

BUDOKAN JUDO CLUB

18TH ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT 4th December 2018

Welcome: Summary of the year's achievements - Rob and Kerrye Katz

Club Committee: Rob Katz, Kerrye Katz, Dave Colman, Sean Brothers, Peter Jennings, Andras Koltai, Belinda McIndoe, Franz Tandean, Kate Peake, Life Member Dale Keogh, Outgoing: Councillor - Melissa Rudgley

Club Sponsors: Guido Scholtz (Trend Marking) - Website
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Carlo Barbarulo (Pizza Alfresco) – Awards Night catering
Kerrye and Rob Katz - Gym - S & C

2018 Major Donations: Ann Hao and Junping Zhang; Chang (Wesley) Woo

Guest Presenters: Lynne Sandri, Sue Leishman

Coaches: Principal Coaches - Rob & Kerrye Katz
Elite Coach - Rob Katz
Senior Coaches – Rob Katz supported by *Dale Keogh, Kerrye Katz, Carlo Barbarulo, Lubo Petr, and (Monday back-up) Guido Scholtz and Amber McIndoe*
Junior Coaches - Kerrye Katz, supported by *Rob Katz, Dale Keogh, Andras Koltai, Carlo Barbarulo, Cathy Roach, Chang Woo, Franz Tandean, Andrea Koltai, Amber McIndoe and Daniel Kennedy*
Mons Coaches – Jarrad Cooper & Dale Keogh (until recently Andras Koltai) supported by *Cathy Roach, Kate Hall, Neal Conti, Daniel Kennedy and Scott Young*
Dino Kids - Amber McIndoe & Kerrye Katz. *Supported by Kyle McIndoe, Ali McPherson, Lucas Luttrell, Jessica Barbin, and Aidan Barbin*

Welcome Summary, and Achievements

Welcome to the 18th Budokan annual Awards Night. I'd like to start tonight off by making a very important announcement. I am very proud to be able to say that 2 weekends ago at the prestigious Judo NSW Annual Awards Night, Budokan Judo Club, your club, won the NSW Club of the Year for the fifth year in a row. This is a great achievement and the result of a consistently huge effort by all the club's coaches, Committee members, volunteers, and in particular all the athletes who do all the hard work on the mat. In addition to winning Club of the Year, Budokan was also nominated for Junior Development Club of the Year and the Club with the Best Website. In terms of individual NSW awards, there are 10 available NSW Best in Age Category awards and for the second year in a row, Budokan athletes won 5 of them, which is really amazing.

4 more of our athletes won awards in Special Needs, Kata and NSW State Coach nominated awards. In all 27 Budokan members were nominated 43 times in 28 available individual award categories. **The individual award winners are:**

Senior Men: Nathan Katz

Cadet Women: Saskia Brothers

Senior Girls: Mina Woo

Junior Girls: Bianca Tandean

Junior Boys: Crosby Peake

Special Needs: Bernhard Tandean

Junior Kata Award: Bernhard and Bianca Tandean

NSW State Coaches Nominated Awards - Junior Boys: Max Zollinger

Senior Men: Cameron Leishman

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners.

I'd also like to pay tribute to Cathy Roach who at last year's Annual Club Awards night was presented with the club's Distinguished Service Award. 2 weekends ago, after some months of hard training and practice, this almost 76 year old Grandmother, who is a valued Assistant Coach at this club, and who achieved her 1st Dan Black belt 30 years ago, successfully completed her grading to 2nd Dan. Cathy's achievement shows that you can never be too old to achieve great things; in Judo it's always about education and development, and Cathy's grading is a fantastic example of that. Cathy, you did yourself, us and your club proud.

Before we go into the achievements of Budokan's athletes in competition, Kerrye and I would now like to briefly paint you a picture of how the club has developed over the past year.

Membership: We have seen a 50% increase in membership in just 3 years from 120 members in 2015 to 180 this year. This week we peaked at 188. We also have the second highest number of female members of any club in Australia.

- In terms of our newer programs, our Monday Senior beginner and Kyu Grade session is still doing very well with over 15 members. I challenge all of our parents to join the others and give it a go. We are also proud to now have 17 registered Dino kids in our pre-school pre-Judo program which was introduced last year. Kerrye and Amber have done a great job with

the Dinos. We have also run over 40 additional sessions this year for our elite international competitors. For the first time this year we ran a weekend camp at the club for State-level competition athletes and we plan to keep this in our program each year. Our only problem at the moment is space on the mat, particularly when we regularly have 45 to 50 Juniors on the Tuesday and Thursday sessions, but what a great problem to have.

