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YMCA International Judo Camp.
(Above) Featured instructor Leonardo
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The next issue of USJA's Growing Judo will be October, 2011. If you have any news and/or any planned events, please submit your information PROMPTLY: by September 23rd or earlier if possible.

Please understand that it may not be possible to include information submitted after that date.

A Message to our Readers:

Due to the relocation of the USJA National Office in August, several regular features of *Growing Judo* are on hold just for this month. A complete list of new Promotions, new USJA clubs, newly certified coaches and new Life Members will appear in next month's issue.

In the meantime, USJA Executive Director Katrina Davis sends a sincere Thank You to all of you for your patience and good wishes.

--Joan Love, Editor, *Growing Judo*



REMINDER:

Effective September 1, 2011, a \$25.00 charge will be assessed to clubs with less than 10 active members in order to be a USJA chartered club. "Active members" are current annual members or sustaining life members. This policy does NOT affect clubs with 10+ active members, which will continue to receive a club charter and a certificate of insurance upon request.

AND did you notice?

The USJA website now lists the Top 50 USJA Clubs on its website! Is your club listed? If not, be sure all of your students' memberships are up-to-date and check it again next month:

<http://usjamanagement.com/public/charteredTop20/>

Thoughts on Coaching by Bill Myers

Speed Drills

Last month, I wrote about how thinking about your class in terms of ne waza positions, not just techniques, can enhance what you teach in class. This month, we'll examine some ways to spice up tachi waza practice.

If you read some of the judo blogs or discussions on judo forums, you'll eventually run across the debates on the value of static uchikomi. Are they useful as technique builders or overused and useless because we don't connect them to randori application? The answer is both, but that's not what I want to settle. Rather, I intend to discuss how to incorporate speed into your practice and how to take techniques from static to road-worthy in a single practice (or at least get started).

First, never underestimate what your students are capable of. I used to think that my beginners couldn't do moving techniques right away, but that's because I hadn't simplified the motion enough. We Sensei tend to overcomplicate what we teach and we need to think of simpler ways to start, then add details as necessary.

So, let's dive into a speed drill. Depending on the level of your students, you can choose techniques for them or let them choose their own. For this drill, we'll need a forward and backward technique that can also be used in combination. I'll pick harai goshi and osoto gari. We'll do this in a progression.

1. Perform each throw statically 10 to 15 times as fast as possible.
2. Perform each throw moving 10 to 15 times as fast as possible. For osoto, have tori moving forward, for harai, have tori moving backward.
3. Perform each throw combination moving 10 to 15 times as fast as possible. You can do this statically, then moving or just start with one technique moving and then perform the other combination technique in the opposite direction.
4. Depending on the throw, you may be able to do the combination in either order. If so, do this twice, switching which throw comes first.
5. If you do have throws that work either way, now perform the throws continuously forward, backward, forward, backward, etc.
6. Have tori set up the throw in a different direction.
7. Have uke move in a different direction and make tori use that direction to start the throwing sequence.
8. Add a counter throw(s) to have uke perform.

Training your students to go fast will give them the confidence to use these techniques faster in randori as well as giving them the tools to know when to use them because they've practiced them in motion.

Go Thief!

Theft is usually considered a bad thing, but that depends on the context and what you're stealing. I'm against stealing money, but I'm all for stealing judo techniques and teaching methods. In fact, I consider it a compliment to do so. You should, too.

When you go to a clinic, the whole idea is that you're going to learn the clinician's techniques and make them your own. For the past few years, I've had the pleasure of attending the YMCA International Judo Camp in Huguenot, NY. While there, in addition to the great regular and guest instructors, I've learned refereeing from Rick Celotto (an IJF-A referee and the best teacher out there), and coaching techniques from Bill Montgomery (head of the USJA Coaching Program).

The coaching program has slowly changed my method of teaching both beginners and advanced judo players. I now use Bill's method of teaching the first throws of judo and ukemi to my college physical education classes and children's classes.

In the past three years, I've been able to add Sid Kelly's randori preparation exercises (Kelly's Capers) to my classes. I always give credit where it's due – to these fine mentors!

