979
1st NCCP Level 1 Technical Workshop, Prince George



1979
Keio University Team visits Steveston

1980
Name changes from BC Judo Association to Judo BC Association



1980
Mexican National Team visits Steveston

1980
Canadian Senior Men's Championships in Vancouver

1980
Professor S. Kotani, 9th Dan of Tokai University, Kata Clinic, Steveston



1981
Debbie Seel, first female Canadian Judo Champion in BC (56 kg)



1981
1st Annual Summer Camp

1983
Mr. Jim Kojima receives the Order of Canada

1984
1st Black Belts awarded to female Judoka in BC - Sue (Walker) Williams, Anne (Hawthorne) Dahlquist, Alma (Stokes) Yodogawa and Maureen Osler

1984
Judo Canada Life Membership awarded to Steve Sasaki, Tom Tamoto, Tomoaki Doi and Yoshitaka Mori. See November 1984 Digest for bios

1970's

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1985
Canadian Juvenile and Junior Men's Championships, Kamloops

1985
Judo BC advertises for Technical Director

1986
Steve Sasaki honored by Judo BC and the Japanese Government. Bio in March 1986 Digest



1986
Steve Sasaki inducted into the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame

1986
Kane Morishita selected to represent Canada at the IJF Junior World Championships in Italy

1986
Kathy Hubble awarded Best Female Athlete of the Year by Judo Canada



1986
Honorary Dinner for Mr. Tamoto



1987
Professor Nobuyuki Sato, 6th Dan, Tokue University, visits Steveston

1987
Kamloops Judo Club celebrates it's 30th Anniversary



1987
Hartly Jones, Kathy Hubble and Alison Web represents Canada at the Pan American Games in Indianapolis Indiana

1987
Mr. Yoshiaiki Shinojima, 8th Dan from the Kodokan visits Victoria

1988
Mr. Jim Kojima elected President of Judo Canada. A position he held until stepping down in 1994

1989
February - New Abbotsford Dojo opens



1989
May - National Championships held in Vancouver

1989
July/August - World Police and Fire Games

1990
July - Juvenile & Junior Canadian Championships, Cranbrook

1980's

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1990's

1992
Martial Arts School of Tokyo visits BC



1992
Gymnasium in Kitimat named after Jim Linton, Head Sensei for the Kitimat & Haisla Judo Clubs

1992
Judo Awareness Week in BC



1992
Pier Morten, Bronze Medal at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona

1992
Sandra Morris, 1st female President of Judo BC

1993
1st Annual Male and Female Athlete of the Year Awards presented to Alison Webb and Hartley Jones



1994
Mr. Yoshitaka Mori Honoured and Vernon Judo Club celebrates 50th

1994
Judo BC Association celebrates 40th Anniversary. 40 Years since the start of the Association



1994
Judo BC Association becomes Judo BC

1994
Cynthia Tan and Curtis Pentland receives Premier Sports Awards at the BC Sports Hall of Fame



1995
Mike Swain Clinic in Steveston

1995
Senior National Championships, Burnaby



1995
Western Canada Summer Games, Matsqui and Abbotsford



1995
Mr. Steve Sasaki inducted into the BC Sports Hall of Fame in the Builder Category

1995
1st Steve Sasaki Memorial Award presented to Chris Schenk

1996
Mr. Yosh Yoshida, Head Instructor of the Kamloops Judo Club receives Distinguished Service Medal from the City of Kamloops



1996
Judo BC goes online with website and email address

1990's

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1996
Toraki Seminar with Hitoshi Sugai, 2 time World Champion



1996
Emi Tasaka Silver, Junior World Championships

1996
Kamloops Judo Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary



1996
Doug Rogers & Steve Sasaki inducted into the Judo Canada Hall of Fame



1997
Mr. John Huntley appointed Master Course Conductor

1997
Victoria Judo Club Celebrates 40th Anniversary



1997
Brad Farrow inducted into the Judo Canada Hall of Fame

1998
Junior Nationals Abbotsford



1998
Clinic by Yashuhiro Yamashita, 7th Dan, Professor at Tokai University and Japan National Coach



1998
Burnaby Judo Club celebrates it's 30th Anniversary

1998
Hart Judo Club opens in Prince George



1998
Ishikawa Family Judo Clubs opens in Burnaby



1998
Sandy Kent and Emi Tasaki receive Premier Sports Awards



1998
Eiko Saito-Sheppard Kata Seminar



1998
Al Hadvick becomes Judo Canada President

1999
Pier Morten receives the Sport BC 1998 Harry Jerome Comeback Award

1990's

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1999
1st Girls Judo Seminar, Coquitlam

1999
Abbotsford Judo Club selected as Regional Training Centre

1999
Tomoaki Doi inducted into the Judo Canada Hall of Fame



2000
Premier's Sport Award Program for Judo released



2000
Pier Morten, Bronze at the 2000 Sydney Paralympics & Flag bearer for closing ceremonies

2000
Cynthia Tan, Gold, Emi Tasaka, Silver at the Pan American Championships



2000
National Team Head Coach Louis Jani, 2 time Olympian, 10 time Canadian Champion visits regional training centre in Abbotsford



2000
Yoshitaka Mori and Frank Sakai inducted into the Judo Canada Hall of Fame

2001
Junior/Juvenile National Championships, Kamloops

2001
Mr. Yeiji Inouye inducted into the Judo Canada Hall of Fame



2002
Steveston Clinic by Sensei Nobuyuki Sato from Tokai University

2002
Mr. Jim Kojima awarded Sport BC Official of the Year



2003

Mr. Darrell Dean, Mr. Ron Joyce, Ms. Jocelyn McGrandle awarded the Commemorative Medal for the Golden Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II



2003
Steveston Judo celebrates 50th Anniversary



2003
Dr. Yves Le Gal inducted into the Judo Canada Sports Hall of Fame

2003
Mr. Tom Mukai and Mr. Jim Kojima awarded Life Membership with Judo Canada



1990's

2000's

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2004
Keith Durrant (age 44) becomes 1st Canadian to earn consecutive black belt promotions in open weight competition from 1st to 6th degree in the 122 years of Kodokan Judo history



2004
Russ Ko receives the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal

2004
Junior and Juvenile Nationals Championships, Kelowna



2005
Mr. Kojima inducted into the Judo Canada Sports Hall of Fame



2005
Mark Tsuyuki wins Gold Medal at the World Masters Judo Championships

2005
Keith Durrant wins the Outstanding Player Award at the 2005 All Japan High Dan Tournament



2005
Abbotsford Judo Celebrates 25th Anniversary



2005
Tom Mukai inducted into the Burnaby Sports Hall of Fame

2005
Burnaby Judo Club celebrates 40th Anniversary



2006
Judo Canada begins developing Long Term Athlete Development Model

2006
Kamloops Judo Club celebrates 50th Anniversary



2007
Victoria Judo Club celebrates 50th Anniversary



2008
Henry Uyeda inducted into the Kamloops Sports Hall of Fame



2009
World Police & Fire Games, Burnaby



2009
Sasha Mehmedovic, 2008 Olympian, guest instructor at the BC Team Christmas Camp

2000's

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2009
Sensei Hayward Nishioka, 8th Dan, clinic in Burnaby



2010
Hermann Mauthner, Abby Lloyd, Marco Chiaramonte, Alan Sakai & Jim Kojima, Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Torch Bearers



2010
Vernon Judo Club celebrates 65th Anniversary



2010
Nanaimo Judo Club celebrates 50th Anniversary

2011
June - Inouye Sensei was awarded his Kudan (9th degree Blackbelt), only the second time this rank had been awarded in Canada, and the first time in British Columbia



2011
10th Annual Referee Seminar, Abbotsford



2011
4 Time Olympian Keith Morgan Seminar in Kelowna

2012
Judo BC goes Social with Facebook and Twitter



2012
Olympian Nick Tritton, guest instructor at the Winter Camp



2012
Pacific International webcast live on TVGO.ca

2012
Olympian Nuno Delgado, guest speaker at the National Coaching Conference, Squamish



2012
Pier Morten inducted into the Judo Canada Hall of Fame

2013
Steveston Kata Seminar with Mr. Tadashi Sato, 8th Dan, Kodokan



2013
Canadian Judo Championships, Richmond Olympic Oval



2014
The 2013 Canadian Judo National Championships held in Richmond is awarded the Canadian Sport Tourism Event of the Year Award



2014
Judo BC Celebrates its 50th Anniversary as a Registered Society

2000's

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1961 - Ken Shimizu learning seoi-nage on brother George in the Vancouver Judo Club



Doug Rogers winning at the 1964 Canadian Judo Championships with Sensei Tom Tamoto refereeing



1969 - Vancouver Judo Tournament



1965 - BC Open, Steveston



Kamloops, Yosh Yoshida with trophy



Canadian Heavyweight Champion Nick Bleyendal in the 60's



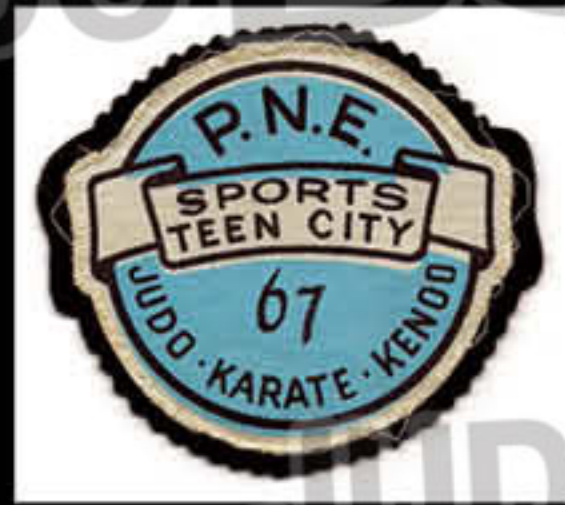
1968 Henry Mukai throws Luis Gonzalez, USA Middleweight Champion at the Pan American Championships, San Juan, Puerto Rico



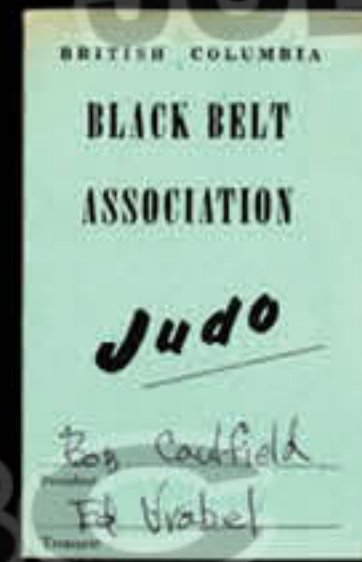
1966 - Doug Rogers, Newaza Clinic



1969 - New Westminster Tournament



Howard Alexander



Yoshitaka Mori and Yosh Ouchi

HISTORY

LIST OF PRESIDENTS AND STAFF

PRESIDENTS

2009 to present	Sandy Kent
2002 to 2009	David Magnusson
1997 to 2002	Curtis Pentland
1992 - 1997	Sandra Morris
1978 - 1992	Al Hadvick
1972 - 1978	Robert Fedoruk
1968 - 1972	Yeiji Inouye
1964 - 1968	Robert Caulfield
1963? - 1964	Satoru Tamoto
1958 - 1963?	Tomaoki Doi
1952 - 1958	Shigetaka Sasaki

BC HEAD COACHES

2010 to present	Bruce Kamstra
1999 - 2010	Renee Hock (TD and Head Coach)
1997 - 1999	Chris Schenk
1996 - 1997	Fred Tan
1995 - 1996	Tim Hirose & Mark Tsuyuki (Team Liaisons)
1993 - 1994	Tim Laidler
1991 - 1993	Greg Lyons
1989 - 1990	Rick Yodogawa
1988 - 1989	Tim Hirose & Greg Lyons
1984 - 1988	Rick Yodogawa
1975 - 1981?	Art Nishi
1973 - 1975	Jack Denbow
1970 - 1973	Tom Mukai

STAFF

2013 to present	Katie Thomson ED
2010 to 2012	Diane St. Denis ED
2002 to 2010	Renee Hock ED, TD
2000 to 2002	Glenna McKay ED
1992 - 1999	Irene Schnell ED
1991 - 1992	Patty Poomhower ED
1990 - 1991	Mas Iwamoto ED
1988 - 1990	Sandra Morris TD
1986 - 1988	Alison Webb TD



1970 - Bellingham, Ken Shimizu and Al Sakai beside each other



First black belts of the Kamloops Judo Club



Campbell River Judo Team in the early 70's



1974 - Udo Werner



February 9, 1978 - Debbie Seel demonstrating a shoulder throw



Henry (Hank) Mukai wins 1971 Canadian National Championships, Montreal



CLUB LIST AND HISTORIES

ACTIVE CLUB HISTORIES

ABBOTSFORD JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1981

Joined Judo BC in: 1981

1st Head Sensei: Mr. Tokue Suda

Current Head Sensei: Mr. Tokue Suda



Significant members of the club include Dave, Chris and Graham Magnusson, Stephanie Tsang, Kevin Chiba, Kimi Suda, and Brandon Jobb.

ABERDEEN JUDO

Founded in: 1987

Joined Judo BC in: 1987

1st Head Sensei: John Huntley

Current Head Sensei: John Huntley

After moving to Kamloops from Prince George where they operated Hoku Dojo for 22 years, John (then 5th Dan) & Geri (then 2nd Dan) Huntley opened Aberdeen Judo Academy in October,

1987. New foam judo mats were purchased from Jukado in Montreal, a major supplier of martial arts equipment serving all areas of Canada.

In 1995, we moved into our existing facilities located in Aberdeen Subdivision, hence our academy name! Our mat surface has expanded with the present dojo having 53 European (metric size) foam mats mounted on a 'floating floor' that gives great resiliency; we replicated the surface of dai-dojo in the Kodokan, Tokyo.

In addition to increased judo activity, weight training equipment in the form of free weights was purchased and a 'side-section' of the dojo was set up for serious strength training for any and all interested members, especially our competitors. To this day, resistance circuit-training is an important aspect of physical preparation at Aberdeen Judo.



We started with junior and senior judoka programs, morphing into just a senior judo dojo for a period of time, and presently we again conduct separate junior and senior judo programs.

