

BUDOKAN JUDO CLUB - 2014 ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS OF THE 14TH ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT 9th December 2014

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Club Coaches: Rob Katz, Kerrye Katz, Dale Keogh, Andras Koltai, Carlo Barbarulo, Catherine Roach, Guido Scholtz, Franz Tandean, Bryan Medbury

BUDOKAN'S RESULTS AT THE 4th JUDO NSW AWARDS NIGHT - 23RD November 2013

At this year's NSW Awards Night 11 Budokan athletes made the final cut in 9 out of 10 individual age category awards. We also had 5 nominations for Kata, State Coach and Referee awards. The result of these nominations was 3 individual NSW category winners and 4 other award winners, a total of 7 from a possible 16 awards. The following are the Budokan members who succeeded in being nominated for the awards or who won an award at the 2014 Judo NSW Awards Night.

Senior Women:	Vanessa Hall
Senior Men:	Nathan Katz & Josh Katz with Josh winning the award
Junior Women	Naomi de Bruine
Junior Men:	Nathan Katz & Josh Katz, with Josh winning the award
Cadet Women	Katelyn Boyd
Cadet Men:	Conor Edwards, Kyle McIndoe & Josh Katz who won the award
Senior Girls	Loretta Duffy, Maddison Edwards & Dakota Hemmings
Senior Boys	Bjorn Tandean
Junior Girls:	Bethany Wade
Junior Boys:	No nominations from the club but some of our boys would have been very close
Senior State Coaches' Award:	(Women) Naomi de Bruine who won the award

Senior State Coaches' Award:	(Men) Josh Katz & Cameron Leishman who won the award
Junior State Coach's Award:	(Boys) Diadre Te Rauna who won the award
Kata Award:	Naomi de Bruine
Most Promising Referee:	Franz Tandean who won the award

Congratulations to all of these athletes – you are great ambassadors for our club.

This year we also have had 4 new Black Belt gradings in the club and all are for athletes aged 16 to 18 years which is a great achievement: Naomi de Bruine and Amber McIndoe were graded in November and Cameron Leishman and Josh Katz were graded in June this year. Later this year, Josh was also presented with the NSW Black Belt Register's Black Belt Rookie of the Year award for his performance in competition as a new Black Belt.

There are many reasons why the club set new standards of performance and achievements in 2014:

- **Membership:** This time last year the club had 106 registered members which has remained steady but we also have 5 temporary members. We also had a membership high of 123 which was above our target so this is encouraging.
- **Regarding our Dojo and our Training Schedule:**
 - **The Showground:** We continue to work with the Council including the Mayor and our local MP to ensure that plans for the Showground and the NSW Government's Urban Activation Project consider our location and the services we provide.
 - **Training Sessions:** All our sessions are well attended with strong growth across all groups. The "all-ages" Saturday session is still very popular and this year we introduced a Sunday morning session for a small group of elite Seniors to help them progress their international competitiveness. Together with our partner clubs from Aikido and BBJ in what we have recently called the "Budokan Training Centre", this venue is now used 27 hours and 7 days per week and we have plans to expand on this next year.

- **Member Services and Promotion:**

- **Website:** Our thanks again to Guido for continuing to sponsor our fantastic website and to both Guido and Melissa for keeping it current. Unfortunately we were so busy this year that we couldn't produce our Budokan DVD Montage for the Nationals, but we still plan to produce DVDs for the club's members in the future.
- **Fundraising and Athlete Sponsorship:** Financially, we are still quite healthy but will probably need to increase the fees next year and be a little more careful with our spending to build a contingency fund. We are grateful to everyone who has supported our fundraising activities this year and a special thanks to Karen Leake for coordinating the Bunnings BBQ and to Steve Rudgley who facilitated a donation of \$500 from the Parramatta Lions Club.

We continue to fund athletes and coaches who represent NSW at Nationals and who represent Australia at international events, or who attend courses and camps. The value of this sponsorship is significant and provides tangible support to club members who are prepared to make a major commitment to their sport. I suspect that there is no other club in the country that supports its athletes and coaches to the extent that Budokan does.