Recently, I've been thinking about the difference between the judo community's willingness to learn and adapt new and interesting techniques and variations, but our resistance in learning and adapting to new and interesting coaching methods. It seems counter to the goals of judo – increasing mental flexibility (*Note: I stole that from Bill Montgomery*). When I took my first coaching class, I was very resistant to the idea that the way I was teaching could be inefficient or not as effective as it could be. It wasn't long before I knew it to be true and now I'm a poster child for the coaching program and I'm even giving coaching clinics.

I never would have believed it myself, but it just goes to show you what good can come of things when you steal good judo.

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News and Photos from the YMCA International Judo Camp

This year marked the 39th year for YMCA International Judo Camp, founded by George Harris and George Pasiuk. While the loss of Harris Sensei made this season difficult, new Co-Director Clyde Worthen and an army of both returning and new volunteers made the camp a great success and a lot of fun for campers of all ages.



This year's YMCA International Judo Camp was rejuvenated with several changes and innovations aimed at making camp more enjoyable for teens and juniors, as well as meeting the needs of all participants. Much of this was due to the many new activities provided by the Y to enhance the juniors and teens camp experience, and a new mat configuration of all tatami and flexi roll mats. We had our largest enrollment of campers in many years, and next year we will set up an even larger mat area that will be second to none. There was an awesome variety of national and international instructors that brought a vast array of techniques and training methods for everyone to take back to their dojos and work on. With this year's success we anticipate a much greater turnout for next year of all levels of judoka, who will be challenged to the fullest. Thanks to all of those who made this possible.

--Clyde Worthen
YMCA International Judo Camp Co-Director

Camp this year was fantastic. My great friends returned and I made some new ones. The judo was varied, interesting, and well-presented. It was a terrific blend of the old and the new with the format changes. The extra clinics on coaching, kata, competition, and refereeing make the Y camp a place to work on more than just judo technique. If you're not exhausted by the end of the day, with a head filled with judo ideas, you must not have been at camp. Will I be back next year? Of course!

--Bill Myers





The International Judo Camp is a wonderful program that exemplifies the dedication and commitment of so many individuals all working together to share their common passion for the sport of Judo. It is an enriching experience that should not be missed.

--Jeff Claypoole, Richmond, VA



Featured instructor Leonardo Victoria



Kata session with David Kiang

I've come to the camp for a number of years now, and look forward to it every year. This is the first time my 9 year-old daughter came. I think that she would have liked the old camp...but the changes made this year sealed the deal. She loved dancing on the tatami pre warm-up...the new atmosphere, the party at the end...too much to go into. Hats off to Clyde and company for taking a great thing and making it better.

--Michael Dobbs



(Below) The camp features a beautiful setting and plenty of additional activities for campers, such as swimming, canoeing, fishing and the "Wipit" obstacle course (not pictured).



I've grown up at this camp and every year I come it's amazing!
--Maria, age 12

This was my first year ever going to judo camp. I'll admit it was kinda painful and exhausting by the end, but it was worth everything I've learned in the past week.

--Cris, age 16

(Below) Referee training with Rick Celotto & Tom Seabasty





The end-of-camp Shiai gives both junior and senior judoka a chance to compete for fun, and allows referee candidates to be evaluated and certified. Two junior kata pairs (*center left*) also performed a synchronized demonstration of Ju-no-Kata for the campers and other guests.

A comprehensive USJA Coaching Certification course is also offered at the camp.



Special thanks to everyone who provided comments and photographs, especially Jeff Claypoole and Israel Gelpi.

Club profile: Staten Island Judo and Jujitsu Dojo, head instructor Nick Fulciniti

As a dojo, we have grown from having just a handful of members to being the 3rd largest USJA Judo club in the U.S. We were able to do this in less than 16 months due to spectacular internet marketing by <http://www.flagdayconsulting.com>. We also strive to maintain a very low student attrition rate by keeping the classes challenging, maintaining a strict curriculum and creating a family atmosphere that is magnetic to anyone walking through the dojo's doors. People began to hear how we teach judo, and we have gained many students through referral.