The present programs at Aberdeen Judo Academy cater to boys and girls, men and women – all working together in the teachings of the two ideals of Kodokan Judo – Jita Kyoie (mutual welfare & benefit) and Zeiryoku-zenyo (maximum efficiency).

Initially the dojo was opened as a high level recreational judo club but soon members were eager to enter judo tournaments.

Aberdeen Judo is noted for producing top provincial, national and international level competitors. Our first Senior Canadian Judo Champion was Jay Pickering, at the Nationals in St. John's, Newfoundland in 2005, followed in 2013 by siblings Megan and Geoffrey Hanks in the U18 and U16 age divisions and Jim Karas in the Veterans division.

Some of Aberdeen's members compete internationally with Sensei Huntley competing in the annual All Japan High Dan Judo Championships held in the Kodokan in Tokyo. He and two other black belt members of Aberdeen Judo Academy competed in the IJF World Veterans Championships in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E in November 2013. This year they will again compete in the IJF World Veteran Championships, this time in Malaga, Spain! Sensei Huntley is an NCCP judo course facilitator for BC and the Master Judo Course Facilitator for Yukon as well as chair of the Judo Yukon NCCP committee, a member of the Judo

Yukon grading board, technical advisor to the Budo Academy in Singapore and conducts clinics for Singapore & Malaysian judo groups.

Our website is: www.aberdeenjudo.com

ARASHI JUDO CLUB (SURREY)

Founded in: 2012

Head Sensei: Karl Larsen

BURNABY JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1964

Joined Judo BC in: 1964

Head Sensei: Tom Mukai

Current Head Instructor: Curtis Pentland

The Burnaby Judo Club was established in the mid sixties by Tom and Henry (Hank) Mukai when they opened the club doors at the Edmonds School Annex in Burnaby with a small group of students.

It was soon necessary, because of new members, to move to the basement of the Bonsor Recreation Complex where they spent three years. In 1971, growth forced them to move again into the basement of the Army & Navy (314) Veteran's Club where extensive work had to be done to accommodate them, all of which was performed by the members.



This was a big breakthrough for the club, as they now had space to open the membership to anyone interested in the sport of Judo.

The Army & Navy (314) Veterans' Club was very supportive during their ten year stay with them, however, because of changes to the building structure, they were forced to move again into a portable behind the Bonsor Recreation Complex where they stayed until 1987 at which time construction of their new home within the walls of the new Bonsor Recreation Complex began.

During construction of the complex, Riverway Elementary School was utilized until the Burnaby Judo Club relocated to their present home at Bonsor on April 9, 1988.

In the new dojo, David Ban, Radomir and Pat Orescanin (nee Chivers), George Hibbert, Mark Tsuyuki, Curtis Pentland, Roberto Messiano, Mark Nariwa, Paul Whishaw, Brian Hampson, Johannes

Schenk, and so many others volunteered to continue to expose a new generation to the principles of Kodokan Judo.

Many Judoka have earned their black belts through the efforts of Tom and Hank Mukai, and the club has produced an outstanding list of national senior and junior champions throughout the years. The club has developed into one of the strongest and largest on the west coast.

Visit us at www.BurnabyJudoClub.ca

CAMPBELL RIVER JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1966

1st Head Sensei: James Ramsay

Current Head Sensei: Darcy Yule

The Campbell River Judo club was founded in 1966 by Mr. James Ramsay who is now a 6th degree black belt. In September of 1989 we constructed our own dojo and have since expanded.



We have Vancouver Island's largest dojo with two fighting squares on 2500+ square feet of mats. The current Sensei is Darcy Yule and significant members include Chris and Tom Bezaire, Kelly Eden and Lynn Chorney.

CAPILANO SEIKIDOKAN JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1994

1st Head Sensei: Mike Gentleman

Current Head Sensei: Hiroshi Nishi

In 1994, Seikidokan Judo Club member and assistant instructor Mike Gentleman, took over the Capilano College Judo Club in 1994. At that time, the club practiced at Capilano College. A year later, the club was renamed the Capilano Seikidokan Judo Club to come under the Seikidokan Judo Club authority.

The Seikidokan Judo Club then became the Vancouver Seikidokan Judo Club to distinguish the two clubs within Judo BC. Seikidokan Judo Club is still used by Vancouver as the official name. The club moved to a shared facility near Pemberton and Marine Drive in North Vancouver.

In 1996, the club hosted the BC Winter Games in North Vancouver. Hiroshi Nishi took over the Capilano Seikidokan Judo Club on a full time basis. At this time, the club moved to its current location, St. Catherine's Church near Edgemont Village.

In 2012, Vancouver Seikidokan members moved in with Capilano Seikidokan until a new facility is found in Vancouver.

CASTLEGAR JUDO CLUB

Head Sensei: John Gibson

CRESTON JUDO CLUB

Head Sensei: Ben Reinhardt

DELTA KAIGAN JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 2005

Joined Judo BC in: 2005

Current Head Sensei: Bruce Fingarson

What can be said for a "new" club? We do not have years of history behind us! But what we do have is years of experience in judo, and the enthusiasm and dedication to see the Delta Kaigan Judo club become one of the best clubs in BC, and or Canada.

As you browse through this manual, you will find a lot of useful information. Ultimately, you will come across the information on all the instructors. They have been the key in creating this club. But it is not only the instructors listed that have helped in getting the club off the ground, but others as well. The core group of Jan Karnik, Mark Staines, Corey Lapell, Marco Pasin, Dave Hocking and Bruce Fingarson has worked long and hard to see this opportunity come to life.

As with all challenges, problems arise – fortunately, they were solved in a "Gentle Way". This group is one of the best that I have had the privilege to work with; all bringing a critical perspective and talent to the "mat".

We are also fortunate to have some younger judoka as assistant instructors. What they bring to the mat is the perspective of the youth of today. If we want to exceed the expectations of the members of our club, it is valuable to have their insights as well.

The fact that the Delta Kaigan Judo club opened for business on September 8th, 2005 must be attributed to the work and diligence of many people. In addition, without the members who are willing to train with us, we also would not have a club. To all these people, thank you.

It is very appropriate to mention some of the roots that have influenced all of us in getting where we are now. Sensei Rudi Mahler, 5th Dan, of the North Delta Judo club was *the* instructor for most of us. He nurtured the judoka in us. Mark and Jan have known him for well over 30 years, and that is not an influence that can be ignored. For the rest of us, Sensei Rudi's influence has been shorter, but no less significant. In judo, he always saw in us, more than we saw in ourselves.

It is with sadness that we bid farewell to Sensei Rudi. He fought his last shiai on September 3rd, 2005. It is with respect and fondness

that we remember his impact on us and his contribution to the rest of the judo community.

I would also like to express our sincere gratitude, and mine in particular, to Sensei John Huntley, 6th Dan, of the Aberdeen Judo Academy in Kamloops, BC. Sensei Huntley has shared with us his wisdom, support, assistance and guidance over the years.

In 2005, he has been especially helpful in answering many questions and providing solutions to many of our problems as we set out to start a new judo club. Without the valuable contributions, which he has given to me and to the rest of the instructors, the creation of the Delta Kaigan Judo club would have been a much more difficult path, which is not the Judo 'way'.

In closing, had it not been for Sensei Huntley's and Sensei Mahler's incredible dedication to judo in BC and their influence on us, we would not be entering into the judo world as the Delta Kaigan Judo Club, with the confidence that we now have.

Thank You!
Yours in Judo,
Bruce Fingarson,
Head Sensei

FERNIE JUDO CLUB

Head Sensei: Fred Gietz

THE GATHERING PLACE JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1995

1st Head Sensei: Antonio Guzman

Current Head Sensei: Antonio Guzman

The Gathering place judo Club was founded in 1995 by Antonio Guzman, and has welcomed young adults and mature adults from all walks of life, from university students, international students, low income downtown residents, professionals, homeless and transient travelers who happened to know there is a Judo Club in the Downtown of Vancouver. We welcome wrestlers, Jiu Jitsu practitioner and Judokas from other clubs. We are recreational, but we also have some competitive participants.



Antonio Guzman, 4th Dan – head coach of the Gathering Place Judo Club since 1995. Antonio is the Former El Salvador national champion (82-87) and Central American Judo Champion 84-86. Also El Salvador National Judo Team Coach (90-93).

Our club started in 1993 at the Raycam Community Centre in the Downtown Eastside under the name of the Downtown Eastside Youth Activities Society, DEYAS.

Some of the Gathering Place black belts are Mitch Burgess, San Kress, Tim Pelzer and Karel Khrazdil.

GOLDEN EARS JUDO CLUB

Founded around: 1983

1st Head Sensei: Dave Hepper

Current Head Sensei: Christopher Campos

The club was founded as Tani Kai Judo Club sometime around 1983 by Head Sensei Dave Hepper, Ernie Wijenberg instructing the advanced class of juveniles and adults and Neil Beck who taught the junior class. Dan Mellon took over instructing the advanced class from 1985 to 1987 and assisted in organizing the club's annual team tournament and produced a monthly club newsletter.

The current Head Sensei is Christopher Campos (2011-present) who took over from Ron Wright (1991-2011). Assistant Senseis include Shawn Davis, Brad Domaas, James Kanders, Sean Tinney,

and Anthony Robb. Jacon Cozma has been a significant volunteer with roles regarding the website.

HART JUDO ACADEMY

The Hart Judo Academy is a family fitness centre located in Prince George, BC. Established in 1998 by Canadian Champion Bruce Kamstra, we have been offering quality judo and fitness programs ever since.

Bruce Kamstra, 5th degree black belt and Head Instructor, was Canadian Champion – 60kg in 1998 and was a member of the Junior National Coaching staff from 2004 – 2008. He is the Judo BC Head Coach and Judo Canada Regional Technical Support Officer.

Christian Schenk, 4th degree black belt and instructor, is a former National Team Member and has previously coached the provincial team. Shane Ridley and Doug Gould are both 2nd degree black belts and instructors with the academy.

INVERMERE JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1967

1st Head Sensei: Hermann Mauthner

The beginning of the Invermere Judo Club started with the arrival of Hermann Mauthner in Invermere in late 1966, the seed was planted and a judo club was formed in 1967. The club practised in the gym of the DTSS. A first in club contest was held. As greater

interest was shown and more athletes joined, new tatami was purchased. Every year after that a contest or bigger tournament was held here in Invermere with judokas from the Kootenays, across BC, Alberta, Washington, Idaho, Montana and guest competitors from Japan and Russia. Several clinics were held from high ranking senseis from BC and other places of Canada. With this training many Invermere Judokas placed high in competitions. Debbie Seel (-56kg div.) began in Lethbridge in 1981, and was the first female Canadian Champion for BC. Charlotte Streicek won the Juvenile Championship in 1985 and the Senior Championship in 1986. At Canada Winter Games 1987 in Sydney, NS, Carey-Jo Hoffman of Invermere won the first gold medal ever handed out to a female in Judo, it was the first inclusion of female judo at the Games.

Many others placed and participated in other Canadian Championships, just to name a few: Marion Kloos, Jeanette Streicek, Mark Digney, Robin Gadsby, Shane Bristow, Sean Reiter, Chris Wass, Kirk Mauthner, Karen Sharp (Mauthner), Margot Mauthner.

In 1999-2001 the Invermere Judo Club hosted and organized a Summer Judo Camp at Blue Lake. Also in 2001 the head instructor Hermann Mauthner was honoured with the Steve Sasaki Trophy.

Over the years the Invermere Club has had over 2000 members of which 12 became eventual black belts. The Club practise, which

started at the DTSS moved over the years to several locations and finally in its present place, an old fire hall, opened and unveiled by Nicolas Gill as the "Debbie Seel Centre" in 1991.

Also of note, we have third generation participants and 4 Yudanshas instructing and very much looking forward to our 50th Celebration (we are now 47 years old).

ISHIKAWA FAMILY JUDO CLUB (BURNABY)

Founded in: 1998

Head Sensei: Takao Izumi

KAMLOOPS JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1956

The Kamloops Judo Club was founded by 3 gentleman in 1956 who met and practised judo together in Tashme (a WWII relocation camp near Hope, BC) from 1942 – 1945. These men, Frank Maeda, Kaz Yokoyama, and Yosh Yoshida laid the foundation of the Kamloops Judo Club close to 60 years ago. The Kamloops Judo Club first started in the basement of the Buddhist Church on Poplar Street (Kamloops, BC) between 1956 and 1975. From there it moved to many different halls throughout the City of Kamloops. After many false starts a proposal was made in January of 1973 to the Board of Trustees of School District No. 24 to construct a Japanese cultural and martial arts centre on school district property. The building would be used by the schools during school hours and by the club other times.

The proposal was agreeable by the board and approval from the Department of Education.

On October 26, 1973 the Society's Act incorporated the Kamloops Judo Society and construction for the new judo centre began less than 1 year later on September 16, 1974. With the help of volunteers, Yosh Yoshida built the Kamloops Dojo and opening ceremonies were held May 24, 1975.



In 1983, nine junior members travelled to Japan with their instructor, Yosh Yoshida and Henry Uyeda to study and compete in the nation that founded the sport of judo. On July 6 and 7, 1985 the Canadian Junior and Juvenile National Judo Championships, one of the biggest judo events in Canada was hosted by The Kamloops Judo Club, as well as the 2001 Canadian Junior and Juvenile Judo Championships.

The Kamloops Judo club, to this day, is 100% non-profit. The instructors teach completely on a volunteer basis. Without these volunteer instructors and other volunteers who have donated

countless hours to help raise funds for the cost of building the Dojo and the routine costs of running the club, as well as the ongoing support by local businesses and the City of Kamloops, the Kamloops Judo Club would not be in existence today.

The club currently has approximately 24 junior students ranging from the age 8 to 14 and about 20 senior members ranging from the age 15 to 73 (that's right 73!). Those current members include Black belt holders Rick (Nidan), Marlowe (Shodan), Ted (Shodan), Christian (Shodan), Joe (Nidan), only to name a few, and who also volunteer their time to assist Henry Uyeda (Head instructor, Rokudan) in teaching judo classes.

Yosh Yoshida, one of the founders, and a 7th degree black belt, had been with the club since the beginning in 1956. He started practicing Judo in 1939 at the age of 10. His many awards include: the BC Champion trophy (1960), the Nikkei Honour Roll from the Kamloops chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (1995), and a Distinguished Service award from the city of Kamloops (1995). In May 1998, Sensei Yoshida was inducted into the Kamloops Sports Hall of Fame. Sensei Yoshida has since passed away but will never be forgotten.