- **Awards:** In addition to the Judo NSW awards nominations and wins acknowledged earlier, Zach Colman won the Young Achiever Award for the Hills Shire at the NewsLocal Awards dinner and Naomi de Bruine was a finalist in the Blacktown City Sports Awards Sportsperson of the Year. Amber Rudgley also won an ASC Sportsperson Award and Conor Edwards won the Senior Chifley Sports Champion of the Year award. Congratulations! We encourage all Budokan members to apply for awards for recognition and grants offered by their local area agencies as well as various Government departments.

- **Judo Community Support:**

- Our aim last year was to maintain the positive trend in improvement to our performances on the mat which we believe has been achieved and to also to pick up momentum on our off-the-mat activities including merchandising, sponsorship and in being a model Judo club in the NSW Judo community which I believe we have also achieved. Thanks go to Greg Tafft and Belinda McIndoe for coordinating the club's volunteers at NSW events.

Our Athletes and Coaches:

- **National Talent Identification and Development (NTID) Program:** Josh Katz, Cameron Leishman, Naomi de Bruine, Kyle McIndoe, Conor Edwards and Kiernan Tafft are Budokan's 6 representatives on the NTID Squad for 2015, with Kerrye as one of the two NSW Coordinators. Amber McIndoe was on the Squad in 2014 but injury prevented her participating for much of the year and as Nathan Katz will turn 20 in 2015, he also leaves the Squad. The squad comprises 25 athletes aged 15-19 years from all around Australia and provides enormous benefit via testing, local and international training camps and international competitions. Since the program started in 2007 Budokan has always had a strong presence on the NTID Squad. Highlights for these athletes in 2014 included training, competition and international camps at the AIS, in England, Germany, Japan, Hong Kong and Macau. With the Australian Sports Commission's Winning Edge Program, the JFA's High Performance Program, and the AIS Combat Centre and NTID program, there has never been better support available and opportunities for our elite Senior and Junior athletes. The club will continue to sponsor the training of all Budokan athletes on the NTID Squad.
- **Our Coaching Team:** Assisting us during both Junior and Senior sessions is the ever-reliable Dale Keogh and we really appreciate all her support. We now also now have the benefit of Carlo Barbarulo who assists in the Junior and Senior sessions and Franz Tandean who supports the Junior session. Carlo's business Pizza Alfresco provided the pizzas for our Awards Night and we are very grateful for his support. Our thanks to Andras Koltai and Dale who run the Wednesday session for our MONs group and who are assisted by Catherine Roach. We have received great support during our club sessions from far too many of our athletes to name them all. We very much appreciate the support provided by Guido Scholtz, Amber McIndoe, Nathan and Josh Katz, Cameron Leishman, Naomi de Bruine, and Maddison Edwards. Dieter Riechert from Vineyard Judo club also provides assistance to Junior sessions and this is acknowledged. We have developed a great culture in the club where many of our athletes support the club's coaches by attending classes and competitions for our younger athletes thereby mentoring the athletes and supporting their development. We commend you all on this display of community and club spirit.

Some Interesting Budokan Statistics for the 2014 Nationals

- 6 sets of siblings competed; would have been 8 without injuries
- 3 athletes competed in 3 age categories
(Josh Katz, Conor Edwards, and Cameron Leishman)
- 7 athletes competed in 2 age categories
(Kiernan Tafft, Hussain Moghadamshaidie, Liam Stewart, Kyle McIndoe, Naomi de Bruine, Nathan Katz and Vanessa Hall)
- 9 athletes competed in their first Australian Championships
(Bethany Wade, Diadre Te Rauna, Loretta Duffy, Bernhard Tandean, Oliver Koraca, Hussain and Shaheen Moghadamshaidie and Carlo Barbarulo in the Masters)
- 9 first time medalists at Nationals
(Bethany Wade, Diadre Te Rauna, Loretta Duffy, Hussain Moghadamshaidie, and Carlo Barbarulo, who were also competing in their first Nationals; also Alex Djamirze, Amber Rudgley, and Bjorn Tandean)
- Nathan Katz won his 5th Junior Men's National medal and 3rd Gold as well as his 3rd Senior Men's medal with a Silver. He has now won 8 National Gold medals and 14 medals in 11 Nationals.
- Naomi de Bruine took her National medal tally to 13, with 5 Gold medals.
- Of the 3 athletes who competed in all 3 age categories, only Josh Katz medalled in all 3 performing for the first time in his career, a double Gold in Cadets and Juniors and achieving his first National Senior medal with a Bronze. He has now won 11 National medals, 6 of them Gold.
- Backing up their Cadet Gold medals from 2013, both Cameron Leishman and Kyle McIndoe also won Bronze in Juniors. Cam's National medal tally is now 11. Katelyn Boyd and Maddison Edwards also backed up their 2013 National Gold medals
- Commendation to Carlo Barbarulo who played in his first Nationals in the Masters Category despite carrying shoulder and knee injuries.
- At 13 National Championships in which Budokan has participated, 260 of our athletes competed in 342 divisions winning over 200 medals: 74 Gold, 49 Silver, and 83 Bronze

