

Judo Victoria Inc.

President's Report December 2011.

Thank you to retiring President: On behalf of all of Judo Victoria I wish to publically thank my predecessor Michael Picken for his strong leadership and for all of the thankless hours that put in while he was on committee, and as the President of our body. Michael successfully made the transition from being an elite competitor and Olympian to become a successful coach running the Mornington Judo Club, and the President of our state.

Michael's time as president will be remembered for a long period of success for our players on the national and international stage, and for the progress made by Judo Victoria Inc. Under Michael's leadership our committee has been unified and has raised the bar in terms of organisational efficiency.

I hope that Michael has a good rest and that we see him back involved in the future.

Life Memberships and Gold Service Award: At the Annual meeting two of our former State Presidents were awarded Life Memberships on Judo Victoria. Congratulations to Peter Alway who is a former state and national president, as well as having a long and successful history as a judo coach. Congratulations are also due to Neville Sharpe who is also a former state president and is still on the JVI committee. Neville also served a four year term and the Treasurer of the JFA and is the current chairman of the National Referees Commission.

At the annual meeting Stan Ashley was recognised with a Gold service award for his services to judo. Stan is the Chairman of the Victorian Referees Commission.

Congratulations to all three award recipients. Judo Victoria is run by volunteers and we appreciate the work done by all of our volunteers.

New Committee for 2011/12: At the recent annual general meeting Michael Picken retired as our President and I have now replaced him in the hot seat. Our Vice President Frankie Serrano, Secretary Mick McMahon, and Registrar Greg Bensted were all returned. Gil Tidhar and Boris Ansons were elected to the general committee. Following the annual general meeting Neville Sharpe stood down as the Treasurer and Boris Ansons was appointed to replace him. Neville is remaining on committee as an ordinary member, and Judo Victoria has coopted Michael McLay to the committee position that became vacant as a result of Michael Picken's retirement. He was the candidate with the next highest vote at the election.

For 2012 the committee of Judo Victoria Inc is:

President	Peter White
Vice President	Bob Todd
Vice President	Frankie Serrano
Secretary	Michael McMahon
Treasurer	Boris Ansons
Registrar	Greg Bensted
Committee	Michael Burke, Michael McLay, Gil Tidhar and Neville Sharpe

State Titles a great success: Well done to everyone that participated in our State titles. This year we had over 220 competitors which made for a long day. In one of our senior men's divisions we had 14 competitors and across the board the standard to the judo was very high! We saw many matches that in their own right could have been national finals. Well done to all of our winners. All is looking well for our Victorian team for next year.

The layout of the hall and the presentation of the tournament was although good, we acknowledge that we can improve and that we should strive to make it the best in Australia.

I have taken on board the constructive criticism of the event and hope to learn from the experience.

I wish to thank all of the volunteers for your work and ongoing support.

The use of the new lanyards has been well received and our referees and officials did a great job.

The two disappointments of the day were that our new mats are still on the boat and didn't arrive in time, and that we have a problem with the entry forms that delayed the start of the day this problem is being addressed. However, overall it was a great event. We are aiming for more ,bigger and better events next year.

With your support and assistance it can happen.

Dan grades recently awarded: Congratulations to the following JVI members.

- **Shodan (1st)**
 - Tom Bensted
 - Jake Bensted
 - Eoin Coughlan
 - Michael Tong
 - Noam Tidhar
- **Nidan (2nd)**
 - David Karney
- **Sandan (3rd)**
 - Ben Donegan

JMIM and the Southern Cross Open 2012: Next year JVI is running the **Judo Masters in Melbourne (JMIM)** at Monash University on the 24th and 25th of March. Our objective is to develop a high quality Masters event that includes both Shai and Kata to attract competitors from across Australia and overseas. I encourage all clubs to get behind JMIM.

Judo Victoria is proudly initiating a new event called the Southern Cross Open that will take place on the 25th and 26th of August replacing the now finished VIOC. I encourage all clubs to get behind the Southern Cross Open next year. If we can get more than eight competitors in a division it will attract the same national points for that division as the NSW or Qld Open. I am confident that if we can achieve this next year we will start to attract a lot of interstate players! I encourage all clubs to get behind the Southern Cross Open in 2012!

Season's Greetings to all members of Judo Victoria and to your families. I wish you all a happy and safe holiday period and look forward to seeing you next year.

Peter White

President, Judo Victoria Inc.