Henry Uyeda, a 6th degree black belt, certified continental referee and level II certified national coach, Sensei Uyeda joined the Kamloops Judo Club in 1959. Under his leadership since 1963, the club has hosted numerous international tournaments; resulting in strong relationships with several Japanese Judo instructors

and clubs. Sensei Uyeda leads by adhering to the cultural pillars of Japanese Judo tradition: honour, discipline, and hard work. In 2006, he received the Steve Sasaki Award from the BC Judo Association for being "a judoka who has achieved in competition and has demonstrated the spirit and essence of the sport."

Sensei Uyeda was inducted into the Kamloops Sports Hall of Fame in 2008 and is still head master and instructor in 2014. Henry also received the National Nikkei Honor Roll in 1996 from the Kamloops Chapter of the National Association of Japanese Canadian. He was also a finalist in the 1996 for sportsperson of the year through the Kamloops Sports Council. Henry has also travelled to Japan 5 times with some members of the Kamloops Judo Club to study judo.

The Kamloops Judo Club will be celebrating its 60 year anniversary in 2016 and we look forward to another 60 years.

KELOWNA JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1953

The Kelowna Judo club was formed in approximately 1953 and has had various sites for its dojo over the years, now located at 710 Evans Court.

The club starts members as young as 7 years old in the "junior" class, who are taught the judo basics, the etiquette and discipline, throws and break falls, along with a whole lot of fun.



We have students (judokas) and instructors (senseis) that have competed nationally and internationally and currently have students vying for positions on the Judo BC team. You don't have to be a competitor though to be part of the Kelowna Judo Club, we have many students that enjoy the recreation and physical fitness of the sport.

Instructors include Yondan John Davina, Sandan Kathy Hubble, Nidans Dan Cannan and Ken Prat, and Shodans Stu Leatherdale, David Guthrie, Scott Betker, Kiypfumi Alex Takanishi, and Tanner Mair.

KENSINGTON JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 2004

Joined Judo BC in: 2004

Current Head Sensei: Bob Elliott

Kensington Judo Club was founded June 7, 2004. The Judo Club is a registered non-profit organization under the Societies Act of British Columbia. Sensei Bob Elliott is the head instructor

and holds the rank of Yondan (4th degree black belt). He is also certified as a NCCP Level II Coach. The Dojo is also run by a group of voluntary members and instructors. They volunteer their time in the promotion of Judo and to make a difference in the community.

Kensington Judo Club provides a positive learning environment where participants at all levels can continuously improve and have the "Judo Experience". We believe that Kodokan Judo has everything to offer people of all ages and physical abilities.

KOKORO JUDO CLUB (100 MILE HOUSE)

Head Sensei: Ian Briggs

KOKUSHIKAI JUDO (VICTORIA)

Founded in: 1999

Head Sensei: Mark Grant

LAKE COUNTRY JUDO

Founded in: 1981

1st Head Sensei: Bob Griechen

Current Head Sensei: Bob Griechen

Lake Country Judo Club has been active in Okanagan, Lake Country/Winfield British Columbia since 1981. Founded by Sensei Bob Griechen (Black Belt 5th degree) the club is currently run by Bob and his son Keith Griechen (Black Belt 3rd Degree). The club has a junior (6-12 yrs old) and senior class (13 up).

These are two pictures of Bob and Keith that show a Judo demonstration 34 years ago. Sensei is on the side of the mat with the mega-phone (like he needs it!) and Sensei Keith is ready to fight on the left hand side.



Sensei Keith performing his favourite throw – Seoi-nage.



LANGLEY JUDO CLUB

Head Sensei: Glenn R. Ford

The Langley Judo Club is currently running programs for both recreational and competitive judo in the junior (under 13) and senior (13+) classes under the Instructors at Langley Judo. Club instructors are Glenn R Ford and Andrew Erjavec.

MILL BAY SHIDOKAI JUDO

Head Sensei: Michael Turner

NAKASHIMA DOJO JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1968

1st Head Sensei: Robert Nakashima

Current Head Sensei: Frank Nakamshima

Nakashima Dojo was started way back in 1968 by a group of Blackbelts and interested parents. The original group that started the club were Robert Nakashima (5 Dan-Head Instructor), Frank Nakashima (3 Dan), Gary Nakashima (2 Dan), Rick Nakashima (2 Dan), Bob Fedoruk (4 Dan), Shoji Yamazaki (3 Dan), Bob Long (President) and Leo Holthe. NAKASHIMA DOJO was named after Yasumatsu Nakashima in recognition for the many years that he promoted and supported Judo in Vancouver.



The original members who started Nakashima Dojo in 1968 are pictured. Seated next to Robert Nakashima (Head Instructor) is Ichiinouye Sensei 8 Dan, who was a friend of Yasumatsu Nakashima. Ichiinouye Sensei taught the U.S. Navy in Yokohama, Japan. The U.S. Navy would invite Sensei to the U.S.A. every 3 years where he would visit their bases up and down the Pacific Coast, starting from San Diego and ending up in Seattle, Washington.

After his tour was over, he would visit and stay at the Nakashima's home for 2-3 weeks. Seated in the back row is Bob Long, the first president and at the other end, is Leo Holthe, Treasurer. Frank Nakashima and Bob Mah are seated in front of Leo Holthe.

NANAIMO JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1960

Head Sensei: Kiyo Nomura

NORTH CAPITAL JUDO CLUB (PRINCE GEORGE)

Head Sensei: Christian Hausot

PARKLAND JUDO CLUB & PARKLAND JUDO ACADEMY

Founded in: 1989

1st Head Sensei: Mickey Fitzgerald

The Parkland Judo Club - The First 23 Years

In the autumn of 1989, Mickey Fitzgerald launched the Parkland Judo Club. Mickey had just begun his teaching career after a 6 year stay in Japan where he earned the rank of Yondan (4th degree) while studying Judo at the Kodokan. In its first year, the club had roughly 10 students, and one additional teacher, Doug Alderson who had no prior judo experience. However, despite its initial low enrolment the club endured and prospered, celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2014.



Between 1989 and 2014, it is estimated that between 250 - 300 students have practised Judo at Parkland. In addition to introducing students to Judo, throughout the years Mickey and the assisting instructors have always stressed correct behaviour, proper etiquette, personal challenges and positive mentorship. The Parkland Judo Club has had a history of providing marginalized students a sense of belonging and that may otherwise have been difficult to find in a school setting.

Teachers who Played & Continue to Play a Key Role in the Club's Success

In addition to the leadership of Mickey Fitzgerald (Rokudan), Parkland Judo has persevered with the aid of several teachers. The first teacher to assist Mickey was ex-rugby player, Doug Alderson, who eventually earned his Shodan. Doug, who in Mickey's words was as "Tough as Nails" helped run the club for over 10 years before his retirement. The next teacher to practise and eventually teach at the club was Jose Tudela (brown belt). Over the years, Jose has played an important role in helping to develop student's judo (emphasizing grit and determination) and helping to shape the club to what it is today.

The next individual to help out with the club was Vice Principal Spencer Gray, who began his Judo as a youth at the Campbell River Judo Club. Spencer obtained his Shodan shortly after joining the club. It must be noted that Spencer played an instrumental role in getting the Parkland Judo Club passed as an Academy by the Saanich School Board. The most recent teacher

to join the Parkland Judo Club is Andre Gogol (brown belt) who has been practising with and assisting the club for the past 7 years. Andre helped to develop the courses that make up the Parkland Judo Academy and for the past 2 years has been an assistant Instructor.

All of the above mentioned Judoka have played a monumental role in helping to mould the Parkland Judo Club into the successful club that it has become. It must be noted that Andre, Jose, and Mickey continue to run an after school Judo program as an opportunity for students that may not be able to afford the full year Academy program.

2012 Parkland Judo Academy Starts - a 1st in Canada

With the evolving nature of the British Columbian educational system, the instructors of the Parkland Judo Club were approached in 2010 about the possibility of starting up a Judo Academy. The intent behind a Judo Academy would be to give students the opportunity to study and train intensively throughout the year while receiving credit toward their education. After some thought and discussion the instructors decided we should give it a try. Through the hard work of Andre Gogol, Spencer Gray, and Mickey Fitzgerald the Parkland Judo Academy was accepted by the Saanich School Board in 2011. The Academy began in September of 2012, and we believe it is the first academy of its kind in Canada, and may even be the first in North America.

The Judo Academy Program

Students registered with the Parkland Judo Academy receive credits for Judo as well as an additional 4 PE credits each year that they participate. Judo is taught in the last block of the day (no need to go back to class sweaty!) and runs as a yearlong course. In addition to at least 3 days on the mats, students have the opportunity to study the history of Judo, its origins and how it has spread to become one of the most widely practised sports worldwide. Students are expected to pursue a personal training program designed to not only succeed on the mats but to also build strong physical health and mental well-being for life. Ultimately our goal at the academy is to promote a healthy lifestyle during the student's school years (and beyond) through the incredible sport that is JUDO!

PENTICTON JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1970s

Joined Judo BC: 1995

1st Head Sensei: Brian Brown and George Vallance

Current Head Sensei: Henry Boas

The Penticton Judo Club has been active in our community since the 1970s. In 1995 Brian Brown and George Vallance organized what is the current club and had a small class training out of the community centre. Henry Boas, Rokudan, joined the club in 1996 and the current generation of the club has thrived under his guidance ever since. We practice the traditional Kodokan Judo as established by Professor Jigoro Kano in 1882. We are a volunteer operated non-profit sport club.



Pictured above: Penticton Judo Club Founders, Hank Boas, Brian Browne & George Vallance.

Our instructors include Henry Boas, a 6th Degree Black Belt and nationally qualified (NCCP) level 4 coach, Bob Suzukovich, 5th Degree Black Belt with 50 years of mixed martial arts experience, Brian Browne, 2nd Degree Black Belt, Mark Carey, 1st Degree Black Belt, instructor and team coach, Gordon Shiosaki, Dave Surkan, and Elaine Rodger are 1st Degree Black Belts.

The club is now located in the basement of Saint Savior's Anglican Church and has a general membership of around 60 members. Over the years the club has produced several black and brown belts as well as national medalists.

PORT COQUITLAM JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1968

1st Head Sensei: Horst Palm

Current Head Sensei: Dave Speight

PoCo Judo was started in 1968; they used the old Dalke building in PoCo which is now the Legion on Shaunessy Street. Horst Palm was the Head Instructor. In 1969 Dave Speight joined, he was a Brown belt. In 1970 Dave started teaching in the class and by 1973 he became the Head Instructor. In 1975 Rick Blanchard joined the club and they have worked together ever since.

Also in 1975 the club moved to the new Hyde Creek Recreation Centre, the club was the first tenant. Ross Stacey (11 years old) was featured on the local news for the centre opening; he threw Horst with Tomoe Nage.

The club took over what was to be a lounge area and it stayed as the dojo until the centre closed for renovations. 1994 to 1995 saw the club move to a class room at the closed Viscount Elementary School while Hyde Creek underwent renovations. In 1995 PoCo Judo installed a sprung floor and new mats in the room we still practice in today. Attendance is high in all the classes with lots of Black Belt participation.

In 1986 Natasha Payne became PoCo's first National Champion followed by 18 more National Champions in Shiai, Kata and Masters, Four of them Female and Three 3 time National Champions.

Since 1978 PoCo has had 46 of its members achieve their Black Belts. Two of the current Black Belts are Godan with 1 grading for Godan in June. In 2013 PoCo Judo saw Dave Speight grade for his Rokudan.

PoCo Judo ran tournaments for 12 years at PoCo High until the rules changed and we didn't have enough room. PoCo ran the zone trials for B.C. Games for 12 years. We have sent many competitors to B.C games and Canada games.

PoCo has contributed competitors, coaches, referees and volunteers for Provincial, National and International tournaments, as well as, Grading Board members and Executive members.

PRINCE GEORGE JUDO CLUB (HOKU DOJO)

Founded in: 1954

1st Head Sensei: Uwe Aaroe

Current Head Sensei: Aline Strandin

The Prince George Judo Club was started in 1954 by five young men from Germany who brought their love of judo with them to Canada: Uwe Aaroe, Heinz Lamparter, Louie Berger, John Rainer and Bill Misch. Uwe Aaroe, who held the rank of ikkyu, was the club's first instructor. The group was active in training around the province, travelling all over the central interior.

By 1964, commitments outside the club were making it harder for the remaining original members, Uwe Aaroe and Heinz Lamparter, to make all the practices. John Huntley, who was newly

transferred to Prince George for work, stepped in as a 23 year old ikkyu to become the next Head Instructor of Prince George Judo Club.

At the end of the 1964 season, it was decided to leave the mats in place in the basement of the old Civic Center instead of stacking them for storage over the summer, as the doors were newly secured with locks. Unfortunately, the locks were of little good against Mother Nature. Two days of heavy rain in June overwhelmed the storm sewers and flooded the basement. When it was discovered, the best efforts of club members could do little to stop the mats from turning into an unusable fungus farm.

Lacking the funds to purchase more tatami, an alternative would be needed. The membership rallied and created an ingenious workout area of carefully dried saw dust sandwiched between layers of building paper, surrounded by a wood frame with canvas stretched over the top. Despite the unanticipated wax coating on the canvas, practice continued on this workout area for several years before new tatami could be purchased in 1967.

In 1965 Takeshi Aoyama, shodan, and his wife Shizuko moved to Prince George. Together with John and Geri Huntley, they helped run the club. With the help from a guest instructor from Japan, John Huntley and Heinz Lamparter earned their black belts in the spring of 1967. Around this time it was decided the dojo needed a proper Japanese name. Shizuko suggested Hoku Dojo, or the northern dojo, since the Prince George dojo was the farthest north in BC at the time.

The club continued to grow, and by 1970, was too big for the space it occupied. More space in the Civic Center was opened up for the club and it was transformed to a proper dojo, with an office, showers, and a 'floating floor'.

During the next 30 years, the club grew even more. Mr. Huntley was transferred to Kamloops in 1986, and the role of Head Instructor was passed to Kelly Doucette with Aline Strasdin as the assistant head instructor. The club moved two more times, in 1993 to the Prince George Martial Arts Center as the aging Civic Center was slated for demolition. The last move was in 2006 when the club moved to its present location on Fourth Avenue to accommodate more mats and more members.