Budokan's participation in other major competitions:

- This year **for the second year in a row** the club participated in all 5 State Open events (ACT, Queensland, Southern Cross, South Australia, and the Sydney International) plus the Nationals and also the Auckland Open

- In these 7 events, we had nearly 130 athlete entries competing in about 190 divisions winning almost 120 medals (41 Gold, 31 Silver, and 45 Bronze)
- Budokan hosted its 13th MONS and Junior Boys and Girls competition for athletes turning 6 to 11 this year. It was an absolute success in every respect. Our 37 MONS and Junior Boys and Girls won 8 Gold, 10 Silver, and 5 Bronze medals as well as a number of special awards:

In MONS:

1. Best Tachi-Waza (standing technique): Bianca Tandean
2. Best Ne-Waza (ground technique): Edan Koltai
3. Best Spirit: Lucy Wade

In the In Junior Boys/Girls:

1. Best Tachi-Waza (standing technique): Alex Djamirze
2. Best Ne-Waza (ground technique): Annabelle Riechert
3. Player of the Day: Diadre Te Rauna with an impressive 5 Ippon wins in 5 matches.

Our Volunteers. We could not do what we do here without the strong and committed volunteer support from the club. Some have already been mentioned (including coaches and coaching support). Our volunteer base is enormous, from our Committee to those who support club activities and State competitions. Special mention to:

- * Sue Leishman and Belinda McIndoe for organising interstate accommodation,
- * Julianne and Andrew Edwards on fees and membership,
- * Marcel de Bruine, Sean Brothers, Mark Stewart, and others for operating the video camera at competitions,
- * Belinda McIndoe and Greg Tafft for coordinating our competition volunteers and building up the club with 14 NSW competition volunteers,
- * Leon McIndoe our representative on Judo NSW's Board of Management,
- * Dale Keogh as a BBR Kata instructor and
- * Franz Tandean as a NSW State referee

The list is really significant and we acknowledge that the club could not achieve what it has without the wonderful support provided.

Congratulations to our Coaches, Committee, volunteers and to all of you who have supported our activities this year. We are all here for our athletes; if we look after them, the sport will take care of itself.

2014 has clearly set new benchmarks for the club's achievements – we continue to improve on our participation and performance at every level of competition. Our enormous strength of character within the club's athletes, coaches, and committee continues to grow and we enjoy showcasing the fabulous and unique family support and spirit which is envied wherever the travelling Budokan circus goes.

Our strategy to build a safe but challenging transition for our MONS to Juniors through to Cadets and Seniors seems to be working well and our on-the-mat activities is where we will focus our attention next year.

Results in the Senior age categories are now quite significant with a number of representations at Senior international events and a number of matches won. Some of our athletes are now ranked highly on the Senior National Points Table for international selection and some are on the new Winning Edge High Performance Program.

With the strong feeder base sitting behind these athletes and the developmental work being done across all ages, we believe that this growth is sustainable if we all stick together and contribute to the work needed.

Budokan remains a strong and united community built on its conviction.

We are proud of the club and its achievements and it gives us great pleasure to see our athletes grow and mature as they take on new challenges which feed into their daily lives - this is ultimately the aim of Judo.