- **Government Relationships:**

- Our relationship across all 3 levels of Government is very strong. Late last year we won a \$2500 grant sponsored by Federal Member Alex Hawke's office. This was used to fund a lot of equipment to support our Dino Kids program. Alex visited the club this year as did the Hills Shire Mayor Dr Michelle Byrne with whom we have a great relationship. Last week I found out that we also won another Government grant through NSW Member for Castle Hill, Ray Williams' office. This was for \$1250 to assist in the purchase of a defibrillator. At this time I also want to acknowledge the generosity of 3 of our club members, two are parents of a Junior and the other an Assistant Coach and also a parent of a Junior. These people made generous donations to the club: Please stand up Ann Hao and Junping Zhang and Wesley Woo. Thank you so much for your generosity.

- **Promotion and Finance:**

- Our Treasurer Peter Jennings continues to followup club training fees and manage our finances and this is not an easy task. Thank you Peter.
- Our club merchandise is still popular and I want to thank our outgoing Committee member Mel Rudgley for taking the lead on this. We now have great club towels and Mel arranged 2 of these wonderful table covers which we use at our competitions.
- Fundraising this year was generated from running our 2 club competitions – thanks to everyone who supported them, far too many people to mention. Thanks also to Andras for running more successful Movie Nights and to all those who supported the clothing collections. Thanks to Sue Leishman for coordinating the all-important Bunnings BBQ. The date for next year's Bunnings BBQ has already been set for the 5th May and Sue will need a lot of support for this. Please reserve the 5th May in your diaries.

- The website continues to attract numerous inquiries and as mentioned, we have been recognized in having one of the best ones in NSW Judo. We are grateful to Guido for sponsoring the site and to he and Mel for managing the updates on the website.
- **Everyone is curious about the future of our venue:**
 - We have met with the Mayor on a couple of occasions this year and I have provided Council with a presentation and a proposal for a new venue in the new Showground precinct. Council will be engaging a consultant who will begin work next February and by 2020 should have produced a Showground Masterplan. Budokan is also seeking the support of Judo NSW for our new venue and I am confident that we will be looked after.
 - Finally I appeal to all of you to support an important activity in this dojo early next year: On Saturday 5th January at 8.00am, we will be cleaning up the hall and scrubbing the mats.

Regarding our Athletes and Coaches:

- **Firstly, our Coaching Team:** Kerrye and I can't say enough about the support we have received from our main coaches Dale, Andras and now Jarrad who has replaced Andras in running the MONS class, and Amber McIndoe for the Friday Dinos class. We are also very grateful to our assistant and support coaches on the mat: Carlo Barbarulo, Catherine Roach, Wesley Woo, Franz Tandean, Andrea Koltai-Bazan, Kate Hall, Lubo Petr, Guido Scholtz, Daniel Kennedy, Neal Conti, Scott Young, and supporting Amber and Kerrye with the Dinos: Kyle McIndoe, Ali McPherson, Lucas Luttrell, and Jessica and Aidan Barbin. We also have Dieter from Vineyard Club who is also a regular visiting coach.
- Budokan is still unique in having a great mentoring culture within its membership whereby our more senior athletes come onto the mat to support the Junior sessions and also provide terrific support to the Juniors at competitions. We commend you all on this display of club spirit in keeping with Judo's values.

Competition Participation & Performance –International Representation:

We would like to present Budokan's 9 international representatives for 2018. We are very happy that this year that they are all able to be here.

Nathan Katz, Josh Katz, Kyle McIndoe, Cameron Leishman, Saskia Brothers, Zach

Colman, Emma Leishman, Liam Stewart and Bjorn Tandean were presented to the club.

Running through the results for our international representatives since last year's Awards Night:

- **Nathan Katz**

Nathan competed in 13 international events: the Senior World Championships, 3 Grand Slams, 5 Grand Prix, and 4 Continental Opens. He won a Bronze Medal in the Asian Open Taipei, made the Round of 16 at the Osaka Grand Slam and the Zagreb Grand Prix, and last weekend placed 7th in the Asian Open Hong Kong.