Kelly Doucette directed the club until 2007 when he moved to Kamloops. At this time, Aline Strasdin became the new Head Instructor and continues to run the PGJC at present. PGJC/Hoku Dojo continues the tradition of bringing up successful Judoka.

Members of PGJC have earned many national medals and gone on to compete at several international events. In 1979 Aline (Bourassa) Strasdin competed at the Pacific Rim Championships in Hawaii; in 1998 Bruce Kamstra won gold at the senior nationals; Stefan Zwiers won gold in the U21 nationals in 2008 and went on to represent Canada at the World Junior Championships in 2008 in Thailand; Kristen Yawney won gold at the U15 nationals in 2010. Stefan and Kristen are both graduates of the PGJC Tykes program, starting their judo careers at 5 and 6 years old!

Bruce Kamstra started his own dojo, the Hart Judo Academy, in 1998. Russ Ko, Hank Boas and Christian Hausot are also former members of PGJC that went on to open their own dojos.

In the 60 years PGJC has been active it has seen many changes, and many judoka have come through our doors. There have been national and international competitors, referees, coaches and several international exchange students. 2012 saw the club promote its 51st member to shodan. There are no signs of the club slowing down either. Two more ikkyu are heading for their shodan testing this year, the Tykes program is still very active, we have several athletes training for the nationals, new up and coming referees and coaches, black belts on provincial committees for Judo BC and PGJC hosts an annual shiai every spring.

In 2015 Prince George Judo Club will host the Canada Winter Games. Hope to see you there!

Blast from the past photo!

Hello everyone! Here is a photo showing competitors that represented my Prince George Judo Club in the 1981 BC Winter Games! All of the males are now black belts (present ranks shown) while all but three of the females are black belts (present ranks shown). This was the 1981 BCWG held in Prince George. Prince George Judo Club was the host club for the event, supplying the venue, the judo mats, etc.; John Huntley was the tournament director, while Geri Huntley (3 Dan) was head table supervisor (was working at the head table when the shot was taken, most likely)!



They were competing as part of the Zone 8 team!

From back row to front row, left to right: Steve May – 3 Dan, Len Gamache – 1 Dan, Dana Bamford – 2 Dan, Henry Boas – 6 Dan, Kelly Doucette – 5 Dan, unknown, Darren Lindsay – 3 Dan
Centre row, left to right: Unknown (BCWG official), Denise Huntley - non-judoka (my daughter - was a Games hostess for judo), John Huntley - tournament director (7 Dan), Cindy Skakun - 1 Dan, Cathy Stuve - 1 Dan, Brenda Sturgeon- Ikkyu, Terry Hardyck - 2 kyu
Front row, left to right: Aline Bourassa (Strasdin) - 5 Dan, Cindy - 4 kyu? (can't remember/find her last name)

– Updated by Shawn Botten and Aline Strasdin

REVELSTOKE JUDO CLUB

Head Sensei: Cornelius Suchy

SALMON ARM JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1965

1st Head Sensei: Tosh Yakura

Current Head Sensei: Richard Mori

The Salmon Arm Judo Club owes its existence to Dr. Gerry Harle and George Scott. Prior to the fall of 1965 Gerry and George were members of the Vernon Judo Club and travelled 60 km from Salmon Arm to Vernon for judo practices. In the fall of 1965 Gerry and George were able to get some tatamis and a place for a dojo so they convinced the head Sensei of the Vernon Judo club, Yoshitaka Mori to sponsor them and provide black belts to run the club twice a week during the winter months.

The Salmon Arm club is most grateful to Tosh Yakura for spending the most time with the club. Surely he has some interesting stories of some harrowing drives from Vernon during snow storms and probably a few speeding tickets (although he won't admit to it). Richard Mori moved to Salmon Arm from Winnipeg in the summer of 1966 and when judo resumed in the fall of 1966 Vernon Judo Club asked him to run the club and the rest is history.

Significant members since inception include Gerry Harle, George Scott, Richard Mori, Bob Nicholson, Merv Pointer, Pam Nicholson, Robert Davies, Dennis Hildebrand,

Jordan Visco, Jacques Ricard, Alex Seale, Rob MacAulay, and Sean Weissenborn.

SEINEN JUDO CLUB (DELTA)

Current Head Sensei: Jack McKay

Seinen Judo is located at the Hillside Boys & Girls Club in North Delta and has been providing safe and fun athletic training for the past 30 years. We currently have two classes. Our junior class which accepts students as young as six up until approximately fourteen and a senior class for those children to advanced or large enough as well as adults.

SHIN BU KAN JUDO (100 MILE HOUSE)

Founded in: 2009

Joined Judo BC: 2009

1st Head Sensei: Andy Stoeckli and Sabine Smolarek

Current Head Sensei: Andy Stoeckli and Sabine Smolarek

We started with 8 members. Over the last four and half years we have taught Judo to more than 100 students in the club and approximately 150 students at the local senior high school.

A few of the highlights are:

- Self-defense course for girls at the local Senior High school from 2011 to 2013;
- Judo and self-defense presentation with kids and adults on Canada Day 2012 in 100 Mile House;

- After class judo program for girls in 2013, Eclipse program;
- Short term program with 10 exchange students from South Korea in 2014.

SMITHERS JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1980

Joined Judo BC: 1981

1st Head Sensei: Hank Boas

Current Head Sensei: Bernie Mattie

The Smithers Judo Club originated 1980 in a meeting between Henry Murphy of Houston BC and Ron Toews. Henry was running a Judo club in Houston with Hank Boas as the Sensei. Ron and Henry asked the Smithers Recreation Director to organize a meeting and the result was a sizable club with 20 to 30 kids and 20 to 30 adult members.



At that time, the Smithers Judo club was the only martial arts club in the area. Some of the organizing members had prior Judo experience but none had higher than orange belt. Hank Boas commuted from Prince George several times per month. When Hank Boas moved away, from northern BC, local RCMP Staff Sgt. Steve May was Sensei for a few years. Ron Toews coached for a few years until in 1993; Bernard Mattie from Nova Scotia arrived in Smithers looking for employment.

One of the club members, Adam Gagnon told Mr. Mattie that the club needed another Sensei and promised to get Mr. Mattie a job until he secured one with the Forest Service, get him into debt, and he would have to stay.

Mr. Gagnon was true to his word and Mr. Mattie has been with the Smithers Judo Club for the last 20 years as its Sensei. Mr. Mattie resides in Hazelton BC and commutes Tuesday and Thursday evenings to teach class. Mr. Mattie has also taught/teaches classes in Hazelton BC under the Smithers Judo Club.

Amusing events:

Wes Benson and Ron Toews once washed about 150 cars for a fund raiser. While Wes and Ron were busy, one of the volunteers accidentally scratched the door of a new pickup – which cost the entire proceeds of the car wash.

One of the founding members was a baker: Trevor Rathjen. In 1982 the Smithers Judo Club agreed to provide a “pancake

breakfast” for the Kinsmen Rodeo (back in the days when there was a Kinsmen Rodeo in Smithers) as a fundraiser. Trevor, the baker was in charge and made a huge, bubbling vat of excellent sourdough pancake dough.

Problem was that the Kinsman who was supposed to advertise the event failed to do so; so not many people showed up. Club members and friends ate enough and bought enough surplus syrup, etc. that club financial records show a profit of \$1.51 (from a gross expenditure of \$822.02).

At the next tournament, Smithers Judo Club gave out bags of flour and bottles of syrup as prizes. That year the club had 40 adult members and 46 kids.

SUNSHINE COAST JUDO CLUB (POWELL RIVER)

Founded in: 2012

Head Sensei: Abby Lloyd

STEVESTON JUDO CLUB (RICHMOND)

Founded in: 1953

Current Head Sensei: Ron Kuramoto

Steveston Judo Club was founded in 1953 by Tom (Tomoaki) Doi, Seiichi Hamanishi, Takeo Kawasaki, Kunji Kuramoto, Yukio Mizuguchi, Frank (Yonekazu) Sakai, Kanezo Tokai, Soichi Uyeyama, Harry (Haruo) Kuramoto and Lanky (Yutaka) Mizuguchi, who began training 80 Japanese judokas in the art of

judo. The Club first practiced in the back of the Steva Theatre on 2nd Avenue in Steveston. The building still stands today and is the former location of the Arts Connection. Over the next few years the club’s home moved around as they outgrew each space, until the Steveston Community Centre was opened in 1957.

The vision and construction of the community centre was the result of an open hearted, healing and inclusive collaboration between Japanese-Canadians and non Japanese of Steveston.

With only two conditions being applied, the Japanese community supported the Steveston Community Society by contributing \$15,000 to help finance the community centre. The two conditions where that there be permanent space designated within the centre for judo and kendo clubs to be able to practice in the gym.

A decade and a half later, on March 18, 1972, the Steveston Martial Arts Centre opened. Another successful, cooperative collaboration between the Japanese-Canadian community and non Japanese had been realised. The design that was finally settled upon included both western and Japanese elements. During the early stages of design development three Japanese-Canadian members of the Steveston Community Society Board of Directors voted against the Japanese elements in the design proposal. Their reasoning being, that the design was too traditional and they didn’t want to dwell on the past, they wanted to look forward. There is a phrase in the Japanese language that translates as “What has happened has happened, leave it in the past”. The non Japanese members of the board voted in favour of the Japanese inspired design, stating

that they were proud to celebrate Steveston’s Japanese history. The graceful architectural result became the first such dojo to have been built outside of Japan.

The Steveston Judo Club started off strong, with roots planted deep within the traditions set out by Jigoro Kano. In the late 1950s, the Steveston Judo Club dominated in BC, winning tournaments in Vernon, Kamloops, Victoria, Nanaimo and also in Seattle. The club produced many national champions, sent competitors to the Pacific Rim Championships, World Championships and to the Olympics.

Some of the club’s veteran members have moved into coaching and refereeing. An experienced member of the Steveston Judo Club coached the Judo Canadian National Team at the Pan American Games and World Championships. One of the club’s 60 year veterans was the first naturalised Canadian to attain his international license to referee in judo competitions worldwide. Steveston Judo Club’s athletes, coaches and referees are deeply involved with Judo Canada and are highly respected in Canada and throughout the world.

Five honorable club members, including Jim Kojima, Martin Kuramoto, Art Nishi, Haruo Hirata and Isao Kuramoto, who have been with the club for 60 years, keep the traditional values in place. The older members impress upon young judokas the importance of knowing how to do a break fall, a way to fall and roll that prevents injury. Learning how to fall properly is valuable in any sport that a person chooses to play. Winning tournaments is very

important but learning judo etiquette is as essential if not more important than winning competitions. The manners taught to judokas include bowing to their senseis (teachers), other judokas, and when coming onto the judo mats. Judokas are taught to show respect for their parents, grandparents, politicians and leaders, whether they agree with them or not. Even if the students don’t continue practicing judo they will have learned a way to be safe and respectful in the world.

Excerpts from the Spring 2013 Editor of the Steveston Community Society Newsletter by Christine Durgo

TAIYOKO-SEN JUDO CLUB (JAFFRAY)

Founded in: 2014

Head Sensei: Jesus Navarro

UBC JUDO CLUB (VANCOUVER)

Founded in: 1950’s

Joined Judo BC: 1961

1st Head Sensei: Robert Fedoruk

Current Head Sensei: Ken Stavenes

There has been Judo at UBC since the 1950’s, but it intermittently became inactive due to the transient nature of most University students.

The UBC Judo Club was officially started by Robert Fedoruk in 1961. Bob later served as president of what became

Judo BC. Walter presumes that the club joined the association right away. There were few martial arts available in those days. Bob told Walter that one September he had 150 students show up for the first class! Bob put them through a grueling workout of calisthenics, which promptly cut the numbers in half.

Doug Rogers took over in 1967 after coming back from six years in Japan. Doug ran the club until the spring of 1978. Joe Laing was his primary assistant and was the club administrator. For most of Doug's years, the club was on the lower floor of the War Memorial Gym at UBC. Kase Van Kooten was a regular then (who is now in Victoria). The last few years of Doug's time the club was in the John Owen Pavilion. Walter was there for the last two of those years. The dojo was small, so there was no attempt to attract beginners. Walter remembers that at times there were as many as eight black belts, just one blue belt (Keith) who attended the nearby high school, and one woman, a brown belt named Jane.

The black belts included Gary and Tim Hirose, Hiroshi Nishi, Victor Yoshida, Ed and Daryl Dong, Greg Lyon, Walter Lanz and of course Doug Rogers and Joe Laing. Werner (later of the Vancouver Judo Club) was also a regular. Most of them were from other clubs but attending UBC. We had a very strong team, and won the Western Canada Collegiate cup easily those two years. A beginner (Mario) showed up unexpectedly in the September of our last year and was just thrown into the mix. He later received Shodan.

Doug's first daughter was born in 1977, and he became too busy to run the club. In 1978, UBC kicked us out of the pavilion in order to renovate the building for a new use. Most of the visiting black belts including Walter, had graduated. With no location, and no instructor, Joe Laing disposed of the old straw mats, and the club became inactive. (Walter was travelling in Latin America.) The club re-opened in 1980 under Daryl and Ed Dong in the old Armory building. They ran it until the spring of 1982 while they finished their engineering degrees at UBC. (Walter did not attend the club through that time).

The club was inactive until Tim Laidler re-started it in 1983 and was the head instructor until the spring of 1989. Robert Moi helped him at first, then Walter Lanz and Darren Lindsey. Darren Lindsey was the head instructor from September 1989 to April 1990. Walter Lanz and Joe McCarthy assisted.

Wieslav Chebernski was the head instructor from September 1990 to April 1991. Walter Lanz and Joe McCarthy assisted. During Tim's, Darren's and Weislaw's time, the dojo was in the Osborne Gym E, then Gym C near the UBC Winter Sports Center and tennis bubble. Greg Lyon and Walter Lanz ran the club together from September to December 1991. The club moved to the SERF building in September 1991. Joe McCarthy assisted.

Walter Lanz was the head instructor from January 1992 to July 2006. Joe McCarthy assisted, and ran the Saturday classes. The club moved to the new Student Recreation Centre in the summer

of 1995. Colleen Woo and Ken Stavenes have run the club at this location from July 2006 to the present.