Budokan Awards Night 9th December 2014

At the Budokan Annual Awards Night, the awards were presented by the club's Committee members, sponsors and special guests:

Committee: Greg Tafft, Sean Brothers, Karen Leake, Melissa Rudgley, David Colman, Peter Jennings, Kerrye and Rob Katz, new Committee member and MONS coach Andras Koltai, Club Life Member and sponsor Dale Keogh, outgoing Committee member and Website sponsor

Guido Scholtz; special guest Lynne Sandri, Coaches Cathy Roach, Carlo Barbarulo, Franz Tandean, and NSW Board of Management member Leon McIndoe.

A message to the club's athletes from the coaches at the 2014 Awards Night:

- *Our aim is to provide you with the most challenging and effective training environment that we can. By doing this we hope that you can achieve whatever goals you set yourself so that you become more focused in your daily lives.*
- *Before 2015 comes upon us you need evaluate your goals and develop and implement a plan to reach them – we can help you with this, but ultimately only one person can do the work on the mat to give you the best chance to reach those goals, and that is you.*
- *Tonight celebrates all of your achievements regardless of whether you win an award or not. This is a very high-achieving club with a number of international representatives, 8 National Champions and 28 National medalists.*
- *If you are one of them, we will continue to help you improve and reach higher goals. If you aren't yet one of them and that's what you ultimately want, we will help you get there. We congratulate you for being part of the challenge and for making this club so great.*

Rob and Kerrye Katz

Budokan Judo Club Coaching Coordinators

THE 2014 BUDOKAN JUDO CLUB AWARDS

Criteria for selection of recipients for annual awards:

For all awards, Judoka must have been a member of the club for a minimum period of four months and with the exception of the Beginner Awards, have competed in tournaments

1. Awards for Improvement

Improvement Awards are selected on the basis of: consistent attendance, attitude to training, and showing noticeable improvement both at training & competition. In 2008, we separated the Junior Improvement Award into two new separate U/13s and U/16s Junior Improvement Awards. In 2010 these were renamed U/14s and Cadets (U/17s) to align with the new age Categories. In 2011 the 14s category was again split to separate the new Junior (U/12s) Boys and Girls and Senior (U/15s) Boys and Girls. The MONS award age group also changed in 2011 to U/9s.

MONS Winner 2014:

JOSH KING

Junior Boy/Girl Winners 2014:

BETHANY WADE & ALEX DJAMIRZE

Senior Boy/Girl Winners 2014:

BJORN TANDEAN & LORETTA DUFFY

Cadet Winners 2014:

CONOR EDWARDS & KIERNAN TAFFT

Senior Winner 2014:

CAMERON LEISHMAN

2. Awards for Encouragement

Encouragement Awards are selected on the basis of: consistent attendance, attitude to training, performance in competition, and potential for future success in higher level competition. In 2008, as for the Junior Improvement Award, we separated the Junior Encouragement Award into two new separate U/13s and U/16s Junior Encouragement Awards. In 2010 these were renamed U/14s and Cadets (U/17s) to align with the new age Categories. In 2011 the 14s category was again split to separate the new Junior (U/12s) Boys and Girls and Senior (U/15s) Boys and Girls. The MONS award age group also changed in 2011 to U/9s.

Senior Winner 2014:

KYLE McINDOE

Cadet Winners 2014:

**RACHELLE DUFFY &
LACHLAN BROTHERS**

Senior Boy/Girl Winners 2014:

**SASKIA BROTHERS &
OLIVER KORACA**

Junior Boy/Girl Winner 2014:

SAMIR ASHTON

MONS Winner 2014:

AMELIA RIECHERT

3. **Beginner's Award**

Beginners Awards are selected on the basis of: consistent attendance, attitude to training and learning, and putting in a strong effort in all club activities.

In the past, the Award could go to a Junior or a Senior, male or female. In 2004, we introduced a Senior, Junior and MONS Beginner Award:

MONS Winner 2014:	CROSBY PEAKE
Junior Winner 2014:	EMMA LEISHMAN
Senior Winner 2014:	FADI MARKABOUI

4. **Outstanding Performance at a Grading**

Another special award, which was introduced in 2005, and awarding it depends on the standard of grading performed each year. It will only be awarded where it is really deserved. We have decided to award this year's trophy in recognition of the performance at their grading to:

Winner 2014:	BERNHARD TANDEAN
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5. **Awards for Best Attendance**

Attendance Awards are selected purely on the basis of attendance as recorded on the Training Session Attendance Sheets. Award for attendance at the Wednesday night MONS session is being introduced this year.

