

BUDOKAN JUDO CLUB - 2016 ACHIEVEMENTS AND RESULTS OF THE 16TH ANNUAL AWARDS NIGHT 6th December 2016

Club Committee: Rob Katz, Kerrye Katz, Greg Tafft, Sean Brothers, Peter Jennings, Melissa Rudgley, Dave Colman, Andras Koltai, Belinda McIndoe, Dale Keogh (Life Member)

Club Coaching Coordinators: Rob Katz, Kerrye Katz

Club Coaches: Rob Katz, Kerrye Katz, Dale Keogh, Andras Koltai, Carlo Barbarulo, Catherine Roach, Chang Woo, Franz Tandean, Guido Scholtz, Andrea Koltai, Lubo Petr,

Club Coaching Support: Amber McIndoe, Katie Hall, Dominique Roux, Dieter Riechert (Vineyard)

Club Referees: Lubo Petr, Franz Tandean

Judo NSW BoM Rep: Belinda McIndoe, Leon McIndoe (former rep)

Club Sponsors: Progressive Fitness - Kerrye and Rob Katz (Gym); Trend Marking - Guido Scholtz (Website); Dale Keogh, Carlo Barbarulo (Pizza Alfresco)

Volunteers: Karen Leake, Rachel Lobsey, Alainya Zollinger, Fran Koltai, Sue Leishman, Rob Monaghan

Guest Presenters: Lynne and Aidan Sandri, Josh Katz (2016 Olympian)

Budokan's Results at the 7th Judo NSW Awards Night - 12th November 2016

At this year's NSW Awards Night we had a phenomenal 31 athletes listed as Top 10 individual award finalists; 8 nominations for Junior and Senior NSW Squad awards, 1 Junior Kata nomination and 2 referee nominations, in all 42 nominations.

Category winners were: **Saskia Brothers** for Best Senior Girl, **Naomi de Bruine** for the Senior Coaches Award for Senior Women, **Kyle McIndoe** for the Senior Coaches Award for Junior Men, **Emma Leishman** for Junior Coaches Award for Cadet Women, and **Lubo Petr** for the best referee. Lubo joined the club recently and Australia's premium referee having officiated recently at the Rio Olympics.

It was fitting for 2016 Olympians Nathan and Josh Katz to make presentations for some of the Junior awards. Highlight of the night was that for the third consecutive year Budokan took out

the award for **2016 NSW Club of the Year**. This is the fourth time that the club has won this award and we have also won NSW Junior Development Club twice.

National Clubs Recognition Awards

In the recently announced National Club Awards, Budokan was **ranked number 2 in the largest club award and was runner up in the Most Improved Club**.

These awards at State and National level represent significant recognition for the hard work of all our club members and volunteers.

Special Presentation – 2016 Rio Olympic Games

Every serious athlete aspires to reach selection to the pinnacle event in their sporting career: the Olympic Games. In Judo, Olympic qualification is in itself a massive achievement as it goes over a full 2-year qualification cycle.

12 years ago, we had the pleasure of presenting 2 Budokan athletes who reached the pinnacle of their international representative careers by being selected to the Athens Olympic Games.

These athletes now run their own Judo clubs. This year, we had the privilege of presenting two Budokan athletes as 2016 Rio Olympians: **Nathan and Josh Katz**.

A summary of each of their roads to Rio follows:

Nathan:

- Top 10 in the 2015 Junior Worlds
- 7th place in the 2015 Senior Oceania World Cup
- 7th place at the 2015 Tokyo Grand Slam
- 9th place in the 2016 Azerbaijan Grand Slam
- Gold medals at both the 2015 and 2016 Oceania Continental Union Championships
- competed in the African, Peru, and Argentine World Cups, the Korean and Hungarian Grand Prix, the World Masters
- Qualified for selection to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games

At the time of the Budokan Awards night, Nathan had been training in Japan for 3 weeks and had just competed in the Tokyo Grand Slam achieving a win against Taipei to make the round of 16.