- **Josh Katz**

Josh competed in 8 international events: 1 Grand Slam, 1 Grand Prix, 4 Continental Opens, 1 European Cup, and the Oceania Championships. He won Bronze in the Malaga European Cup, placed 7th at the Glasgow Continental Open, won the Oceania Championships and the Oceania Continental Open, and last week won Silver at the Asian Open Hong Kong.

- **Kyle McIndoe**

Kyle competed in 7 international events: he won the Junior and Senior Oceania Championships, placed 7th at the Asian Open Hong Kong and the Junior European Cup in Lithuania, competed in the Sarajevo European Cup and the Belgium Open and was selected to the Junior World Championships.

- **Cameron Leishman**

Cameron competed in the Oceania Open in Perth winning a Bronze medal, his first continental open medal.

- **Saskia Brothers**

Saskia competed in 5 international events: Highlight for her was placing 7th at the Youth Olympic Games and participating in the pre-YOG camp in Tunisia. She also won Cadet Oceania, won Silver in the Cadet Asian Cup Macau, Bronze at the Cadet Asian Cup Hong Kong and 5th at the Junior Asian Cup Hong Kong.

- **Zach Colman**

Zach competed in 6 international events: He won Silver at the Oceania Championships, and placed 5th at the Cadet Asian Cups in Hong Kong and Macau, as well as at the Oceania Junior

Cup in Perth, and also competed in the Asian Junior Cup in Hong Kong, and the Oceania Senior Open in Perth.

- **Emma Leishman**

Emma competed in the Oceania Continental Championships winning a Silver medal in Juniors.

- **Liam Stewart**

Liam competed Oceania Continental Junior Cup and Senior Open in Perth.

- **Bjorn Tandean**

Bjorn competed Oceania Continental Junior Cup in Perth.

Overall, these 9 athletes had 3 World Championship and Youth Olympic selections; YOGs 7th; Grand Slam and Grand Prix R16; Senior World Cup Gold, Silver, Bronze and 3 x 7th places; Senior European Cup Bronze ; Junior European Cup 7th; Junior Asian Open 5th; Cadet Asian Open Silver, Bronze and 2 x 5th places; 4 Golds and 3 Silvers at Oceania Championships; Our athletes also attended numerous international camps including the pre-YOGs camp in Tunisia, National Cadet Training Camp in Japan, as well as 5 athletes selected to the National Cadet and Senior Boys/Girls Futures Camp at the AIS, and 4 athletes selected to the NSW Junior Development Camp at the AIS.

State Representatives to Nationals: All 29 athletes **selected** to the NSW State Team to the Nationals including the athletes who could not compete due to injury or illness (**Ali, Beth, Will, Emma, Zach, Kyle, Josh, Naomi, and Logan**) were presented to the club.

National Results were amazing considering one-third of our athletes had never competed at Nationals before: 6 Gold, 2 Silver, and 7 Bronze medals, plus 1 Bronze in Kyu Grades, 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 1 Bronze in Special Needs, and 2 Gold, 1 Silver and 3 Bronze medals in Kata, a total of 10 Gold, 4 Silver and 11 Bronze medals.

Athlete (Division)	Budokan Athlete	Junior Boys / Girls		Senior Boys / Girls		Cadet Boys / Girls		Junior M/W		Senior M/W	
1	Jaeda LIAO	U/25	GOLD								
2	Bianca TANDEAN	U/36	SILVER								
3	Nicholas PLATONOV	U/24	BRONZE								
4	Crosby PEAKE	U/27	BRONZE								
5	Sean GOLDTHORPE	U/27	5TH								
6	Bryan ZHANG	U/30	Unplaced								
7	Francis PARK	U/34	9TH								
8	Max ZOLLINGER	U/34	BRONZE								
9	Ben ZOLLINGER	U/34	Unplaced								
10	Mina WOO			U/44	GOLD						
11	Melika TARIGHAT			U/57	GOLD						
12	Phoenix EDWARDS			U/40	Unplaced						
13	Oliver JENNINGS			U/40	BRONZE						
14	Lion PARK			U/45	BRONZE						
15	Ali YULDASHEV			U/50	GOLD						
16	Peter CHEON			U/55	Unplaced						
17 (19)	Saskia BROTHERS					U/63	GOLD	U/63	SILVER	U/63	Unplaced
18 (21)	Kevin TARIGHAT					U/60	BRONZE	U/60	7th		
19 (22)	Alex ROSS					U/66	7th				
20 (23)	Michael ROSS					U/66	5th				
21 (25)	Bjorn TANDEAN							U/66	7th	U/66	Unplaced
22 (27)	Liam STEWART							U/66	5th	U/66	7th
23 (28)	Nathan KATZ									U/66	GOLD
24 (29)	Cameron LEISHMAN									U/73	BRONZE