By Walter Lanz, 5th Dan

VANCOUVER SEIKIDOKAN JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1991

1st Head Sensei: Hiroshi Nishi

Current Head Sensei: Hiroshi Nishi

Seikidokan Judo Club was formed after Hiroshi Nishi took over the Vancouver Judo Club from Mr. T. Tamoto who was retiring at this time. The conditions of the transfer were the purchase of existing mats, assets and the retirement of the Vancouver Judo Club name. Seikidokan Judo Club became a society in 1991 and Mr. Hiroshi Nishi was made President. Judo BC accepted the Seikidokan Judo Club as the renaming of the Vancouver Judo Club and kept the original charter.

In 1995 club member and assistant instructor Mike Gentleman, took over the Capilano College Judo Club. The club was renamed the Capilano Seikidokan Judo Club. Seikidokan Judo Club was then renamed Vancouver Seikidokan Judo Club to distinguish the two clubs within Judo BC. Seikidokan Judo Club is still used by as the official name.

In 1996 Hiroshi Nishi took over the Capilano Seikidokan Judo Club on a full time basis. In 1998, the Seikidokan Judo Club

moved to Palm Avenue in Burnaby as a temporary facility during construction of the new Killarney Centre. In 2000 the mats were moved back Killarney Community Centre and classes started in January 2000. In 2007 the Seikidokan Judo Club moved to Kensington Community Centre, 5175 Dumfries Street in Vancouver after being given notice to vacate for Olympic construction. In 2012, the lease expired at Kensington and Seikidokan clubs consolidated in North Vancouver until a new location is found.

After the Vancouver Judo Club was renamed as the Seikidokan Judo Club, the Vancouver Judo club Tournament was renamed the Spirit International Open and was held under that name from 1992 to 2007. The tournament was moved to the UBC War Memorial Gym in 1992. The tournament then moved to Capilano College in 2001.

In 2008, the tournament was renamed the Vancouver International Open to better represent the city and history of the club. With the Olympics coming in 2010, the city was getting more exposure and recognition. The tournament moved to the Richmond Olympic Oval in 2011 where it continues to be an important tournament within the Canadian Judo community.

There have been many successful Judoka to come from the Seikidokan Judo Club including Alison Webb who placed 9th at the 1992 Barcelona Olympics.

The name of the judo club when translated from Japanese to English is “sei” which is west, “ki” which is spirit, and “dokan” which is martial arts hall. Together it stands for West Coast Spirit Judo Club or spirit of the Vancouver Judo Club. We are proud of our roots and try to keep the traditions, history and spirit that the “Vancouver Judo Club” stands for our members. We are also proud of what we have built in over 20 years operating as the Seikidokan Judo Club.

VERNON JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1944

1st Head Sensei: Mr. Yoshitaka Mori

Current Head Sensei: Mr. George Okazaki

In 1944 the local Seinenkai (Japanese Young Mens’ Association) decided to form a judo club. They assigned Yoshitaka Mori to be the “teacher in charge” and organized an opening ceremony for November 12, 1944. On that date, a Koenkai (support association) headed by Gentaro Isobe was also formed. The club’s history is best documented by this group¹ and our longevity and many successes are to a large part thanks to them.

Though the original Nokai (Farmers’ Association) hall is gone, we have been practicing judo on the same site² ever since, making us the longest continuously running judo club in Canada.

Calling us the oldest club is a common mistake though. There might not have been a club—and certainly not as many talented

instructors moved our community—if it were not for the act that brought about the closure of many lower mainland clubs—Japanese Canadian internment. Our club was formed in a difficult time, when martial arts were banned in many places and an RCMP permit was required for Japanese Canadians to meet in groups.

Mr. Mori—who had the pleasure of greeting Dr. Kano in 1932 at the Vancouver dojo³—may well have stayed as an instructor at the Mission Judo Club. Likewise, VJC member since 1945, Toshiro Yakura, (who as a member of the Kitsilano judo club saw off Dr. Kano in 1938 before his final voyage⁴) would have had no reason to move out of the 100-mile exclusion zone⁵.

Not all of the talent came from away. For example, local orchardist Yosh Ouchi took the provincial champion title (1953—the same year Mr. Isobe received an honorary Dan-Tai from the Kodokan). One 1953 club photo shows a group of 30 on the mats—8 of whom are caucasians and, of those, two perhaps the first female members.

The original Nokai Hall was heated with a pot-bellied stove and its area was perhaps a third of the present day Vernon Japanese Cultural Centre gym⁶. A new hall was constructed about 1962 and, as construction plans progressed, each of the black belts donated \$100 to extend the building 24 feet to the south for a kitchen. This portion of the building has a full basement and there, for the first time, the club gained a dedicated mat area.

Many black belts have taught at the VJC over the years. In attendance for a 1945 katsu and sekkotsu demonstration by Shigetaka Sasaki⁷ were K. Oikawa, Y. Terada, Y. Mori (all 1st Dan) and Nakamura⁸. Only four people have served as head instructor: 1944-1960, 1967-1985 Yoshitaka Mori; 1961-1964 Nobuharu Yamamoto; 1964-1966 Ko Yakura and 1985-present George Okazaki. To list some of those who have accepted head coach or key instructor roles: Tosh Yakura, Seiki Ouchi, Bill Lewis, John Ferguson, Butch and Christine Sloan, Terry Pakenham, Tim Udell and most recently Donna Hanson. The VJC has always been a volunteer organization.

On this occasion of Judo BC’s 50th Anniversary⁹, we wish all judoists in the province the best and look forward to the next 50 years!

¹ *Til we see the light of hope. Vernon Japanese Senior Citizens’ Association. Chapter on club history by Yukitoshi Yakura*

² *Now part of the Vernon Japanese Cultural Society (home to VJC, Vernon Buddhist Temple, Japanese Heritage and Language School and Chidorikai Dancers), the hall is located on 4895 Bella Vista Road, Vernon, BC*

³ *Jigoro Kano in North America. Joseph R Svinth. www.kanosociety.org/articles_2.htm*

⁴ *In addition to the saikeirei (low, formal bow) described by Frank Moritsugu in Judoka The History of Judo in Canada (Leyshon 1998), Tosh recalls a Banzai or two*

⁵ *After Kitsilano, Tosh did judo at the Tashme internment camp.*

⁶ *Present day upstairs (gym) mat layout is 91 European 1mx2m tatami*

⁷ *Often called the Father of Judo in Canada, Mr. Sasaki was 4th Dan and residing in Ashcroft at this time*

⁸ *His first initial not in the Koenkai record—though he is listed as 2nd Dan*

⁹ *Submitted March 2014 by club registrar Aubrey Conley—joined 1976 and assistant instructor since 1994*

Vernon Judo Club 1945 (outside original Nokai Hall)



Back row from left to right: Chuck Terada, Butch Sato, Seiki Ouchi, Hiroshi Ogasawara, George Ikeda, Instructor Yoshitaka Mori, Mits. Terada
Second row: Yoshio Ouchi, Tosh Ogasawara, Tosh Yakura, Frank Mori, Kaz Sakakibara
Third row: Tets Sato, Mich Miyagawa, Ko Yakura, Shin Tsutsumi, Jack Toriumi
Fourth row: Tosh Sakakibara, Norm Ogasawara, Frank Kato, Mas Nagamatsu, Mickey Ogasawara
Front: Mitsuru Sakakibara, Richard Mori, Harry Ikeda, Akira Sakakibara

VICTORIA JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1957

1st Head Sensei: Jim Ramsay

Current Head Sensei: Mickey Fitzgerald

Back in 1957, a young Scotsman, Jim Ramsay, arrived in Victoria; he wore a brown belt earned at the Glasgow police department. Like many other Judoka who find themselves in a pioneer territory, he had to train his own sparring partner in order to maintain his game.

It was Gary Bosence who happened to become Jim's first student, and they practised on a mattress in a garage, out in the backyard. Soon, they were joined by other interested people – Bill Mar, Frank Coburn, and Bill Kovits. When Yeiji "Lanky" Inouye, a R. C. N. Petty Officer and Second degree Blackbelt, came to act as Instructor, the foundation was laid for what was to become the Victoria Judo Club.

The original ten tatami, that Lanky had purchased for \$100, and brought back with him on his return voyage from Japan, were laid down on a cement floor of a building located on Queen Street. The change room consisted of nails in the wall for hooks, and a small space heater for warmth. Members practiced diligently, and eventually competed in their first tournament in Vancouver. Keeping in mind that at this time that tournament divisions then were "Mudansha" (under blackbelt), and "Yudansha" (blackbelt). They did very well.

Soon more room was needed. The membership had increased to 20 Judoka and the club sought better facilities. In the fall of 1958, an unheated room above a garage located on Broad Street was found. The facility needed cleaning badly, but the space was grand, and this is where the club invested in 200 Navy surplus "hammock mattresses", and with a covering tarp and tie downs, formed a wonderful surface – high tech for 1958! The only set back was that half way through practice, the canvas would have to be retightened. In September of that year, the members participated in a shiai, and came home with the "Blackbelt Team Trophy", ironically, Inouye Sensei was the only Blackbelt, and others were brown & blue belts. Other wins were the Senior Team event, and 1st and 2nd place in the Senior men's events.

In 1960, the club once again changed location to the basement of a night-club "Club Sirocco", in downtown Victoria on View Street. The membership became spoiled as the facility had a furnace, toilet, water and most of all a raised wooden floor from scrounged lumber... luxuries! At this location, the first Vancouver Island Tournament on the stage of the night-club took place – a one contest area.

The group emerged from their training period in 1959 when big Bill Kovits won the Pacific Northwest Tournament while his team mates won the Black Belt & team trophies. The following year at the same tournament, Jim London grabbed the 160 pound trophy and the Grand Championship as well. A year later, when the original group of Judoka had grown to 40 seniors & 30 juniors, as

well as a few girls, the club team, composed of Jim London, Billy Mar, Hank Boas, Maurice Cherneff, and Gary Bosence, brought another trophy back from the Vancouver shiai. Inouye Sensei added one more Black Belt Championship to the club's collection before the first flush of repeated victory came to an end and the club came of age.

In 1960, Inouye Sensei, and Gary Bosence started teaching self-defence through a night school program. As a result, this brought the first female members into the club. Keeping in mind, that at this time the sport was predominantly a male-only activity. It was in 1962, after hosting the Centennial Tournament at the Club Sirocco, that the Victoria Judo Club incorporated under the B. C. Society Act. Until then the original group owned and operated all the facilities, giving freely of their time and knowledge to anyone who came to practice with them. Since then, the club has been run by officers elected by the members. The Victoria Judo Club, under Inouye Sensei, was authorized by then named the British Columbia Black Belt Association (now Judo B.C.) to govern the sport of Judo on Vancouver Island.

In 1963, the Victoria Judo Club moved to a new location in Esquimalt. The membership grew to between 50-60 members. Clubs on the island were now operating in Duncan, Nanaimo, Port Alberni, Comox Air force Base and Campbell River. After a year in cosy quarters in Esquimalt the club decided to expand to a more central location on Blanshard Street and Pandora in 1966 where it stayed for 4 years. The facilities here were located at the

Temple Emannal Synagogue, and were quite spacious, and well equipped.

In 1964, Inouye Sensei and his family moved to Japan as an attaché to the Canadian Embassy. In August of 1967, he returned from three years in Japan to find more than 200 members waiting for him – Seniors, Juniors, and girls were now an established fact in the club. Inouye sensei at this time was Yodan (4th Degree Blackbelt).

Jim Ramsay, Gary Bosence, Bill Kovits, Jim London, Nick Vanderyut, and George Bombezin were all Black Belt Instructors at this time. The dojo, at this time boasted the largest mat area in British Columbia – 72 tatami. A new generation of students were beginning to win trophies for the club – Robin Reed, in 1967, picked up all the heavy weight prizes, Colleen Halliwell became girl's champion, and the club team returned from a Nanaimo shiai as victors. The club had become a real fighting club again.

In 1969, the club moved from the Synagogue location to an upstairs location on Broughton Street. The dojo was divided into three different rooms. From this location, we saw the first of our young men go to Japan for further Judo study under the sponsorship of Shinojima Sensei (Lanky Inouye's sensei). In 1971 the first was Jim Tschritter, followed in 1972 by Mike Barlow and Mike Page.

In 1971, the club once again changed its location to a new spot on Johnson Street. Up exactly 42 STEPs were the facilities that

formed the famous Victoria Judo Club. Members continued to make the excursion to Japan for formal Judo training. Names like Mickey Fitzgerald, & Keith Durrant in 1980, Richard Rahn, Warren Arbuckle & Wayne Unger (Silver medalist in 1990 & 1992 Senior Nationals) in the mid-1980s, and Bob Sherman in 1989. Kevin Hamer and Mark Grant went to Japan in 1994. Rob Hepper also went to Japan and returned to train with the National Team in Montreal (Gold 1996 in Senior Nationals). The members trained at the Kodokan, as well as at the following universities: Meiji, Kokushikan, Waseda, and Budo. They also trained and studied under Shinojima Sensei at his Machi Dojo. They all returned with a wealth of knowledge learned from practicing with such a high caliber of Judoka, and excellent instructors.

The club has been fortunate in hosting top notch instructors such as Ichinoe Sensei, 8th Dan, Doug Rogers, 1964 Tokyo Olympics Silver Medalist, Takata Sensei, 7th Dan, and Shinojima Sensei, 8th Dan. Beginning in 1963 and until 1994 the club hosted visits from Japanese Merchant Training ships, Japanese Self Defence Force teams, a Japanese National High School team, and a team from Morioka (Victoria's Sister City). All visits included great Judo, spirited competition between teams, which followed up with social and exchange of cultural ideas.

On December 19th 2010 a historical moment for the Victoria Judo Club took place, when Inouye Sensei was awarded his Kudan (9th degree Blackbelt), only the second time this rank had been awarded in Canada, and the first time in British Columbia. This is

the highest rank achieved in Canadian Judo. On June 3, 2011 the Victoria Judo Club celebrated this historic occasion with a very special gathering and meal in Esquimalt.

Presently the Victoria Judo Club is doing very well, and is operating out of the former Burnside Elementary school. The club is very fortunate to have an abundance of high level and skilled sensei.