Every judo club has its own perspective on the way judo should be practiced and played. At our club, we teach judo as much more than a sport; we teach judo as a way of life. In our everyday lives, as well as during judo practice, we are faced with obstacles. With the infinite possible ways to deal with these obstacles, we teach students to strive to find ways to apply *Seiryoku Zenyo*



(maximum efficiency with minimum effort) to every situation.

We structure our classes so that we are able to monitor students and minimize situations in which they resist. Resistance in all forms, whether it is resisting a grip or a throw, directly impedes progress and is contrary to the principles of judo. We encourage students to change the way they think and the way they move. Once our students are able to control their reactions to resistance, they are able to fully understand how to embrace their opponents' body motion, break balance (*kuzushi*), turn, and throw. Through constant practice judoka are able to manipulate their opponents by controlling the timing of the match and by having the freedom to continuously change position.

In order for students to understand how to practice proper technique, they must not resist during *uchi komi*. Without trust and care among fellow judoka, it becomes very difficult for students to be good *ukes* and achieve *jita kyôei* (mutual welfare and benefit) from each other. We create events for students to interact outside of the dojo and have noticed that the students with the best relationships tend to excel more quickly when working together during *uchi komi* and *randori*.

We hope that our students learn how to apply the principles of *Seiryoku Zenyo* and *Jita Kyôei* (mutual welfare and benefit) to their everyday lives as well. We plan on increasing our student base and spreading Judo for a long time. See you on the mat!

--Joseph Cannizzo, Shodan

Judo News From Around the Country

Wisconsin July 13-16

My husband Bill and I visited the Reedsburg Judo Club. There was an open workout on Thursday night, and then a kid's camp, referee clinic and mini-shiai on Friday. On Friday night, we held a ladies' clinic with the female club members as well as mothers of judoka. The moms all agreed that it was much easier to get on the mat for the first time with a group of women. As a result, Marc Barbaccia plans to hold more women's workouts in the future. The Saturday schedule included another coaching clinic, open workout and mini-shiai. Mark Frankel of Welcome Mat Judo in Fond du Lac joined us, and a few judoka from Madison also participated.

The Reedsburg Judo Club is relatively new, but it is already becoming a successful USJA club. Here is a little more about its leaders, who are judoka that are truly "growing Judo:"

Marc A Barbaccia, Shodan, is the head instructor (marc.barbaccia@yahoo.com). He began studying Judo over 10 years ago as a leisure activity and to relieve stress, under the tutelage of Rick Olstad. That bond has grown into a great friendship; "Sensei Rick" continues to be a great mentor to Marc. Through the years, Marc has trained and competed in many different clubs across the country. As a coach, Marc's patience and "can do" attitude translates into confidence in his students. Keeping classes fun and interesting and structuring lessons to individual students' strengths and weaknesses are important to Marc. He believes that the principles of judo influence every aspect of life, and his motto is "Adversity Introduces Us to Ourselves."

Marc continues to be an Assistant Coach at Edgerton Judo Club under Head Coaches Rick Olstad and Andy Wiersma, but he was encouraged by Sensei Rick to branch out and founded the Reedsburg Judo Club. Bringing judo to the Dells area has long been a desire of Wisconsin Judo and it is now being accomplished.

Jerome "Jerry" Boyer, Shodan, became interested in Judo in 1957, while stationed in Yokuska and Kobe Japan, Jerry. He was able to watch and learn a bit about the sport which in later years became part of his family's life. In 1968, Jerry enrolled his sons Jeff and Todd at the Long Beach Naval Station Judo Club.

Upon his transfer to the Naval Station at Rota, Spain, Jerry wanted to keep his sons Jeff and Todd active in judo, but the Naval Station had no judo club. With the support of the Air Force Judo Association (AFJA), which became the United States Judo Association (USJA), and along with Raphael Garcia, a Spanish judo instructor, Jerry founded the Rota Judo Club, the first American judo club in Spain. The club grew to about 30 junior members and 12 senior military service members. The club entered many tournaments in southwestern Spain and hosted a couple on base. Jerry designed plaques that were given out to clubs that competed against the Rota Judo Club. The Rota Judo Club was the first American Judo club invited to the Spanish Jr. Nationals in Cadiz, Spain. That first year, they did not have much success, but learned valuable lessons. The following year, the 15-member team walked away with most of the awards. The young American Judokas showed poise and determination, along with a great respect for Judo and their competitors.