KYU GRADES (Seniors)

25 (30)	Casey EAMER	1/2		50%				Kyu Grades Women	U/78	BRONZE
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SPECIAL NEEDS

25 (31)	Casey EAMER	2/2						Special Needs Women	U/78	GOLD
25 (32)	Casey EAMER	1/2		5/8 = 63%				Special Needs Women	+60 (Open)	SILVER
26 (33)	Lynne McCREDDEN	0/2						Special Needs Women	U/78	BRONZE

27 (34)	Bernhard TANDEAN	2/2						Special Needs Cadet Men	U/50	GOLD
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KATA

28 (35)	Andras KOLTAI							Senior Nage-No-Kata	SILVER
28 (36)	Andras KOLTAI							Senior Katame-No-Kata	BRONZE
29 (37)	David Willison							Senior Nage-No-Kata	5th
29 (38)	Bernhard TANDEAN							Junior Nage-No-Kata	GOLD
29 (39)	Bianca TANDEAN							Junior Nage-No-Kata	GOLD
29 (40)	Bernhard TANDEAN							Senior Ju-No-Kata	BRONZE
29 (41)	Bianca TANDEAN							Senior Ju-No-Kata	BRONZE

Some Budokan Statistics for the 2018 Nationals

1. Our 27 athletes competed in 39 divisions including 5 Kata divisions
2. Our contribution to NSW's performance at the Nationals was significant with Budokan winning a quarter of NSW's total of 24 Gold medals and a fifth of NSW's total of 80 medals.
3. If Budokan was counted as a State in its own right, we would have been ranked 5th ahead of ACT, TAS, SA and NT both in terms of total medals, and quality of medals.
4. 9 athletes competed in their first Australian Championships: Jaeda, Nicholas, Sean, Bryan, Ben, Ali, Peter, Lynne and Bernhard.
5. There were 7 first time medallists at Nationals and 7 first time Gold medallists in their divisions who were: Jaeda, Mina, Melika, Ali, Nathan, Casey, and Bernhard
6. Significant milestones: Nathan won his 9th National Gold medal with a total of 17 National medals. Cameron achieved his 16th National medal.

Regarding Budokan's participation in other major competitions:

- Our club participates in all State Opens and is one of only a couple of clubs who still host the MONSter League and Junior competition. This year was our 17th MONS and Junior Boys & Girls competition and in March we also ran our third MONS-only event:

Many of our athletes won medals and there were some special awards in both comps:

In the March MONS competition:

Best Tachi-Waza (Throwing) Technique – Pascalle King

Best Ne-Waza (Ground) Technique – Nicky Mogilin

Player of the Day – Marcus Liao

In the August MONS and Juniors competition:

SPECIAL AWARDS - MONS

Best Tachi-Waza – Marcus Liao

Player of the Day – Diana Platonov

SPECIAL AWARDS - JUNIORS

Best Ne-Waza – Dylon James

Best Spirit – Gabriel Bazan-Koltai

Player of the Day – Max Zollinger

Finally and very importantly, our Volunteers. Rob and I could not do what we do here without the strong and committed volunteer support from the club. We have already mentioned our fantastic coaches. Our volunteer base is also enormous, from our fantastic Committee who are involved in everything, to parents and athletes who support many club activities and State competitions. I want to make special mention of:

- Belinda for sitting on the NSW Board of Management for another year
- Dale as a BBR Kata instructor and Dan Grades examiner
- Lubo as our International referee, Franz and Bjorn as NSW State referees as well as Kevin, Michael and Alex who referee at our MONS and Junior competitions.
- Our sponsors Bright Start Kids (Dave and Maili) and Trend Marking (Guido) and to Chang Woo as well as Ann Hao and Junping Zhang (Bryan's parents) who made generous donations this year
- Our fabulous co-Committee members: Sean, Dave, Peter, Franz, Belinda, Dale, and Andras, and in particular outgoing member Mel and incoming member Kate Peake.
- The many people who coordinate dinners when we travel, Sue for the Bunnings fundraiser, Andras for the Movie Nights and our parents who consistently volunteer at State competitions, and finally super Mums Susi, Kate and Alainya for stepping up whenever needed.