Over the past 50 + years, the Victoria Judo Club helped and has produced over 30 Blackbelts, many of whom are still active in the sport today. We can only wonder what the next 50 + years will hold in store for the club, a journey that has just begun.

"Looking behind us will only show the path we took to get to where we are... Looking ahead will reveal the path we must take to get to where we want to be." Professor Jigoro Kano.

WESTMINSTER JUDO

Founded in: 1967

Head Sensei: Kevin Thorneloe

WHITE ROCK JUDO CLUB

Head Sensei: Richard Clemas

WILLIAMS LAKE JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1999

Head Sensei: Jeff Dimarco



T. Tamoto, H. Uyeda, S. Sasaki Sensei, Y. Yoshida, S. Ouchi, T. Yakura



John Huntley, Steve Sasaki Sensei, PNE Forum, 1980



Frank Sakai, Harry Kuramoto - Goshin Jutsu



1981 - Prince George Winter Games Winners



Kotani Sensei - Steveston Clinic



Steve Sasaki Sensei, Hank Boas



Photo above, an old firehall opened and unveiled by Nicolas Gill as the "Debbie Seel Centre in 1991"



Burnaby Judo Club Founders, Tom Mukai and Henry (Hank) Mukai



Kamloops Judo Club Founders, Yosh Yoshida, Kaz Yokoyama, Frank Maeda



Jim Kojima presenting Kathy Hubble with a plaque at a BC tournament



Judo BC Summer Camps in Oyama BC, in the 80's



Brad Farrow
1984 Los Angeles Olympic Games (CP Photo/ COA/ Crombie McNeill)

CLUB LIST AND HISTORIES

INACTIVE CLUB HISTORIES



September 1980
Tai Ezaki photo from
Prince Rupert Daily News



1973 - Sato Sensei Clinic

Sensei Sato, 6th degree black belt from Japan, is seen with some of the more than 100 Judoka from Terrace, Kitimat and Prince Rupert who attended the recent clinic in Prince Rupert. Twenty members of the Terrace Judo club, Juniors and Seniors, were amongst those present to learn some of the finer points of the sport from the world champion. A DK Photo.



Jim Linton, Founder of the Kitimat Judo Club



1975 - Terrace Judo Club

Learning the hard way

Judo instructor Tai Ezaki demonstrates some of the finer points of the martial arts to a tractable student at the Civic Centre Tuesday. More photographs from the Judo Club's Open House are on page five.

THE PRINCE RUPERT, KITIMAT & TERRACE JUDO CLUBS

As remembered by Mickey Fitzgerald

During the time I was involved in Judo in the north from 1968 to 1976 there were three fairly vibrant Judo clubs that existed in the Pacific Northwest, Prince Rupert, Kitimat, and Terrace. Even though these Judo clubs no longer exist it is important that their history is remembered. The common characteristic of these clubs was that they all had great Judo spirit. Moreover, during their existence they introduced hundreds to the Sport of Judo. Whenever an inter-club competition was held they were quite spirited affairs, especially when team competitions were held.

The instructors that opened these clubs drawn to these areas for work; for example Jim Linton came to Kitimat to work at Alcan, and Tai Ezaki found employment at the Ridley Island Coal Port in Prince Rupert. The senseis involved with these clubs are as follows: The Kitimat Judo Club, Mr. Jim Linton, Yondan, the Prince Rupert Judo Club, Mr. Tai Ezaki, Godan & Mr. Joe Ruperto, Shodan, and the Terrace Judo Club, Mr. Murray Bromley, Shodan.

THE PRINCE RUPERT JUDO CLUB

During the time that I practised at the Prince Rupert Judo Club the main instructor beginning around the early 1970s was Mr. Tai Ezaki. Tai was a relatively young Japanese San dan, who had the

most dynamic Tachi Waza that I had ever seen and spectacular Uchimata. Some of the Prince Rupert's judo students at that time include: Joe Ruperto (Black Belt), Paul Rochon (Black Belt), Roland LeBlanc (Brown Belt), and Attila Bezegh (Brown Belt). The Prince Rupert Judo club's competitors always fought very hard and had great kokoro. The club continued into the 1980s but practises were primarily focussed on junior which were held at the Prince Rupert community center. Eventually due to a variety of issues the club folded. Tai Ezaki eventually received his Godan, and has recently retired to Victoria. Joe Ruperto, remains in Prince Rupert where he runs a success business.

THE KITIMAT JUDO CLUB

The founder of the Kitimat Judo Club, Mr. Jim Linton came to Kitimat in 1953 to work on the construction of Alcan, and he never left. Throughout his time in this small community he ended up teaching Judo to hundreds of students for over 40 years. The community in honour of his efforts renamed the building where his judo club was located as the "Jim Linton Gymnasium" in 1992. Some memorable Judoka that practised in Kitimat include: Ron Davis (Black Belt), C. K. Ling (Brown Belt), Leno Loggia, and Mario Pouliot (Nidan). Mario, who has been a long time Victoria Judo Club member and instructor, practised Judo at the Kitimat dojo from 1979-1984. Mr. Linton prior to his passing in 2005 received his Yondan. The Kitimat Judo Club no longer exists.

THE TERRACE JUDO CLUB

The Terrace Judo Club was founded by Mr. Murray Bromley a Shodan from Swift Current, Saskatchewan in the late 1960s. When the club first started it seemed that every child in Terrace joined the club as the junior classes were over flowing – this was not an unusual phenomenon in this region because as soon as the ski hill or ice rink opened most of the kids tried out these activities. We revered Murray as he was our sensei and the first black belt we had seen (he had a beautiful Hane Goshi). During the 8 years we practised under him, Murray instilled a very strong Judo foundation for us and the countless others who practised at the club. The other memorable assistant instructor which made a difference for the members who practised at the club was Mr. Chuck Place. Notable Judoka from the Terrace Judo Club include: Joe Mandur (Brown Belt), Fred Touche (Brown Belt), Kevin Hamer (Black Belt) and Mickey Fitzgerald (Black Belt). One of the more memorable Judoka to practice at the Terrace Judo Club in the 1970s was a Swedish logger & Brown Belt, Fred Touche. During his time at the club many learned & felt his beautiful Seoi nage. In 1976 Murray Bromley left Terrace because of work, and with his departure the Terrace Judo Club's days were numbered, and shortly afterwards the club closed for good.

TOFINO JUDO CLUB

October 1993 Don Travers (Shodan) and Rob Bastone (Nidan) started the Tofino Judo Club. Both Judo BC members had moved to Tofino from Victoria where they trained at the Victoria Judo Club as early as 1979.

Judo has a history in Tofino. Back in the 50's Sensei Murdo McCloud taught judo at the Legion. In a conversation with Sensei Inouye he remembers the rough and tumble group that would attend the Steveston judo tournaments. It was Sensei McCloud's firm belief that if you were to be graded you needed to prove yourself in competition.

Many of Murdo's students still reside in Tofino. When Don and Rob were looking for a training location for the judo club it was the then president of the Legion, Whitey Bernard that said, "If you boys are looking for a place to teach judo you can work out in the basement of the legion – for free." Of course Whitey along with Dave Rae-Arthur, Pat McLorie and many others attended judo while Murdo was alive. For years there was a display in the Legion of Murdo's Scottish kilt, belt and a photo of him in his judo gi.

The tradition of teaching judo continues in Tofino. Through the 90's just about every kid in Tofino attended classes. The connection with the Victoria Judo Club remained strong over the years with several training sessions attended by Mickey Fitzgerald. Mickey's attendance always left the students with a real appreciation of judo and skills to be achieved. With Rob moving on to other pursuits training sessions changed to focus on teenagers and adults.

Students live in the communities of Tofino and Ucluelet so training sessions, on some Friday nights, would be held in Ucluelet's wrestling room at the high school. Students were

encouraged to compete and on occasion the club attended local Vancouver Island competitions. Most of the students pursue judo on a recreational basis, balancing fitness with work and living in a remote community.

VANCOUVER JUDO CLUB

Founded in: 1950

1st Head Sensei: Mr. Tom Tamoto

In 1950 the Vancouver Judo Club was formed by Mr. T. Tamoto. The dojo was located at the Vancouver Japanese Language School on Alexander Street. In 1964 the Vancouver Judo Club moved to 1133 East Hastings Street near Clark Drive.

In 1983 the building on East Hastings Street was sold and the new owner gave notice to vacate. The club moved to Trout Lake Community Centre and a year later moved to Killarney Community Centre.

The Vancouver Judo Club Tournament spanned four decades, 1950 to 1991, and during the 1960's to 1971, the tournament was held at the PNE Gardens building and was one of the largest tournaments in North America.

In 1991 Mr. T. Tamoto retired, and the club was taken over by Hiroshi Nishi as Head Instructor. Conditions of the transfer were the purchase of existing mats, assets and the retirement of the Vancouver Judo Club (VJC) name. Seikidokan Judo Club (SJC)



Vancouver Judo Dojo 1965.

formed as a society and Mr. Nishi became President. Judo BC accepted the Seikidokan Judo Club as the renaming of the Vancouver Judo Club and kept the original charter.



1992 - Seikidokan Judo Club



Sensei Uyeda,
Kamloops Judo Club



1997 - Victoria Judo Club 40th Anniversary



Jocelyn McGrandle, 2001
Canadian Junior/Juvenile Championships



2001 Steve Sasaki Award recipient,
Hermann Mauthner, Invermere Judo Club

2003 - NCCP
Level 3 Course
Curtis Pentland
& Andrzej Sadej



2004 BC Winter Games
Team Competition
Coach's Discussion



Nicolas Gill & Jessica Mah published in the same Judo Book



Vancouver Judo Club
members at the dedication
for Sensei Tamoto at the
opening of the Trans Canada
Trail, with Mrs. Tamoto



Paralympian, Pier Morten showing medal to Burnaby Judo kids



YOSHI & HATTIE CITY OF
KAMLOOPS DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD 1996



2004 BC Winter Games, Port Alberni - Judo Medal Winners and Coaches



2003 Junior National
Championships
Karmen Larsen,
Gold



Sengoku Sensei, 8th Dan and Keith
Durrant, 6th Dan in main Dojo at
the Kodokan - January 22, 2004



CAMPEONATO PANAMERICANO DE JUDO - SENIOR
OCTUBRE 1994 - SANTIAGO - CHILE

Renée Hock,
1994 Canadian
Team member
at the Pan Am
Games,
Santiago,
Chili



Vernon gathering for Sensei Mori



1998 - Yosh Yoshida Inducted into the Sports Kamloops Hall of Fame



2003 - Dr. Yves Le Gal, 7th Dan
is inducted into the
Judo Canada Hall of Fame



2003
Tom Mukai,
7th Dan receives
the Judo Canada
Life Membership



2003 National Championships
Mr. Suda & Sacha Lamontagne



2003 Osaka World Championships



Hank Boas presents Sensei Mori of the Vernon Judo Club
with a plaque commemorating the club's 60th Anniversary



2005 - Clinic at the Delta Kaigan Dojo



2005 - Masamichi Iwamoto, Inouye Sensei, Bob Orescanin



2006 Vancouver Island Open - Karl Larsen, Gold



2006 Senior Nationals, Winnipeg, Manitoba, Kimi Suda, Blake Tsuyuki, Gold



2006 Junior Nationals, Lethbridge, Alberta
Jessica Mah, Burnaby Judo Club, Gold



2006 Junior Nationals, Lethbridge, Alberta - Aaron McFadden, Bronze



2005 - Mark Tsuyuki wins Gold at the World Masters held at the Hershey Centre, Mississauga, Ontario. BC was also represented by Brian, George Jobb and Gerry Hughes from Abbotsford and Jeff DiMarco from Williams Lake



2005 - Seiko and Penny Ouchi is presented with the President's Award by Dave Magnusson at the Sport BC Awards Ceremony



2006 - Jim Kojima is inducted into the Judo Canada Hall of Fame



Aberdeen Judo Junior Class of 2005 - 2006



Referees at Kamloops 2006



2006 - Jim Kojima presents Yosh Yoshida with his 7th Dan at the Kamloops Judo Club 50th Anniversary



2006 Junior Nationals, Lethbridge, Alberta - David Rusk, Bronze



2007 Canada Winter Games, Whitehorse - BC Men's Judo Team, Silver - BC Women's Judo Team, Bronze



2007 Canada Winter Games, Whitehorse - Ashley Bartlett, Gold



KAMLOOPS Sports Hall Of Fame
Henry Uyeda inducted into the Kamloops Sports Hall of Fame, 2008



2009 World Police & Fire Games, Burnaby - Kane Morishita, Bronze



2010 - Kosei Inoue Clinic, Steveston



2009 WPFG - John Morris and Stephen Duran, Kata



2009 Deaflympics, Taiwan - Marco Chiamonte, Silver



2007 Senior Nationals - Members of the Judo BC Kata Team



Nanaimo 2008 - Shea Bennett



Steveston 2008 - Doug Rogers, Hank Boas, Sato Sensei, Dave Caulfield



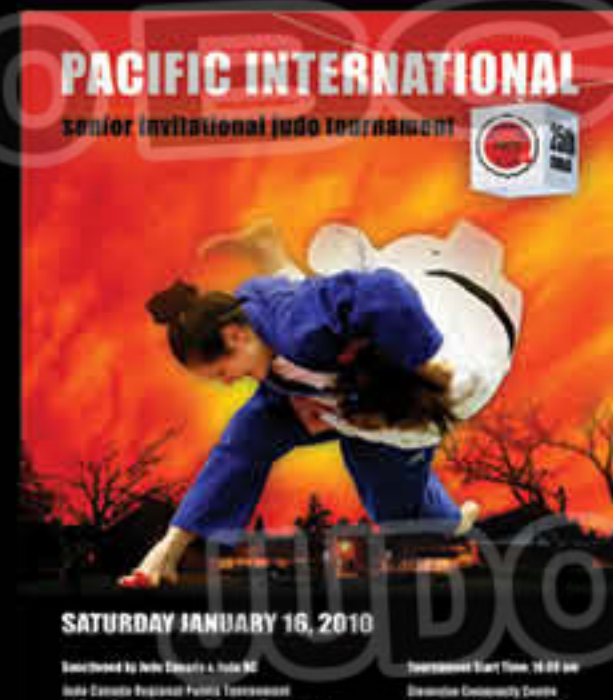
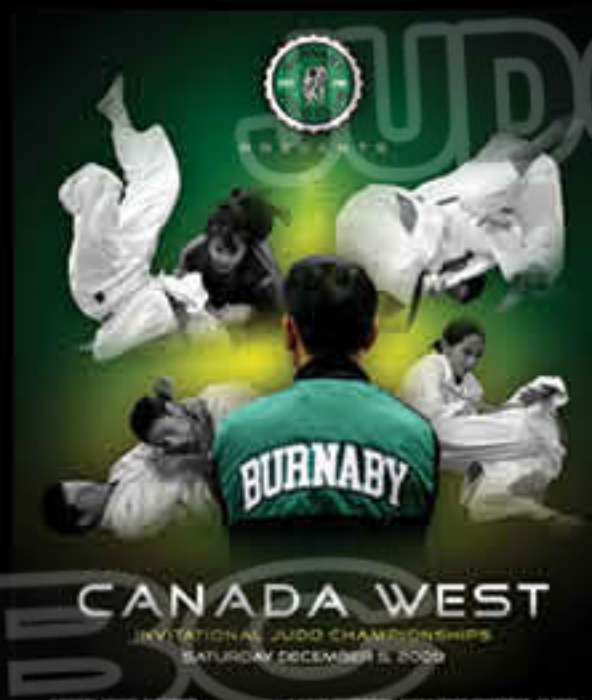
Participants in the 2008 Campbell River Powell River Mini-Shiai