In 1981, Jerry and his wife Bonnie retired to Wisconsin. Jerry turned to other interests but in 2010, once again caught the Judo bug after seeing the RJC in a local parade. With his son Jeff, Jerry joined the RJC. Jerry was given the rank of Shodan for his lifetime commitment and dedication to

judo and its growth. An avid wood-working hobbyist, he hand-crafts the plaques that RJC uses to present Honorary Awards.

Jeffery J. Boyer, Nidan, began studying judo as an eight year-old in 1968 at the Long Beach Judo Club, Long Beach, CA, under Sensei Yakimora and continued in judo at the club his father started in Rota, Spain. Jeff placed in the Spanish Junior Nationals for two years, and won the 12-year-old heavyweight division. His family returned to the U.S and Jeff joined the Fond du Lac YMCA Judo Club in WI under Sensei Ed Jedgewitz. He competed regionally and at Junior Nationals. When his father's military commitments took him to a remote Navy base in the Aleutian Islands, he continued to work out with anyone who had a judo background. From 1979-1981, Jeff was the head instructor of the US Naval Academy Judo Club in Annapolis, MD and also earned his shodan at the Ft. Meade Judo Club, MD, under Reginald Heefner. While serving in the U.S. Army (1981-1984), Jeff continued to practice and compete in judo, but turned more toward instructing. In 1984, he founded the Wisconsin Heights Judo Club in Mazomanie, WI. Job requirements and numerous military mobilizations/deployments caused Jeff and his family to move numerous times; he practiced judo when and where circumstances permitted. He was out of judo from 2004 until joining the Reedsburg Judo Club in 2010.

Knowing that their knowledge and skills would be a huge asset to the club, Marc welcomed Jerry and Jeff instantly. These Judokas bring their unique styles together to form a powerful influence on their students.

--Deborah Fergus

Connecticut, August 4

Gentle Way Judo Club in Bristol invited clubs in their area to a mid-summer Open Workout. Among the participants were members of New Britain Judo Club and Norwich Judo Dojo. Thanks to Fred Fries, Will Williams, Mike Theriault and their students for their hospitality!



Michigan Aug. 13-14

The 7th Fight Like a Girl Judo Camp was held at the Southside Dojo in Portage. This was a camp for girls to have fun, meet new friends with the same interest in judo and to learn or fine-tune their skills. This year's camp hosted young ladies from Indiana, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan from the age of 6 to ??

Camp Director Deborah Fergus was assisted by other recognized judo women: Frances Glaze, Louise Ullman, Julee Cope, Jamie Blake, Kelly Au, and Lydia Au. They all brought talent and enthusiasm through their judo skills.

Julee Cope taught a session on self defense, including personal space, staying away from strangers, and what to do in dangerous situations. Frances Glaze demonstrated a variety of Kata that she learned from Sensei Keiko Fukuda, the first female to attain the level of 10th Dan. She and Louise Ullman worked with us on these Kata: Seiryoku-Zenyo-Kokumin-Taiku (maximum efficiency physical exercise), Sotai_Renshu (dual practice), and Kime-Shiki (forms of decision).



At the end of the first day we were treated to a wonderful cookout. The rest of the evening was spent playing games, sharing stories, and discussing issues we all face in Judo. We each discussed injuries we had incurred in Judo, and how to deal with these temporary disabilities. The girl talk was very powerful. It was a chance for everyone to get to know each other and to share some concerns they face as "girls in a boys' sport." The women were so nice and caring to the young girls who will hopefully become the next generation of judo women. After watching a few movies while hanging out with new judo buddies, everyone finally settled down on the mat with their sleeping gear.

On the second day Jamie Blake gave a clinic on refereeing and Kelly and Lydia Au reviewed competitive throwing techniques. Although we trained hard, we still had time to play a few games. Finally, an in-house shiai gave campers a chance to incorporate what they learned and try out refereeing.