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

Congratulations to all of our 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.

This year we continued to improve on our participation & performance at all ends of the competition spectrum, from our fantastic MONS group starting out their competitive careers, to the significant representation and results from our international athletes. The club strives on its enormous strength of character and unique family spirit, which is envied wherever we go. Next year with your help we will keep growing, learning and building. We are proud each and every one of you who make this club what it is. We are proud of the club & its achievements and it gives us great pleasure to see our athletes take on new challenges and grow.

The club's Committee members, sponsors and special guests were brought up to present the trophies:

Committee: Sean Brothers, Kerrye, Peter Jennings, Melissa Rudgley, David Colman, Andras Koltai, Belinda McIndoe, Franz Tandean, Kate Peake, Club Life Member Dale Keogh,

Sponsors: Dino Maili Colman; Guests Lynne and Aidan Sandri, Sue Leishman, Coaches Amber McIndoe, Jarrad Cooper, Cathy Roach, Carlo Barbarulo, International Referee: Lubo Petr.

Unfortunately Website sponsor Guido Scholtz was unable to attend.

Before we start, on the program which have been put on many of the chairs, Kerrye and I have left a message which we provide the club's athletes every year:

- There is no question that Judo is one of the most challenging of all competitive sports. Budokan aims to provide you with the most effective training environment that we can so that you can really enjoy your sport, and also so that you might reach whatever goals you set.
- Tonight is not just about winning an award; in this club with so many international and national medalists, competition for these awards is fierce; so really, tonight is about celebrating yours & the club's achievements regardless of whether you win an award or not.

- It's very clear from our experience in these past years that the only way to reach your goals is through consistent training, and during your training having commitment and focus. If you do that, you're well on the way to reaching your goals.

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 2018:

**MARCUS LIAO
DIANA PLATONOV**

Junior Boy/Girl Winner 2018:

**FLYNN MOGILIN
MAX ZOLLINGER**

Senior Boy/Girl Winner 2018:

**PETER CHEON
ALI YULDASHEV**

Cadet Winner 2018:

**SASKIA BROTHERS
KEVIN TARIGHAT**

Senior Winner 2018:

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.

MONS Winner 2018:

KATHERINE CHEN

Junior Boy/Girl Winner 2018: LUCAS LUTTRELL

NICHOLAS PLATONOV

Senior Boy/Girl Winner 2018: **JUNKAI WANG**
VICKY VORILLAS

Cadet Winner 2018: **JACINTA VUMBACA**

Senior Winner 2018: **LOGAN O'BRIEN**
LYNNE McCREDDEN

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. In 2016 we split the Junior Award into Junior Boys/Girls and Senior Boys/Girls.

MONS Winner 2018: **ISAAC MURKINS**

Junior B/G Winner 2018: **DEREK HE**
DYLON JAMES

Senior B/G Winner 2018: **CLARISSA VUMBACA**

Senior Winner 2018: **JOSEPH ORLINA**
JACINTA VUMBACA

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 2018: **DYLON JAMES**
DIANA PLATONOV

5. Awards for Best Attendance

Attendance Awards are selected purely on the basis of attendance as recorded on the club's attendance records. Award for attendance at the Wednesday night MONS session was introduced in 2015.

MONS Session:

Winner 2018: **JUNNING MAK**

Junior Session:**Winner 2018: CROSBY PEAKE****Senior Session:****Winner 2018: CAMERON LEISHMAN****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".

This year we have two very deserving recipients for this award. Both of these guys belong to committed and supportive Budokan Judo families. Both have persevered to overcome a level of anxiety and perhaps even a lack of confidence in their own abilities but have now developed into fierce competitors in their own right. Both have also experienced significant setbacks this year with injuries which prevented them from competing for some time. During their recovery time, they both came to Judo to help with the Junior sessions, they both volunteered at the Sydney International Open and at the Budokan MONS and Juniors competitions and they both did whatever they could do to get back on the mat early to resume their training, doing whatever we could provide for them before they fully recovered. They have both now recently travelled to compete for the first time and regain some confidence back on the competition stage and we commend them for showing a high level of maturity in their attitude and determination during their roads to recovery. We are confident that both these athletes will use this same determination to drive them to whatever goals they set themselves and we will be proud to help them achieve these goals. This year's Spirit Award goes to:

Winner 2018: BETH WADE
ALI McPHERSON

7. MONS (U/9s) Award (6, 7, 8 years old in 2018)

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.

