

GARDENA JUDO CLUB NEWS

16215 Gramercy Place · Gardena, California · 90247

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Practice Schedule Mondays and Thursdays

Judo mats are set up at 6:00 pm.
We need your help!

**YONEN (ages 12 and under): 6:30 pm
SHONEN (ages 13 and up): 7:45 pm

Holiday Party

The GJC Christmas party will be Sunday, Dec. 2, 2001 from 5 pm to 9 pm at the JCI. This annual event will be filled with fun, food and prizes. Cost is \$10 per family, and each family is asked to bring one main dish AND either a side dish or dessert. Raffle donations are welcome!

This is the last club event for the year, so be sure to save the date to wish your fellow club members a Happy Holiday!

NOTE: THE CURRENT BEGINNERS' CLASS FAMILIES ARE ORGANIZING THIS EVENT. SEE TUCKER MARTES OR BEV REINKE TO GET INVOLVED IN THE PLANNING.

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Low Dong and Harold Sharp will be leading a two-week Kata Clinic at the dojo, beginning December 10, 2001. Classes will meet on Monday and Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. Kata certificates are needed for brown and black belt promotions. This opportunity is open to students ages 12 and up, and the cost is \$10 per person.

Club T-shirts coming soon! Designed by Roger Mikasa, these 100% beefy cotton shirts will be available for only \$10. Let's show our club spirit!!!

A Word of from the Club President...

The end of the year is quickly approaching once again, and as President of the club, I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your time and effort put forth in making Gardena Judo Club what it is today. As we enter the year 2002, know that:

- ? you have helped the club accumulate more than \$40,000.00 in operating funds! These funds should see us nicely through another five years until our 55th Anniversary Invitational Tournament.
- ? the club is currently ranked third in membership in the USJF organization and still growing!
- ? your club is highly regarded as one of the best organized and prestigious clubs in the area!

I wish I could tell you how many people have approached me wanting to join our club because of our reputation. This fact alone speaks mountains for our instructors, advisors, board members, parent/volunteers, and students. Again, congratulations to all our members for a wonderful year!

This brings me to another topic that I would very much like to bring to the forefront of all our parent/volunteers. **Volunteering.** It's a simple word, but means so much. GJC would not be able to function without volunteers. Volunteering means much more than just rolling out the canvas, pulling up mats, or working a table. Our children see us work and contribute to the club. In turn, they develop a tie, call it "ownership" of the club; they feel they belong here. Their time at the club becomes a true family activity rather than just time on the mat because you demand it of them when they'd rather be watching "Dragon Ball Z" on the TV.

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2002 Camping Trip

A camping trip has been scheduled for Aug. 5-Aug. 11, 2002. Yuki Fujita has reserved a group campsite at Pumice Flats in the Mammoth Lakes area. Let him know ASAP if you are interested, because the campsite is filling fast! He may need to reserve more sites if necessary.

*Yonen * Shonen * Seinen*

Attention ALL members!!

Please remember to keep your membership dues up to date. Dues are collected on a monthly basis, but you are welcome to pay in advance to simplify your bookkeeping. See Don Isozaki at the dojo!

USJF Registration

When renewing your annual USJF registration, please make checks payable to Nanka and submit to Gary Sakata. Also, please note that the fee has gone up to \$38 as of October 1, 2001. Thank you.

See us on the Internet! You can view the newsletter on the GJC website at:
www.gardenajudo.com

Coming up...

Sun., Nov. 4	Mojica Judo Club Tournament Baldwin Park
Sun., Nov. 11	Pacific Southwest Tournament Vista, CA
Sat. & Sun. Nov. 17, 18	Jimmy Pedro Clinic Ogden Judo Club, Long Beach (Enrollment is filled)
Tues., Nov. 20 6:30 pm	GJC Year-End Board Meeting Cherrystones Grill, Gardena
Thurs., Nov. 29 6:30 pm	In-House Shiai Gardena Judo Club

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This is a call for all parents to become more involved with the club; show your children how important you think this club is to your family. The instructors need your help in developing all those qualities you think judo brings to your child. You, the parent, are the true teacher of your child. School teachers, sport coaches, judo instructors, only reinforce what we as parents teach our children. Our children learn from watching us as we perform our daily activities in life. Make volunteering at GJC one of those activities they see you perform.

Keeping the above in mind, I would like to inform the membership of some changes in Nanka and Parents Fed this year in regards to how local tournaments are organized. It is now mandatory that member clubs supply volunteers to help set-up at the tournament site. The GJC board recognizes that we cannot make participation mandatory for our membership due to family work schedules and other family commitments. However, we will be expecting those families that cannot help with the Nanka tournaments to commit themselves to other GJC activities. Before each Nanka tournament a board member will come to you with a tournament/volunteer sign-up sheet, this way we can keep track of who is volunteering and share the responsibility with all the membership. We do not expect a few GJC parents to shoulder a majority of the club responsibilities. Please be a willing volunteer. I want to invite those parents who don't feel they are part of the "hub" of GJC, to come into the kitchen during practice and have a cup of tea or coffee with me. I would love to get to know you better! (Of course, we can brag about our kids to each other...!)

Sincerely,
Leo Ortega

Important Reminder

Judo students receive points to apply toward their promotions for **each** tournament they compete in. They receive **additional** points for each match they win! Parents, remember you are responsible to complete a **tournament record form** and turn in to Debbie Oba. The forms are available at the dojo. Thanks!