The camaraderie during the camp brings the female judoka community extremely close. Along with all of the techniques and discipline that we learn from judo, we also obtain friendships and fun memories that will stay with us for the rest of our lives. Whether you're young, old, a beginner, or a national competitor FLAG has something to offer all Judoka.

--Manda Plessinger, Dakotah Kilborne, Madison Nakayama

Judo Camp is really fun! What we do is do judo, play games, make new friends, and more. Everyone sleeps on the mats. I hope more people go because it is a lot of fun. All of the people are nice including the Senseis.

- Ashlyn Plessinger, orange belt

I was just a mom who stayed through this experience for my daughter since she was uneasy about staying with people she had never met. And yes I even slept on the mats, even though mine was a



cushier mat, a crash mat! But this experience was such a powerful, positive one that she can't seem to stop talking about. She has made some good friends and great mentors. We look forward to seeing them at tournaments and of course next year at Fight Like a Girl Judo Camp!

--Manda Plessinger

South Carolina, August 22

The Samurai Judo Association presented Nancy Haynsworth with a Certificate of Appreciation for her efforts in making our (free) MWR Judo and Jujitsu classes successful. We are the largest Judo and the largest Jujitsu club in the United States Judo Association, the premier national grass-roots martial arts organization.

At our Joint-Base Charleston MWR facility at the Naval Weapons Station we serve active duty personnel of all our armed services and their adult dependents. Nearly all of our students are on

active duty, though occasionally we have a retired or reserve participant.

--Ronald Allan Charles

Visit our website at web.me.com/ronaldallancharles/samurajudoassociation



(Back row) Dr. Ronald Allan Charles, 8th dan judo; Nancy Haynsworth, 3rd dan taekwondo; and Bruce Spears, 4th dan jujitsu.

California, August 13

Could it be any better than this?

Imagine being a young judoka and a huge baseball fan and you are given the chance to be in a judo demonstration, on the field. This pre-game, mid-summer tradition has been shared between Discover Judo Club of Rancho Cucamonga and its sister club, Goltz Judo Club of Claremont. John Moe, Head Sensei of Discover came up with this idea back in 2007. The evening is spent at the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, which are a Class A – Advanced team in the California League and a farm team of the Los Angeles Dodgers.



At about 6:15 pm, the club's judoka and sensei gather: there is a lot of excitement as they all prepare for the demo. All are in their judogi, so they attract a lot of attention. Finally, our judoka are led through the visiting team's dugout, onto the field of the Quake's Epicenter Stadium.

Gary Goltz, 7th dan and current USJA President leads the demonstration. He showcases the philosophy central to judo, while discussing what the judokas are demonstrating.

There are two highlights to the demo. At first, Sensei Gary demonstrates a particular self-defense technique to disarm his uke, Matt Farah. However, the crowd pleasing moment of the demo occurs when he chooses one of his younger students to randori with him. It is always spectacular to see a 6 or 7 year-old toss a senior sensei about the field.

The rest of the evening is spent enjoying the game as a community, a family. This year, the clubs booked the whole third baseline field level pavilion, with over 150 in attendance. I can't think of a better way to share a summers evening, than this: having great times with good friends.

--Randall Swift, Father of a young green belt.



A Quake's player or one of the team mascots, Tremor or Aftershock, may join in the fun.



Wisconsin, August 2



Liu Xia demonstrates with Anders Angurs

Liu was very nice to indulge a few of our players in randori. Some thought she would tear their arms off, but found out that she was indeed, very gentle in the spirit of randori.

Most importantly our club felt honored to have her visit. For some, it is a once in a lifetime opportunity. She is here for at least the next semester and we are all hoping she makes a return visit during her stay in Madison.

A special thanks to Yin Wu our club member originally from China who arranged the visit and Meng Huang the 'Top Competitor' coordinator who made it happen.

--Greg Becker

Liu Xia, 2004 Olympic Silver Medalist (-78 kg) from China made a special visit to the Judo and Jiu-Jitsu Club of Madison as part of the 'Top Competitor' exchange program at the University of Wisconsin. At the Asian Judo Championships, Liu Xia won a Silver medal in 2004 and Gold in 2007.