2008 Junior Nationals - Elen Kuramoto



2008 Junior Nationals - Jesse Jobb



Steveston 2010

Ishikawa Dojo 2010





Debbie Seel, first female Canadian Judo Champion in BC (56 kg) in 1981



Charlotte Streicek
1985 Canadian Junior Champion
1989 Canadian Senior Champion



Alison Webb, 1992 Olympic Team, Barcelona



Renée Hock, 4-time Senior Canadian Champion and 2-time World Team Member



Aline Strasdin,
Head Instructor,
Prince George Judo Club



Penny Ouchi,
Kamloops Judo Club,
volunteer at heart



Carey-Jo Hoffman,
first Gold Medal by a female Judoka at Canada Winter Games, Nova Scotia, 1987



Kathy Hubble
8-time Canadian Championships Medalist



Beth Roots, active Judo Coach and mother of five Black Belts, all members of the Port Coquitlam Judo Club



Patricia Orescanin (nee Chivers),
Sandra Hewson, Kata Competitors



Geri Huntley, Aberdeen Judo Club,
awarded the Steve Sasaki Memorial Award along with husband John Huntley in 2000

2011 Canada Winter Games, Halifax, BC Women's Judo Team
Gabriela de Sousa
Kristal Lukas
Kristi Roots
Abby Lloyd
Alicia Briggs
Holly Fellowes



2007 Canada Winter Games, Whitehorse - BC Women's Judo Team, Bronze Medalists
Jessica Mah, Nicole Edlund, Erica Sprott, Mackenzie Cupp, Lisa Nakajima, Ashley Bartlett, Rebecca Pretious, Stephanie Hollo



Emi Tasaka, Silver Medal, 1996 Junior World Championships (Getty Images)

HISTORY

WOMEN OF JUDO BC

The earliest documentation of women involved in Judo in BC starts around 1958 with some girls practicing at the Japanese Language School with instructor Mr. Tamoto. It was at this time that Sheila Mainland and Anne Hawthorne were promoted to blue belt.

Limited historical information is available about the activity of female judoka in the late 1950's/early 1960's. However it is known that the Vancouver Judo Club, Hastings Community Centre, Dunbar Community Centre, Nakashima Dojo and the New Westminster Judo Clubs all had practicing female members. Outside the lower mainland, Kelowna Judo Club and Prince George Judo Club were known to have female judoka.

Here are some names of prominent women judoka in BC:

Anne Hawthorne (nee Dahlquist) & **Sue Walker** (nee Williams) - promoted to shodan in 1964

Sheila Thrower (nee Mainland) & **Alma Yodogawa** (nee Stokes) First women to compete (had to compete with the men!) Both promoted to shodan in 1964.

Maureen Osler - promoted to shodan in 1964

Haidee Sandana - promoted to shodan in 1965, Kelowna Judo Club,
Mary Bion & **Margo Meier** - promoted to shodan in 1968

Geri Huntley - promoted to shodan in 1970, Prince George Judo Club

Judo Highlights:

- 1970 promoted to shodan
- 1970's assisted the National Grading Board Chairman in formulating national standards for promotion of women to and in the yudansha ranks
- 1971 to 1981 publisher, and 1989 to 1991 editor, of the *Judo BC Digest*
- 1980's and 1990's assisted Judo Canada staff with logistics at many Nationals
- 1984 appointed to Judo Canada's Task Force on Women in Judo
- 1985 to 1991 chaired the Judo Canada Women's Committee
- 1987 assisted the Judo Canada Referee Committee in producing a manual for judo referees and judges
- 1987 promoted to sandan
- 1989 wrote a training manual and set up training programs for tournament officials (draw recorders, announcers, timers, scorekeepers) with parts of it being incorporated into Judo Canada's Tournament Manual
- 2000 John and I were awarded the Judo BC Steve Sasaki Memorial Award
- 2001 inducted, along with John, into the City of Prince George Sports Hall of Fame

Mary Parker, Marion Sloan (nee Kloos), Debbie Laidler, Audrey Robinson, and Cindy Skakun – other female black belts in this pioneering era.

Elizabeth Jobb and Cindy Scott – These women were competing about the same time as each other, also against the men, and got their shodan about the same time together, in 1976.

Sandra Morris

- Started judo at the age of 13 in 1973 at the New Westminster Judo Club
- Competed in first competition at the Nakashima Tournament in 1973 won silver in novice division, second tournament was Point Grey winning silver in junior girls division.
- At the 1974 Nakashima Tournament won first gold in junior girls division
- 1974 entered BC Open in Kamloops, won gold in both Junior and senior divisions.
- Participated in the UCSB Judo Club & Nanka 2nd Annual Joshi Judo Camp in Santa Barbara in 1975 with Keiko Fukuda (only three Canadians at this camp, Sandra, Sharon Brandes, Marion Sloan)
- Participated in first Women's Canadian National Championships in 1976 in Montreal, winning bronze.
- Canadian National Championships, won total of 4 bronze medals from 1976 to 1984
- Received Shodan 1980, Nidan in 1985, Sandan in 1992, Yondan 1999

- Member Steveston Judo Club 1982 to 1984 and 1987 to 1991
- Member of Judo Canada team from 1981 to 1983
- Member of Judo BC team from 1976 to 1984. Came back to compete and made Judo BC team and went to nationals in 1993 (only sitting Provincial President to compete at a National Championships)
- Started refereeing at the age of 21 in 1980, attained the level of Continental Referee in 1999 (highest ranked female referee in BC, fifth highest in Canada)

Aline Strasdin

- Head instructor of Prince George Judo Club
- Received Shodan in 1980
- Received Godan (5 Dan) in 2008
- Started Judo in 1975 in Mackenzie, BC (head instructor Butch Sloan), moved to PG in 1977 (head instructor John Huntley)
- Judo Canada passport #500 – that shows how old I really am! Some of my athlete's JC #s are in the 192000's!
- Canada Winter Games – Coach 1991 – 2011
- 2015 Canada Winter Games Sport Leader, Prince George
- Success Through Judo Program (based on Judo Canada's Eclipse program) – 2012, 2013-14
- Girl Power introductory program – 2010, 2011
- Silver medal at the 1979 women's nationals in Prince Albert
- Bronze medal at the 1979 cadet nationals in Prince Albert

Debbie Seel – first female Canadian Judo Champion in B.C. (56 kg) in 1981.

Charlotte Streicek – 1985 Canadian Junior Champion, 1989 Canadian Senior Champion, Bronze Medalist at the Francophone World Championship in Morocco.

Carey-Jo Hoffman – 1987 Nova Scotia Canada Winter Games, first gold medal by a female judoka at Canada Winter Games (first time female competition was included in Games).

Alison Webb

- 7 time Canadian Judo Champion, senior women, – 72 kgs. (1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992)
- Gold, 1986 Pan American Championships, Puerto Rico
- Silver, 1987 Pan American Games, Indianapolis
- Bronze, 1987 Fukuoka International Women's Judo Championships, Fukuoka, Japan
- Silver, 1989 Pan American Championships, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Silver, 1989 Fukuoka international women's judo championships, Fukuoka, Japan
- Silver, 1990 Commonwealth Games, Auckland, New Zealand
- Bronze, 1991 Pan American games, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba
- 9th, 1992 Olympic Games, Barcelona, Spain.

Kathy Hubble

- 8-time Canadian Championships medalist (6 of them Gold, 3 Junior and 3 Senior in the 80's and 1 Masters in 2013)
- 1986 & 1987 World Championships competitor (7th)

- Alison Webb and Kathy Hubble are the first (and to this day, the only) female judoka in BC to ever compete at Sr. World Championships.
- 1985 Pan-Am Championships, Cuba (Silver)
- 1987 Pan-Am Games, Indiana (Bronze)
- 1986 Beat Loretta Doyle, reigning World Champion, at Fukuoka Cup, Japan
- 1986 Judo Canada "Athlete of the Year"
- Full-time stunt performer in film industry for 25 years, appearing in over 100 feature films, TV commercials and TV series.
- Made brief 2-month comeback to judo, attended '98 Nationals, won bronze.
- After 25 years off from Judo, came back in 2013 at 45 years old:
- 2013 Masters Canadian Championships, Richmond (Gold)
- 2013 Masters World Championships, Abu Dhabi (Gold)
- Currently instructing at Kelowna Judo Club

Renee Hock

Renee is a 4th degree black belt. She is 4x Senior Canadian Champion, and 2x World Team Member. She is currently a Level 3 NCCP Certified Coach, and has coached both as a National Team and Provincial Team Coach. She currently resides in BC, and is the former Executive Director for Judo BC. A member of the 2nd generation of women's judo, Renee has done much to break barriers for women in judo, as well as to champion the development of our sport.

Alison, Kathy, and Renee were the only 3 women to ever attend Sr. World Championships, winning multiple Canadian Championships, with Kathy and Alison being from BC and Renee being from Ontario at the time.

During the 80's era of the above powerful women judoka, there was also one other, **Sandra Greaves (nee Insley)**, who was a member of the BC Team from 1982-1984, and went on to compete at the 1988 and 1992 Olympics as a member of the Ontario Team.

Other 80's notables:

Ingrid Stewart (nee Poleman) – won 1986 Canadian Nationals in – 61 kg. division.

Cathy Stuve – received shodan in 1985 (PG Judo Club – J.A. Huntley) former BC Team member competing in the Canadian Judo Championships. Strong attendance at USJA summer training camps in the USA.

Other notables in the 90's and 2000's were: **Cynthia Tan, Stephanie Tsang, Emi Tasaka, Kimiko Suda, Jocelyn McGrandle, Kate O'Brien, Lisa Nakajima, Theresa Morishita, Jessica Mah, and Ashley Bartlett.**

Up-and-comers are: **Ali Briggs, Kristi Roots, Abby Lloyd, and Kristal Lukas.**

Other notables are: **Sandra Hewson**, who came over from England recently and has held a position on the Judo BC executive, while competing internationally in Masters & Kata and refereeing at a high level.

Patricia Orescanin (nee Chivers) – presently competing in national and international kata competitions with Sandra Hewson. Competed in the World Kata Championships at Kodokan in 2013.

Sabine Smolarek – presently active in teaching at the Shin Bu Kan Judo Club in 100 Mile House, competes in provincial, and national kata championships with her husband/kata partner and referees at most Judo BC sanctioned shiai.

Beth Roots – promoted to shodan in 2012 – active judo coach and mother of five black belts – members of the PoCo Judo Club.

Penny Ouchi

Penny's early involvement in Judo began in the early 1980's when her two oldest children started Judo at the Kamloops Judo Club. Being a volunteer at heart she volunteered in the office at the Club, Executive Board member and various fund raising events – one being the making of Chow Mein for sale to the Community. As local tournament time approached and the Nationals the late Sensei Yosh Yoshida took Penny under his wing and showed her how to develop 'fair play' on the drawsheets. Hence, the beginning of a new Judo career.

She was then introduced to 'Joseki' at National Judo tournaments and mentored by Sensei Geri Huntley as to how to successfully organize and run a National Judo Tournament while at the same time raising a newborn daughter.

Below is a list of other female black belts previously/presently active in a Judo BC dojo operation.