<u>Senior Session:</u> Winner 2014:	LIAM STEWART
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<u>Junior Session:</u> Winner 2014:	ZACH COLMAN
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<u>MONS Session:</u> Winner 2014:	FRANCIS PARK
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6. **The John Sandri Judo Spirit Award**

An award introduced in 2004, the Judo Spirit Award is selected on the basis of: spirit of participation in all activities and in particular the spirit and heart shown during competition. The Award could go to a Junior or a Senior, male or female. In 2010, to commemorate the sad passing of one of our club family members, John Sandri, we renamed this Award, the "John Sandri Spirit Award"

We have 2 recipients for this award. The first recipient has only been in the club for 2 years. His son is in the MONs group and because his skills were easily recognised, we asked that he assist us in the Senior Sessions. Despite some significant injuries, he is still a hard trainer and a strong partner for the Seniors. He even elected to compete in the Masters at Nationals and was the only Masters competitor who trained through the whole Senior State Squad. At the Nationals he competed with spirit including against a much heavier opponent and won a Silver medal. His popularity is displayed by many club members supporting his competition at the Nationals when they had their own competition to worry about. He is a fine role model and has been a great supporter for the club, including making his great pizza business accessible to the club.

The other recipient of the Spirit Award has been a National Team member winning an Oceania Gold medal and competing at the Cadet Worlds. As a Junior last year and early this year she medalled in a number of State Opens and last year was in the medal rounds at Nationals in Juniors and Seniors. This year she suffered quite a horrific ankle injury in the last couple of weeks before the Nationals and despite surgery and wearing a boot, provided coaching support to our athletes at the Nationals, and also at every other competition since. She had to put off her Black Belt grading in June because of the injury and as mentioned before, only recently passed her Sho Dan Black Belt with a very good grading performance. She is also a great supporter of the club. The John Sandri Spirit Awards this year go to:

Winners 2014:

**AMBER McINDOE &
CARLO BARBARULO**

7. **MONS (U/9s) Award**

Under 9 years ("Mons") Awards (changed from U/10 in 2011) are selected on the same basis of the Beginners Award criteria plus participation, results, and spirit in competition.

Boys' Runner Up 2014:

EDAN KOLTAI

Boys' Winner 2014:

JAKOBI HERRICK

Girls' Runner Up 2014:

ANNALIESE EDWARDS

Girls' Winner 2014:

BIANCA TANDEAN

Recipients of the following awards are selected purely against a pre-set points criteria, whereby points are allocated for 1st to 3rd placings in most competitions, and for lesser rankings in higher level competitions: Best Senior Man, Senior Woman, Junior (or Young) Man and Junior (or Young) Woman, Junior Shonen (U/16) which changed in 2010 to Cadets or U/17 Boys and Girls; and Yonen (U/13) which changed in 2010 to U/14s, and in 2011 to Junior U/12 & Senior U/15 Boys and Girls. Points allocated vary according to the level of competition ranging in increasing importance from PCYC, to State, to National, to International events.