Despite the language barrier there were plenty of laughs and she mixed well with club members. Sensei Anders Angur asked her to teach a couple of her favorite techniques and she obliged us with Osoto Gari and Ippon Seoi Nage, including a unique grip breaking and entry into Ippon Seoi Nage.



Nevada, August 25

Special guests Karl Geis, 9th dan, USJA President Gary Goltz and O.J. Soler visited Ryoku Judo Club in Las Vegas. Gary Goltz' demonstration of an O Soto-Sasae combination and two Ne Waza holds was excellent. Getting advice from Sensei Karl Geis on ways to enter and off-balance your opponent was a great experience for everybody. He is a great teacher and a great judoka.



Now we have new and exciting techniques to add to our judo repertoire, and we can't wait to use it in randori!

We at Ryoku Judo Club really appreciate Sensei Goltz, Sensei Karl Geis and Sensei OJ Soler taking the time to visit our club with their knowledge and love of Judo.

--Sergio Sanchez



Karl Geis teaches the group

Florida, August 27

Kodokan Judo of Cape Coral welcomed Shinjiro Sasaki, 3-time Japan Champion for a clinic. With over 50 judoka from all over Florida in attendance, Sasaki demonstrated his unique competitive style with great speed, to the amazement of all who attended.

Sasaki focused on establishing and breaking away from an opponent's grip as well as points of attack. I have watched Shinjiro Sasaki in tournament and I have not seen anyone as fast as he to enter into a technique. Sasaki's matches typically last 5-10 seconds. I was surprised that in the last tournament, Sasaki's opponent made it into newaza. That was OK because we got to see the other half of Sasaki's amazing ability, his ground work: he choked his opponent out within seconds!

--John Paccione



North Dakota, August 27

People traveled from St Cloud MN, South Dakota and the Roughrider Judo Club in Dickinson, ND (and points in-between) to the Gentle Ways Invitational Judo Tournament at the Red River Dojo in Fargo. Dean Markovics, IJF-A referee from Pennsylvania, gave a ne-waza clinic prior to the

competition, then served as Head Referee. His experience was a great asset for the local referees in making this a fun and smooth tournament.

19 people competed in 3 weight divisions. The Lightweights were dominated by Mac Rudd (1st), Jeffrey Glander (2nd) and Luke Swanberg (3rd). Middleweights saw aggressive newcomer Ryan Fink in 1st, with Joe Killion coming 2nd and Nick Lambert 3rd. In Heavyweights Ross Gottfried finished in 1st, David Scott in a hard-fought 2nd and Erik Halverson in 3rd. The Open competition drew 14 competitors and ended with Ross Gottfried 1st, Dave Scott 2nd and Erick Halverson 3rd. More information on Judo and Dojos in North Dakota can be found at rrjudo.com, or roughriderjudo.com.

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*(Right) Congratulations to **Andrew Connelly**, head instructor at the *School of Hard Knocks Judo Club* in Spring, Texas, for being named the **USJA Coach of the Year** for 2010.*

In Memoriam

Philip Steven Porter (1924-2011) passed away on August 7. Mr. Porter was a founding director of the USJA and implemented the National Judo Institute for the USJA in Colorado Springs. He was a West Point graduate and retired from the USAF in 1967 with the rank of Major.

Mr. Porter is survived by his wife, Joy, and his two sons, John and Gilbert. Our condolences are extended to his friends and family.

Editor's note: With the increased popularity of USJA's *Growing Judo* magazine, which reaches thousands of people, has come numerous requests to publicize events that are not sanctioned by the USJA. Please understand that this magazine is a huge undertaking by USJA volunteers and the national office staff, and that there are expenses associated with its production and distribution. Our policy is:

- Free listings in the **Upcoming Events** section will still be offered for USJA-sanctioned events.
- Domestic events (tournaments, clinics, etc.) that are open to USJA members but sanctioned by other organizations can be published with a nominal advertising fee:
 - \$15 for a text-only listing in the "Upcoming Events" section (up to 5 lines) formatted as below.
 - 1/4, 1/2 or full-page paid ads are also available.
 - For either of these options, please contact USJA Executive Director Katrina Davis.

