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## Big medal haul for BC athletes at Judo nationals

**July 15, 2013 - Vancouver, BC:** There was a record gold medal haul for BC's senior judokas as they made the most of competing at home in the 2013 Canadian Judo Championships.

Their five gold medals helped the province to a haul of 47 medals across all divisions at the Richmond Olympic Oval.

Brandon Jobb, of the Abbotsford Judo Club, led BC senior men's gold rush, topping the podium twice. He scored an Ippon, or immediate win, to take the 90kg senior men's title and he won the same weight title in the Under 21 division, also by Ippon.

Burnaby's Ignacio Rodriguez, who came second in the 2012 national championships in the over 100kg senior men's competition, went one better this year to take that title by Ippon.

Two more Burnaby judokas won gold in the senior division. Dmitri Kim defeated Quebec's Sergio Pessoa, a 2012 Olympian, to take the 60kg title, while Scott McGrandle topped the podium in the 81kg competition with a score of Waza-ari, or half point.

Steveston's Lisa Nakajima scored Ippon to become the senior women's 63kg champion.

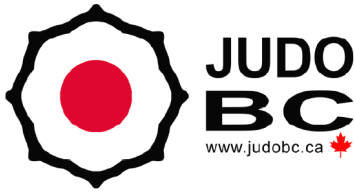
BC athletes won eight gold medals in the junior categories. Megan Hanks, from Kamloops, Abby Lloyd, from Powell River, Sam Kim, from Steveston, and Jeff Swadden, from Abbotsford, all won their under 18 divisions and in the process qualified for the Under 18 World Championships in Miami in August.

Lloyd and Swadden also tasted success in the Under 21 division, winning bronze medals in the 48kg and over 90kg weight brackets respectively.

In the masters division, there were seven gold medals for BC athletes. Kelowna's Kathy Hubble became a six-time Canadian champion after winning the female 45-49 age category at the 57kg weight limit. Hubble previously won junior championships in 1983 and 1984, and three straight senior titles between 1985 and 1987.

Jeff DiMarco, of Williams Lake, successfully defended the gold he won in the Male 44-49 66kg category at the 2012 championships, but Port Coquitlam's Eric Cherneff, winner of the Male 44-49 over 100 kg title last year, had to settle for silver this year.

Sandy Kent, president of Judo BC, said: "I am extremely proud of our athletes and coaching staff for the results we achieved at the national championships. It shows that the hard work and



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planning that has taken place over the years leading up to the event have paid off. Having it happen in BC at the iconic Olympic Oval was a fantastic opportunity to show what we have accomplished with Judo in this province.”

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**Notes for editors:** Please see below for a full list of medal winners.

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The **2013 Canadian Judo Championships**, held at the Richmond Olympic Oval between July 4 and July 7, were organized by Judo Canada, the national governing body for the sport of judo in Canada.

**Judo Canada** has overall authority to provide leadership in promotion and development as well as govern all aspects of Judo in Canada and to select and prepare Canadian teams for international competition.

## BC medallists at the 2013 Canadian Judo Championships

(name, club, division)

### Seniors

#### **Gold**

Lisa Nakajima, Steveston, Senior Women -63kg  
Dmitri Kim, Burnaby, Senior Men -60kg  
Scott McGrandle, Burnaby, Senior Men -81kg  
Brandon Jobb, Abbotsford, Senior Men -90kg  
Ignacio Rodriguez, Burnaby, Senior Men +100kg

#### **Silver**

NA

#### **Bronze**

Stefan Zweirs, North Capital, Prince George, Senior Men -100kg

### Juniors

#### **Gold**

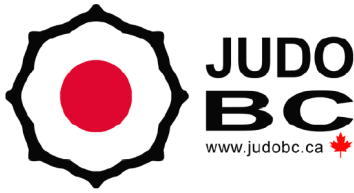
Brandon Jobb, Abbotsford, Under 21 Men -90kg  
Sam Kim, Steveston, Under 18 Cadet Men -90kg  
Jeff Swadden, Abbotsford, Under 18 Cadet Men +90kg  
Abby Lloyd, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Under 18 Cadet Women -48kg  
Megan Hanks, Aberdeen, Kamloops, Under 18 Cadet Women +70kg  
Leo Goldberg, Abbotsford, Under 15 Cadet Boys -50kg  
Geoffrey Hanks, Aberdeen, Kamloops, Under 15 Cadet Boys +66kg  
Amara Jarvinen, Burnaby, Under 15 Cadet Girls -57kg

#### **Silver**

Shunpei Yamawaki, Stevenson, Under 21 Men -55kg  
Josh Van Meurs, Victoria, Under 21 Men -73kg  
Ali Briggs, Kokoro, Hundred Mile House, Under 21 Women -52kg  
Braxton Clark, Nanaimo, Under 18 Cadet Men -81kg  
Kaeden Rendek, Creston, Under 15 Cadet Boys -42kg

#### **Bronze**

Jeff Swadden, Abbotsford, Under 21 Men +100kg  
Abby Lloyd, Sunshine Coast, Powell River, Under 21 Women -48kg  
Kristi Roots, Port Coquitlam, Under 21 Women -70kg



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Simren Brar, Abbotsford, Under 18 Cadet Men -46kg  
Dante St Prix, Ishikawa Family Dojo, Burnaby, Under 18 Cadet Men -66kg  
Lavanna Laass, Hart, Prince George, Under 18 Cadet Women -63kg  
Haley Henry, Campbell River, Under 15 Cadet Girls -52kg

## **Masters**

### **Gold**

Kathy Hubble, Kelowna, Female 45-49 -57kg  
Johannes Schenk, Burnaby, Male Over 50 -81kg  
Andrew Erjavec, Langley, Male 35-39 -66kg  
Jim Karas, Aberdeen, Kamloops, Male 40-44 -100kg  
Jeff DiMarco, Williams Lake, Male 45-49 – 66kg  
Tom Argue, Port Coquitlam, Male 45-49 -81kg  
Wayne Unger, Victoria, Male 55-59, -100kg

### **Silver**

Teresa Plesner, Port Coquitlam, Under 40 +70kg  
Kevin Hamer, Victoria, Male Over 50 -81kg  
Stephen Plain, North Capital, Prince George, Under 40 +81kg  
Eric Cherneff, Port Coquitlam, Male 40-44 +100kg  
Dave Guthrie, Kelowna, Male 40-44 -100kg  
Miroslaw Pyk, Seikidokan, North Vancouver, Male 45-49 -81kg  
Ivan Pilcik, North Capital, Prince George, Male 55-59 +100kg

### **Bronze**

Les Sylven, Victoria, Male Over 50 -81kg  
Chris Smiley, Lake Country, Male 35-39 -81kg  
Ronald Beauchesne, North Capital, Prince George, Male 40-44 +100kg  
Jeremy Grant, Victoria, Male 45-49 -81kg  
Christian Schenk, Hart, Prince George, Male 45-49 -81kg  
Mike Crandell, Port Coquitlam, Male 55-59 +100kg  
Bruce Sydnam, Independent, Male 55-59, -100kg