Girls' Runner Up 2018: LILLY ZOLLINGER

Girls' Winner 2018: ARIANA BAZAN-KOLTAI

Boys' Runner Up 2018: HARRISON BARBIN

Boys' Winner 2018: MARCUS LIAO

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 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 (9, 10, 11 years old in 2018)

Junior Girls' Runner Up 2018: **JAEDA LIAO**

Junior Girls' Winner 2018: **BIANCA TANDEAN**

Junior Boys' Runner Up 2018: **MAX ZOLLINGER**

Junior Boys' Winner 2018: **CROSBY PEAKE**

9. Awards for Best Senior Boys and Girls (12, 13, 14 in 2018)

Senior Girls' Runner Up 2018: **MELIKA TARIGHAT**

Senior Girls' Winner 2018: **MINA WOO**

Senior Boys' Runner Up 2018: **WILL ZOLLINGER**

Senior Boys' Winner 2018: **ALI YULDASHEV**

10. Awards for Best Cadet (15, 16, 17 in 2018)

Cadet Girls' Runner Up 2018: **EMMA LEISHMAN**

Cadet Girls' Winner 2018: **SASKIA BROTHERS**

Cadet Boys' Runner Up 2018: **KEVIN TARIGHAT**

Cadet Boys' Winner 2018: **ZACH COLMAN**

11. Awards for Best Junior Woman and Junior Man (18, 19, 20 in 2018)

Junior Woman Runner Up 2018: **EMMA LEISHMAN**

Junior Woman Winner 2018: **SASKIA BROTHERS**

Junior Man Runner Up 2018: **LIAM STEWART**

Junior Man Winner 2018: **KYLE McINDOE**

12. Awards for Best Senior (Cadets & older)

Senior Woman Runner Up 2018: **EMMA LEISHMAN**

Senior Woman Winner 2018: **SASKIA BROTHERS**

Senior Man Runner Up 2018: **JOSH KATZ**

Senior Man Winner 2018: **NATHAN KATZ**

13. 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.

We have one deserving recipient of the Volunteer award this year. As is always the case with so many willing and dedicated volunteers in the club, it is very difficult to select a single recipient. So many people in this club put in such a lot of time and effort to various club projects and in supporting State and National activities. On this occasion, I'd like to call out Susi Tandean and then I'll give you some background to her commitment. Susi is the ultimate quiet achiever. Head down, tail up, always asks and does, and never complains. As a parent of 3 Judo athletes at the club, between them they have all achieved National medals, including in open Competition, Kata, and also Special Needs divisions, so running around as a Judo Mum has been very taxing. At the club, she does whatever is needed from vacuuming to preparing ice-blocks after training, to supporting the training attendance process, to working at Bunnings BBQ fundraisers, and as a volunteer at our club competitions, in the kitchen or around the mat. Her husband Franz is a 2nd Dan, a NSW referee and supports the Judo NSW volunteer recruitment process and Susi is also the first to step up every time there is a need for NSW competition volunteers. All this without being a Judo player herself. Showing encouragement and empathy to all club members, Susie is a great volunteer ambassador and a worthy recipient of this award. Budokan owes a debt of gratitude to this year's Volunteer of the Year:

Winner 2018: **SUSI TANDEAN**

14. Craig Leishman Award for the Distinguished Service

A relatively new award introduced in 2017, this award is dedicated to the memory of Craig Leishman, a member of one of the longest standing families in this club. The purpose of the Distinguished Service Award is to recognise the service to Judo of one of our club's members through their dedication and commitment to a specific aspect of Judo, one which contributes significantly to the club's performance.