Tanya Campbell (nee Bosence) – Victoria

Beryl Buckley – Revelstoke

Marina Crick – Prince George

Katie Edgson – Prince George

Karen Freeborn – Lake Country

Ann Griechen – 100 Mile House

Tara Gudjonson (nee Bosence) – Victoria

Sylvia Hausot – Prince George

Rae Kamstra – Prince George

Karmen Larsen – Nanaimo

Kathy Hubble – Kelowna

Elaine Rodger – Penticton

Karen Sharp – Invermere

Margot Thorneloe – New Westminster

Maaike van Kooten – Victoria

Cassandra Vaughnan-Sydnam – Salmo

Colleen Woo – UBC

Shannon Zwiers – Prince George

Submitted by Kathy Hubble



2012
New Westminster
Judo Club Reunion

Kristi Roots proudly
shows her Silver Medal,
2011 Canada Winter Games, Halifax



2011 Canada Winter Games, Halifax - (top right) Joshua Jensen, Cohen Hocking, Kieran Yodogawa, Brandon Jobb, Dmytro Yamshchikov, Darko Heriban, Bruce Kamstra, Tokue Suda, Aline Strasdin, Holly Fellowes, Abby Lloyd, Alicia Briggs, Gabriela de Sousa, Kristi Roots, Kristal Lukas, Brenda Chin



Promotion of Inouye Sensei

2011 - Inouye Sensei was awarded his Kudan (9th degree Blackbelt), only the second time this rank had been awarded in Canada, and the first time in British Columbia



Penticton Okanagan Regional Workout

HISTORY

AWARD WINNERS

AWARDS

- Judo BC Athlete of the Year Award
- Steve Sasaki Award
- Sport BC President's Award
- Sport BC/viaSport Athlete of the Year Awards

JUDO BC ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

- 2013 - Female: Lisa Nakajima, Steveston Judo Club | Male: Brandon Jobb, Abbotsford Judo Club
- 2012 - Female: Abby Lloyd, Sunshine Coast | Male: Blake Tsuyuki, Burnaby Judo Club
- 2011 - Female: Kristi Roots, Port Coquitlam Judo Club | Male: Brandon Jobb, Abbotsford Judo Club
- 2010 - Female: Lisa Nakajima, Steveston Judo Club | Male: Brandon Jobb, Abbotsford Judo Club
- 2009 -
- 2008 - Female: Rebecca Pretious, Abbotsford Judo Club | Male: Scott McGrandle, Burnaby Judo Club
- 2007 - Female: Rebecca Pretious, Abbotsford Judo Club | Male: Fred Jaskiewicz, Abbotsford Judo Club
- 2006 - Female: Kimi Suda, Abbotsford Judo Club | Male: Blake Tsuyuki, Burnaby Judo Club
- 2005 - Female: Kimi Suda, Abbotsford Judo Club | Male: Sacha LaMontagne, Steveston Judo Club
- 2004 - Female: Jocelyn McGrandle, Burnaby Judo Club | Male: Blake Tsuyuki, Burnaby Judo Club

- 2003 - Female: Kimi Suda, Abbotsford & Jocelyn McGrandle, Burnaby | Male: Dustin Olyphant, Victoria Judo Club
- 2002 - Female: Kimi Suda, Abbotsford Judo Club | Male: Byron Nykon, Steveston Judo Club
- 2001 - Female: Emi Tasaka, Steveston Judo Club | Male: Andrew Mukai, Steveston Judo Club
- 2000 - Female: Cynthia Tan, Steveston Judo Club | Male: Fred Jaskiewicz, Abbotsford Judo Club
- 1999 - Female: Cynthia Tan, Steveston Judo Club | Male: Fred Jaskiewicz, Abbotsford Judo Club
- 1998 - Female: Stephanie Tsang, Abbotsford Judo Club | Male: Bruce Kamstra, Prince George Judo Club
- 1997 - Female: Emi Tasaka, Steveston Judo Club | Male: Sandy Kent, Burnaby Judo Club
- 1996 -
- 1995 - Female: Emi Tasaka, Steveston Judo Club | Male: Bruce Kamstra, Prince George Judo Club
- 1994 - Female: Elizabeth Sayer | Male: Mike Clemas
- 1993 - Female: Alison Webb | Male: Hartley Jones

STEVE SASAKI AWARD

Judo was founded in Japan in 1882 by Professor Jigoro Kano and from him, Mr. Sasaki learned the sport as a young boy. In 1924, two years after immigrating to Vancouver, Mr. Sasaki established the Vancouver Judo Club on Powell Street. Named the Kindokwan Dojo, or training place, this was the first official Canadian Judo club. Many of his students went on to become world-class athletes and coaches.

In the 1930's, Steve became the first official judo instructor for the RCMP. In 1936, Professor Kano visited Sasaki and requested that he accompany him on a European tour to promote the idea and concept of judo in an effort to foster peace and understanding between nations.

The onset of the Second World War changes the lives of countless people, including the Sasaki's. The internment of Japanese Canadians during the WWII forced Mr. Sasaki and his wife, Sumiye, to relocate to an internment camp where he continued to organise judo classes. After the war, the Sasaki's settled in Ashcroft, where they opened a business and established a dojo.

In the early 1950's, Mr. Sasaki set out to form a national judo organization. By 1955, he had established the Canadian Kodokan Black Belt Association, an alliance of Western Provinces which later becomes Judo Canada. In 1958, He travelled to Japan and arranger for Canada to join the International Judo Federation.

Steve Sasaki retired in 1968, yet continues his quiet dedication to judo. He founded (and taught at) judo clubs all over Vancouver. He achieved an 8th level black belt in 1986, the same year he was inducted in the Canadian Amateur Sports Hall of Fame, and received Japan's Order of the Rising Sun.

Steve was inducted into the BC Hall of Fame in the "builder" category in 1995.

The Steve Sasaki award is presented annually to a long time member of Judo BC who exemplifies the principles of Kodokan Judo.

STEVE SASAKI AWARD RECIPIENTS

- 2014 – Seiko & Penny Ouchi
- 2013 – Mickey Fitzgerald, Parkland Judo Academy & Victoria Judo Club
- 2012 – Sensei Yoshitaki Mori and Sensei Yosh Yoshida
- 2011 – Jim Kojima, Steveston Judo Club
- 2010 – Henry Boas, Penticton Judo Club
- 2009 – Dave Magnusson, Abbotsford Judo Club
- 2008 – Alan Sakai, Steveston Judo Club
- 2007 – Dave Speight, Port Coquitlam Judo Club
- 2006 – Henry Uyeda, Kamloops Judo Club
- 2005 – Fred Tan, Steveston Judo Club
- 2004 – Rudi Mahler, North Delta Judo Club
- 2003 – Yoshitaka Mori, Vernon Judo Club
- 2002 – Tokue Suda, Abbotsford Judo Club

- 2001 – Hermann Mauthner, Invermere Judo Club
- 2000 – John & Geraldine Huntley, Aberdeen Judo Academy
- 1999 – Tomoaki Doi & Yonekazu Sakai, Steveston Judo Club
- 1998 – Tom Mukai, Burnaby Judo Club
- 1997 – Yeiji Inouye, Victoria Judo Club
- 1996 – Art Nishi, Steveston Judo Club
- 1995 – Chris Schenk, Burnaby Judo Club

SPORT BC PRESIDENT'S AWARD

The Sport BC Presidents' Awards give BC's Provincial Sport Organizations an opportunity to showcase those individuals who make a significant, and often unheralded, contribution to their sport.

Past Recipients

- 2014 – Beth and Wes Roots, Port Coquitlam Judo Club
- 2013 – James Chevette, BC Games Advisor, he also received the President's Award in 2013 from BC Games
- 2012 – Ron Kuramoto, Steveston Judo Club
- 2011 – Aline Strasdin, Prince George Judo Club
- 2010 – Curtis Pentland, Burnaby Judo Club
- 2007 – Art Nishi, Steveston Judo Club
- 2006 – James Linton
- 2005 – Penny and Seiko Ouchi, Kamloops Judo Club
- 2004 – Ron Wright, Golden Ears Judo Club
- 1995 – Jim Kojima, Steveston Judo Club
- 1994 – Yeiji Inouye, Victoria Judo Club

BC SPORTS HALL OF FAME:

Judo – Builder

- Steve Sasaki (1995)

Judo – Athlete

- Doug Rogers (1994)



May 2013 - Art Nishi, Martin Kuramoto, Isao Kuramoto, Hap Hirata, Jim Kojima, members of the Steveston Judo Club for 60 years. Photo: Martin van den Hemel



Kathy Hubble wins the Gold Medal at the 2013 Masters World Championships



2014 Vancouver International Open - Braeden Woo wins Bronze Medal at 1st tournament with osoto-gari



Mission 2014 BC Winter Games (above & below) - Photos by Dave Hocking, JudoPhotos.ca



Beth and Wes Roots were presented the Presidents' Award, March 5, 2014 at the 48th Athlete of the Year Award presented by Sport BC

Beth and Wes were accompanied by Sandy Kent, President of Judo BC



HISTORY

JUDO BC HONOURARY AND LIFE MEMBERS

Yeiji Inouye	<i>Kudan</i>
Takao Kawasaki	
Jim Kojima	<i>Shichidan</i>
Yves Le Gal	<i>Shichidan</i>
Yoshitaka Mori	<i>Shichidan</i>
George Mukai	<i>Shodan (hon)</i>
Tom Mukai	<i>Hachidan</i>
Doug Rogers	<i>Rokudan</i>

HISTORY

BC WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP AND OLYMPIANS

OLYMPIANS - ATHLETES

Doug Rogers - Silver, 1964
 Brad Farrow - 1976, 1984
 Alan Sakai - 1972
 Alison Webb - 1992

OLYMPIANS - OFFICIAL

Jim Kojima

SENIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS MEDALISTS

Doug Rogers - Bronze, 1965

JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MEDALISTS

Gary Hirose - Bronze, 1974
 Emi Tasaka - Silver, 1996

HISTORY

JUDO CANADA HONOURARY AND LIFE MEMBERS

JUDO CANADA LIFE MEMBERS

NAME	PASSPORT #	PROVINCE	DATE
Yuzuru (Jim) Kojima	5	B.C.	2003
Tom Mukai	123	B.C.	2003
Yeiji (Lanky) Inouye	17	B.C.	2001
Doug Rogers	3740	B.C.	2000
Takeo Kawasaki*	1480	B.C.	1994
Kunji Kuramoto	232	B.C.	1994
Yonezuka (Frank) Sakai*	1541	B.C.	1994
Tomoaki Doi*	316	B.C.	1984
Yoshitaka Mori*	805	B.C.	1984
Shigetaka (Steve) Sasaki*	2518	B.C.	1984
Satoru (Tom) Tamoto*	273	B.C.	1984

*Deceased

INTERNATIONAL JUDO FEDERATION

Medal of Merit of the IJF

Jim Kojima Gold 2001 (Munich)

CANADIAN OLYMPIC HALL OF FAME

Shigetaka Sasaki 1983
Doug Rogers 1973

CANADA'S SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Doug Rogers 1977

JUDO CANADA HALL OF FAME – ATHLETES

Pier Morten 2012
Brad Farrow 1997
Doug Rogers 1996

JUDO CANADA HALL OF FAME – BUILDERS

Yeiji Inouye 2001
Yoshitaka Mori 2000
Frank Sakai 2000
Tomoaki Doi 1999
Satoru Tamoto 1998
Shigetaka Sasaki 1996

HISTORY

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of those who had dedicated their lives to promoting the practice and spirit of Judo.

Steve Sasaki – 1993

Graham Hall 1929 – 2001

Shaun Turcott 1982 – 2005

Hans Schenk – 1997

Bob Caulfield 1957 – 2003

James Linton 1928 – 2005

Satoru Tamoto 1911 – 1997

Merv Pointer 1951 – 2004

Yoshitaka Mori 1915 – 2011

Tomoaki Doi 1911 – 1999

Glenn McKay 1953 – 2004

Yosh Yoshida 1929 – 2011

Frank Sakai 1922 – 1999

Rudi Mahler 1923 – 2005

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MEMORIES

YOUR MEMORABLE JUDO STORIES

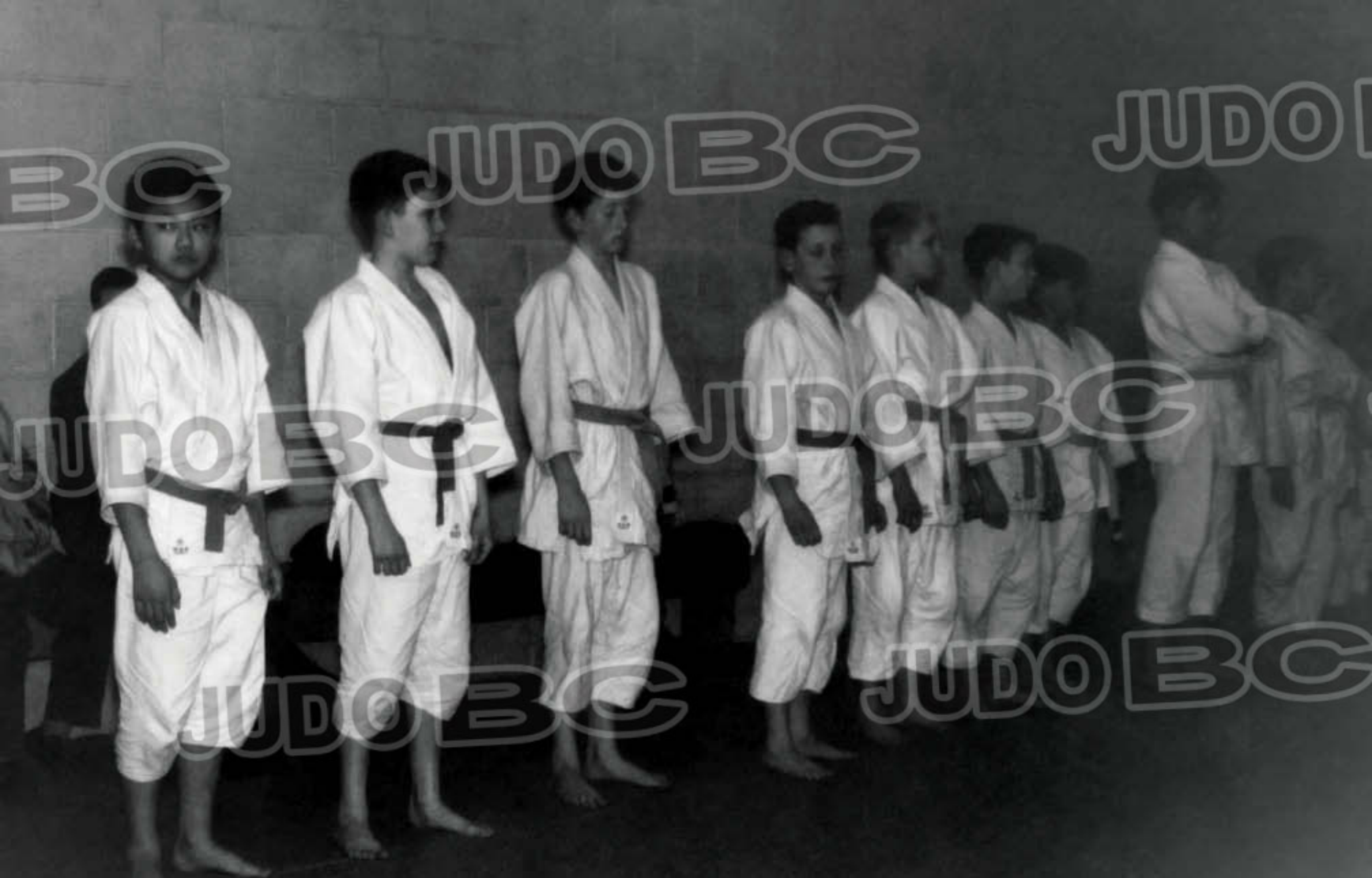
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