8. Awards for Best Junior Boys and Girls (To 11 years old in 2014)

Junior Girls' Runner Up 2014: **ANNABELLE RIECHERT**

Junior Girls' Winner 2014: **BETHANY WADE**

Junior Boys' Runner Up 2014: **FINN TAFFT**

Junior Boys' Winner 2014: **DIADRE TE RAUNA**

9. Awards for Best Senior Boys and Girls (To 14 in 2014)

Senior Girls' Runner Up 2014: **AMBER RUDGLEY**

Senior Girls' Winner 2014: **MADDISON EDWARDS**

Senior Boys' Runner Up 2014: **XAVIER TAFFT**

Senior Boys' Winner 2014: **BJORN TANDEAN**

10. Awards for Best Cadet (To 17 in 2014)

Cadet Girls' Runner Up 2014: **RACHELLE DUFFY**

Cadet Girls' Winner 2014: **KATELYN BOYD**

Cadet Boys' Runner Up 2014: **KYLE McINDOE**

Cadet Boys' Winner 2014: **JOSH KATZ**

11. Awards for Best Junior Woman and Junior Man (To 20 in 2014)

Junior Man Runner Up 2014: **NATHAN KATZ**

Junior Man Winner 2014: **JOSH KATZ**

Junior Woman Runner Up 2014: **AMBER McINDOE**

Junior Woman Winner 2014: **NAOMI de BRUINE**

12. Awards for Best Senior

Senior Woman Runner Up 2014: **NAOMI de BRUINE**

Senior Woman Winner 2014: **VANESSA HALL**

Senior Man Runner Up 2014: **JOSH KATZ**

Senior Man Winner 2014: **NATHAN KATZ**

13. Coaches Awards for Junior or Senior Judoka

The Coaches' Award is selected for overall spirit in all aspects of Judo. The Award could go to a Junior or a Senior:

For only the third time in 14 years we have two recipients of this award. One is the youngest recipient that we have seen fit to present this award but well deserving nonetheless. The other has had the year of his life in competition Judo.

So, to the first winner, despite his tender age, this athlete has an incredible work ethic on the mat. He is a quiet machine who has been acknowledged by coaches across many clubs. His efforts were recognised by the State Coaches this year in winning the Junior Coaches award for the NSW Team. Winning a Bronze at the Nationals and competing in every available event, in the process beating the National Champion in Shoalhaven, this athlete is like a sponge who just wants to learn and improve. After the Junior Session is finished, he often sits and watches the Senior session; he took time off school to watch the Oceania Open and support the club's athletes, and he shows a unique friendship and camaraderie toward the club mates against whom he competes. We have seen him win matches and then become openly upset because one of his club-mates was hurt in the process. This is what Judo is all about.

The other recipient of this award has had a magnificent year in competition and displays a humble and mature approach to Judo, school and life in general, quite beyond his years. This athlete trains to the point that he has to be slowed down. He sets goals and follows a disciplined path to reach them. Highlights this year include winning his third consecutive back-to-back Cadet and Junior Men Gold medal at Oceania, that's 6 OJU Gold medals. He performed for the first time in his career, a double Gold in Cadets and Juniors at Nationals and achieved his first National Senior medal with a Bronze and his first representation in a Senior National Team. At 16 and still a Cadet, he has now won 11 National medals, 6 of them Gold. He regularly competes in 3 age categories and won every State Open this year including the ACT Open and Sydney Open in the Senior age category. He helps with the Junior Sessions, is a pleasure to coach and can look forward to a great future as an international competitor. The 2 recipients of the Coaches Award are:

Winners 2014: **DIADRE TE RAUNA & JOSH KATZ**

Pat & Ian Daniels Award for the Budokan Volunteer of the Year

This award was introduced in 2008 to acknowledge the value and the benefit to Judo of Volunteering duties, whether at club, State or National level. Budokan's Volunteer of the Year Award is dedicated to the memory of Kerrye's parents, Pat & Ian Daniels, and the selection of the recipient is based primarily on club-level volunteering in all areas.

The recipients of the Volunteer of the Year Award have contributed to the club in quite different but both very valuable ways. One has been on our Committee for as long as we can remember, helping at every function from competitions to clean-ups to fundraising. Over the years, this person has specialised in catering, managing the Bunnings BBQ and just getting everyone together and coordinating production wherever she works.

The other recipient has been my right-hand person in pushing forward initiatives with Strategic Planning, Corporate Sponsorship, the North-West Rail Link Project, and more recently our local Council, as well as with Judo NSW across a number of areas, including volunteer support to NSW competitions, and the Judo NSW Awards Night. The club volunteers of the year this year go to:

Winners 2014:

KAREN LEAKE & GREG TAFFT

Other presentations:

- 1 . Coaching.** Presentations to our Coaches, Assistant Coaches and other club support athletes
- 2. Volunteers/Committee.** Presentation to club volunteers for their contribution throughout 2014
- 3. Presentation by Greg Taftt.** To Kerrye and Rob Katz

Rob and Kerrye Katz

Budokan Judo Club Coaching Coordinators

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