Upcoming Events

*If you are a USJA club and have any **Upcoming Events** that you would like listed in USJA's *Growing Judo*, please send your information, in the format below, to Joan Love at: judolady210@aol.com*

Month & date of event

Official Title of the Event, location (building/institution, street address, city, STATE)

A couple of sentences of pertinent information, if applicable (description of the event, presenter's credentials if a camp/clinic, etc.). Please be concise; include time/schedule & price;

Contact person with phone number & email; url for forms if available.

Please note that this information needs to be in a WORD document or in the text of an email. Full event flyers and PDF documents cannot be included. You may include a relevant photo if you have one.

SEPTEMBER

September 10

2011 America's Cup Judo Championship at Pendleton Heights High School, One Arabian Dr, Pendleton, IN
Kata, Juniors, Masters, Newaza, Grappling & Seniors. For more information and entry packet:
<http://andersonymcjudo.datapitstop.com/> Hosted by Anderson YMCA Judo Club, John Branson, 5th dan-Head Instructor 765-621-3416.

September 24-25

7th All Women's Judo Championship, Cloverleaf Recreation Center, 8525 Friendsville Rd. Lodi, Ohio.
Registration, weigh-ins, and Kata, Coaches & Referee and Technical Officials Certification Clinics on 9/24; Kata and Shiai Competition on 9/25. Preregistration discount until 9/10/11. Flyer with full information, schedule and fees available at www.chutobujudo.com Contact: Deborah Fergus, deffrgs6@att.net or 269-208-1068.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 2nd

Juugatsu Open Judo Tournament hosted by Gentle Way Judo Club at the Boys & Girls Club and Family Center of Bristol, 105 Laurel Street, Bristol, CT. Junior, Senior, Masters, Newaza Divisions, plus a special guest seminar for juniors. Two competition mat areas. Event flyer/details at www.gentlewayjudoclub.com

October 7-8

Jack Bradford Memorial Tournament & Clinic, Deer Valley Middle School, 21100 N 27th Ave., Phoenix, AZ.
Contact Steven Owen, 602-430-5361 or cheri.mckeown@gmail.com

October 8

Maumee Bay Classic, Bedford High School, 8285 Jackman Rd, Temperance, MI. Junior, Senior, Master shiai and, Kata. contact Ted Whittaker, 419-215-4023/419-726-8388, Judosnsa@gmail.com

October 15

2011 LA Open Judo Tournament, Hebron Baptist Church Gym, 24063 Hwy 16, Denham Springs, LA.

Annual event hosted by Wall to Wall Martial Arts. Divisions for Kata, Juniors, Masters, and Seniors. Individual medals and Team Awards. Contact James Wall wallmartialarts@att.net.

October 15 (note date change)

Dr. Z Memorial Club Tournament, sponsored by Goltz Judo at the Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont, CA, \$15.00, \$10 for additional family members.

Contact Gary Goltz, 909-702-3250, gary@goltzjudo.com, www.goltzjudo.com for more information.

October 29

Kelly's Capers Clinic, Pharr YMCA, 208 Main St., McAdenville, NC. Instructors, Assistant Instructors and their students aged 13-up are all welcome to attend. More details will be available in the October issue of GJ, or contact Vic Reavis, sensei_vic@belmontjudo.com

NOVEMBER

November 5

1st Annual Gateway Invitational Judo Tournament, Overland Community Center, 9225 Lackland Rd, Overland, MO. For Juniors, Seniors & Masters and featuring a Men's and Women's Grand Master Champion division. Hosted by White Dragon Judo. Contact Tracy Hangle, 314-960-4228

DECEMBER

December 2-4

Friday – National Coaching Clinic, Alexander Hughes Community Center, 1700 Danbury Rd., Claremont, CA.

Saturday & Sunday – USJA/USJF 6th Winter Nationals at Damien High School, La Verne, CA.

Go to [Winter Nationals Website](http://WinterNationalsWebsite) or contact Gary Goltz, 909-702-3250, gary@goltzjudo.com, www.goltzjudo.com for more information.



JULY, 2012

July 26-29 2012.

Rise of the Phoenix Camp, Ohio. More details to follow!

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