Josh:

- Selected to 2015 Junior World Championships but couldn't participate due to the HSC
- 7th place in the 2015 Senior Oceania World Cup and the African World Cup in Mauritius
- Bronze medal at the 2016 African World Cup in Tunisia
- 5th place at the 2016 Pan American World Cup in Peru
- Gold medals at both the 2015 and 2016 Oceania Continental Union Championships
- Competed in the Argentine World Cup, the Hungarian Grand Prix and the Azerbaijan Grand Slam
- Selected to 2016 World Masters in Mexico
- Qualified for selection to the 2016 Rio Olympic Games

Budokan formally acknowledged the achievements of Nathan and Josh with a special presentation.

All Budokan members and families were thanked for supporting Nathan and Josh through their T-shirt sales, many donations, and the generous positive enthusiasm towards their efforts.

Black Belt Promotees

Just over a week ago, we were proud to watch a number of our athletes get promoted into the Dan or black belt ranks at the State Grading. Our 5 Budokan Black belt promotees: **Courtney, Vanessa, Jakob, Conor, and Liam**. Courtney successfully complete her NiDan or 2nd degree black belt and our other 4 Budokan athletes completed their ShoDan or 1st degree black belts. This is a milestone in their Judo careers and we congratulate you.

Summary of Club Achievements 2016

- **Membership:** Our membership has grown in 12 months from 124 members to 141, our highest ever, with growth across all our age groups and the introduction of Monday night's senior beginner and Kyu grade class which includes 5 fathers of junior members.
- **Government Relationships:** We have maintained our good relationships with both NSW MP Ray Williams and former Mayor Michelle Byrne who visited the club twice this year, to

acknowledge the achievements of our State Team representatives, our National Champions and our Olympic representatives. They gave us reassurance that our club will be looked after during the Showground's redevelopment. Nathan and Josh's Olympic journey provided a great opportunity to showcase Judo and the club, with all feedback being very positive.

- **Promotion and Finance:**

- New Membership & Fees Payment Systems. We are strong financially, and through the significant efforts of Peter Jennings and Maili Colman, we have completely revised our membership and fees payment systems. This has been a huge task and we are very grateful. Thanks also to Rachel, Alainya and Mel for supporting the implementation.
 - Merchandising. Our merchandising activities including the hoodies and embroidered sports bags keep the Budokan spirit alive wherever we travel – thanks to Mel for taking the lead on merchandising.
 - Fundraising. This year's fundraising was generated from running our 2 competitions – thanks to Belinda, Greg and the Committee for stepping up to run these. Andras and Fran Koltai ran 2 successful Movie Nights and with the leadership of Karen Leake, we ran a Bunnings BBQ. We have also run 2 clothes collections. Sean Brothers, David Colman and Mark Stewart coordinated the big packup and rebuild of the dojo for the Castle Hill Show and we are grateful to them and all those who supported all of these activities.
 - Website. The website still attracts numerous inquiries and we are grateful to Guido for sponsoring the site and to he and Mel for managing the updates on the website.
- **Club Support Needed for 2017** – we want to keep all of 2016's activities going and continue to grow both at grass-roots Judo level and at the elite performance levels. We have a small band of core committee and parent supporters, but we need more. We need more help from all of our parents and members, to support the running of competitions, man BBQs, set-up movie nights, arrange catering, support clean-up activities, and so on.