Lubo's Judo career commenced in 1980 in Slovakia. He achieved his 1st Dan at 19 years old and last year, 27 years later he was promoted to 5th Dan. Since coming to Budokan 3 years ago, he has been assisting with the

MONS, Juniors and also the Senior sessions whenever he can and contributes to the development of all athletes, including keeping the athletes and coaches up to date on all new refereeing rules and interpretations. Lubo's passion is refereeing and he is very good at it. He was a National A Class referee in 2006, promoted to IJF Continental referee in 2010 and since 2013 has held an IJF International A class refereeing licence. He has refereed at numerous Senior World Championships as well as at the 2016 Rio Olympic Games. He brings his skills to the JFA by refereeing at local, NSW, interstate and National competitions and by having been a member of the NSW and National refereeing Commissions for over 10 years. Late last year, Lubo was nominated by Judo NSW for the Sport NSW Official of the Year for his work as a referee and at the Sport NSW Gala Dinner, he was awarded Sport NSW Official of the Year, a great recognition of his achievements as an international referee. He is on track to qualify as one of only 16 referees to qualify for the 2020 Olympic Games. A very worthy recipient of the Budokan Distinguished Service Award.

Winner 2018: LUBO PETR

15. 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:

Josh: As parents and coaches of 2 international competitors and Olympians, it has been difficult for Kerry and I to treat Nathan and Josh fairly each year in determining the club's awards. In reality we are harder on our boys than other athletes in the club but from time to time, their efforts have to be recognised. Since last year's Awards Night, Josh competed at the Asian Open Hong Kong and started this year participating at the Olympic Training Camp in Austria from which he went to the Morocco Grand Prix and then back for the Oceania Continental Championships. There he won his fourth consecutive Senior Oceania Gold medal. Josh now holds 11 Oceania Gold medals, which surely must be a record. Josh then travelled to Japan for 1 month in preparation for the China Grand Prix at the end of May but only a few days after arriving home tore his hamstring which put him out of that competition as well as training block in Japan and the Nationals, in all 12 weeks. During this time he did everything he could possibly do to recover quickly. He returned to competition by winning the Sydney International in September after which he trained in Europe placing 7th in the European Open in Glasgow and then winning a Bronze medal at the Spanish European Cup during which he won 5 out of 6 matches. He then went on to win the Oceania Senior Open in Perth and competed at the Osaka Grand Prix. Last weekend he won Silver at the Asian Open Hong Kong, closing off a very successful year. Josh helps at the club whenever he can and also at NSW Junior State Squad and NSW Junior Development Squad. He is a dedicated and talented Judoka and his future is promising as an international competitor and a coach.

And now Crosby: This 10 year old Judo freak is as much a Judo junkie as we have ever seen. He reminds us a lot of Josh who in his early days had remarkable skills but who was getting beaten by heavier opponents in the lightest available weight division. Now at the massive weight of 27kg, he is in a league of his own in

terms of focus, dedication and commitment and this is paying off. A complete sponge for knowledge, he watches every bit of Judo he can on and off the mat, looking for ways to improve and during club training, takes on any partner who will provide him with a challenge, including any senior on the mat....and coach. He watches intently and participates fearlessly in everything the club has to offer. This year he won the International Opens in Queensland, Sydney and Perth, won Silver in ACT and Bronzes in Melbourne and at the Nationals. He won the State Titles, NSW Junior Points events and Central Coast Open. He attended every NSW Junior Development Squad and has improved consistently in his fitness so that he now has one of the highest beep tests in the club. When on holidays in the UK, he even competed in and won the British Judo Association Western Area Junior competition. He recently won Judo NSW Junior Boy of the Year and is fortunate to have very supporting parents who drive him everywhere from the Central Coast. With his attitude and determination, Crosby will no doubt reach whatever goal he sets himself and he's in the right place to do this.

Congratulations to this year's 2 Coaches Award recipients.

Winner 2018: **JOSH KATZ**
CROSBY PEAKE

Committee/Coaches/Volunteers. Presentation to club volunteers for their contribution throughout 2018

Committee: Peter, Dave, Sean, Belinda, Andras, Franz, Mel, Kate, Dale

Sponsors/Donatees: Bright Start Kidz (Dave, Maili); Pizza Alfresco (Carlo);
Ann Hao & Junping Zhang; Chang Woo; Trend Marking (Guido)

Volunteers: Alainya, Sue, Kate, Susi

Guest Presenters: Sue, Lynne

Coaches: Dale, Kerrye, Rob + Andras, Jarrad, Cathy + Carlo, Lubo, Amber,
Chang + Andrea, Franz, Daniel + Neal, Scott, Katie, Dieter + Dino
Helpers: Kyle, Ali, Lucas, Jessica, Aidan