Our Athletes and Coaches:

- **Our Coaching Team:** We can't say enough about the support we get from Dale and Andras in particular and all the assistant coaches including Catherine, Carlo, Andrea and

5	Lion PARK	U/34	U/P								
6	Will ZOLLINGER	U/34	U/P								
7	Samir ASHTON	U/38	U/P								
8	Maddison EDWARDS			U/52	Silver						
9	Saskia BROTHERS			U/52	Gold						
10	Oliver JENNINGS			U/36	U/P						
11	Finn TAFFT			U/40	Silver						
12	Alex ROSS			U/45	5 th						
13	Michael ROSS			U/45	Bronze						
14	Zach COLMAN			U/55	Gold						
15 (16)	Amber RUDGLEY					U/57	5 th	U/57	5 th	U/57	-
16 (19)	Emma LEISHMAN					U/63	Gold	U/63	Bronze	U/63	U/P
17 (20)	Loretta DUFFY					U/70	Silver				
18 (21)	Xavier TAFFT					U/60	5 th	U/60	-	U/60	-
19 (24)	Bjorn TANDEAN					U/60	U/P	U/60	7 th	U/60	U/P
20 (27)	Liam STEWART					U/60	Gold	U/60	Bronze	U/60	U/P
21 (30)	Lachlan BROTHERS					U/60	Bronze	U/60	5 th	U/60	U/P
22 (32)	Mira CZARNETZKI							U/48	Bronze	U/48	Bronze
23 (34)	Kincső MIHALOVITS							U/48	Gold	U/48	Gold
24 (36)	Amber McINDOE							U/63	Silver	U/63	5 th
25 (38)	Naomi de BRUINE							U/70	Gold	U/70	Silver
26 (40)	Kyle McINDOE							U/66	Gold	U/66	9 th
27 (42)	Finlay QUILTER							U/73	U/P	U/73	U/P
28 (44)	Logan O'BRIEN							U/81	5 th	U/81	U/P
29 (45)	Kiliane BEUNARD									U/63	Bronze
30 (46)	Vanessa HALL									U/78	Silver
31 (47)	Nathan KATZ									U/66	Bronze

KYU GRADES (Seniors)

31 (48)	Amber RUDGLEY							Kyu Grades Women	U/57	U/P
31 (49)	Emma LEISHMAN							Kyu Grades Women	U/63	Silver
31 (50)	Finlay QUILTER							Kyu Grades Men	U/73	Silver
31 (51)	Logan O'BRIEN							Kyu Grades Men	U/81	5 th

KATA

32 (52)	Dale KEOGH							Ju-No Kata	Gold
33 (53)	Bernhard TANDEAN							Junior Nage –No-Kata	Silver
33 (54)	Bianca TANDEAN							Junior Nage –No-Kata	Silver

Some Budokan Statistics for the 2016 Nationals

- We increased our 2015 participation with 31 athletes competing in an unprecedented 51 contest divisions. With Kata included, this increased to 33 athletes in 53 events.
- Our athletes won 26 medals in contest divisions 8 x Gold, 8 x Silver, 10 x Bronze medals plus 1 Gold and 2 Bronze medals in Kata with the youngest Kata competitor in the Nationals Kata competition. (Bianca)
- If Budokan was a State, the club would have ranked 5th behind NSW, VIC, QLD and WA
- Budokan won 20% of all NSW Junior Squad medals and 25% of NSW's Senior Squad medals
- We maintained our very high family content with 7 sets of siblings competing
- We had 4 athletes competing in 3 age categories and 8 athletes competing in 2 age categories
- 6 first time National Champions in their age category: Zach, Emma, Kyle, Naomi and special mention to Liam who won his first National medal this year with a Gold in Cadets and a Bronze in Junior Men. (6th person was Kinsco)

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 15th MONS and Junior Boys & Girls competition and in March we also ran our first MONS-only event:

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

In the March MONS competition:

Best Ne-Waza Technique: Dylan Guo

Best Spirit: Alex Barbarulo

In the August MONS and Juniors competition:

MONS: Best Tachi-Waza Technique: Francis Park

Juniors: Best Tachi-Waza Technique: Lion Park
Best Ne-Waza Technique: Bianca Tandean

Budokan's Volunteers. In addition to our Coaches, the strong and committed support from our other volunteers is critical to our success, from our Committee to those who support club activities and State competitions. Special mention to:

- * Sue and Belinda for organising interstate accommodation,
- * The many people who operate the video camera at competitions,
- * Belinda for coordinating our competition volunteers and building up the club with NSW competition volunteers,
- * Leon McIndoe our representative on Judo NSW's Board of Management for the past 3 years, and now replaced by Belinda McIndoe
- * Dale as BBR Kata instructor and Dan Grades examiner
- * Lubo, Franz and Bjorn as NSW State referees. Lubo has recently joined the club and it is notable that he qualified to referee at the Rio Olympic Games, the highest level of refereeing
- * Mentioned previously - Karen, Rachel, Alainya, Andras and Fran, Melissa, and Sean and David.
- * Finally special thanks to Rob Monaghan who frequently mans the club BBQ and then upon recognizing that it needed replacing, went out and bought a new one and donated it to the club – thank you so much for your generosity Rob

Congratulations to our Committee & 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.

Budokan Awards Night 6th December 2016

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, Kerrye Katz, Peter Jennings, Melissa Rudgley, David Colman, Andras Koltai, Belinda McIndoe, Club Life Member Dale Keogh, former NSW Board member Leon McIndoe, special guest Lynne Sandri, and Coaches Cathy Roach, Carlo Barbarulo, and Franz Tandean, as well as Josh Katz.

A message to the club's athletes from the coaches at the 2016 Awards Night:

- *Judo is without doubt one of the most challenging of all competitive sports. Budokan aims to provide its athletes with the most effective training environment that we can to help you achieve whatever goal you set.*
- *Tonight celebrates all of your and the club's achievements regardless of whether you win an award or not. As a very high-achieving club with a number of international representatives, 8 National Champions and 26 National medalists,*
- *Our advice to the club's athletes is to take the leap and strive for a higher goal; train regularly, train often and train with complete commitment.*

THE 2016 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 2016:

**ALEX CONSTANTINOU
GABRIEL BAZAN-KOLTAI**

Junior Boy/Girl Winner 2016:

**MAX ZOLLINGER
ALI McPHERSON**

Senior Boy/Girl Winner 2016:

ANTHONY SHAHLA

Cadet Winner 2016:

**EMMA LEISHMAN
LIAM STEWART**

Senior Winner 2016:

LOGAN O'BRIEN

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 2016:

RHYS CONTI

Junior Boy/Girl Winner 2016:

**JACKSON PALGAN
SAMUEL PHILLIPS**

Senior Boy/Girl Winner 2016:

**MAX STONE
CHELSEA CARGER**

Cadet Winner 2016:

**AMBER RUDGLEY &
XAVIER TAFFT**

Senior Winner 2016:

RACHELLE DUFFY

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 2016:

BRYAN ZHANG

NEW Junior B/G Winner 2016:

MINA WOO & CHRISTIAN CONSTANTINOU

NEW Senior B/G Winner 2016:

CLAIRE BABIC

Senior Winner 2016:

PATRICK MCWHINNEY

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 2016:

MINA WOO & ALEX BARBARULO

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 2016:

FINN McPHERSON

Junior Session:

Winner 2016:

MICHAEL ROSS

Senior Session:

Winner 2016:

LIAM STEWART

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 one very deserving recipient for this award. This person has been a member of Budokan for 3/4 of their life. Whilst a Cadet they competed regularly in all 3 age categories, now a key athlete in our Senior group. In 2008 they won their first National Championship medal, the first of 13 National medals, 2 of them Gold. They represented Australia in 2012 and 2013 winning Bronze medals in both Oceania and the Australian Youth Olympic Festival. As a member of the National Talent squad in 2013, 14 and 15 they participated in international tours winning a Gold in Indonesia and a Bronze in USA. Since 2013 they sustained a number of setbacks which have really tested their endurance and determination. In August last year, a serious knee injury requiring major surgery again caused lost opportunities. Another demonstration of determination and courage to come back to Judo as soon as possible, taking rehabilitation as seriously as preparation for a major competition. Even before being given a clearance for Judo, regularly attended club training to support our Junior athletes. Doing whatever training was allowed to maintain strength and conditioning, in June the green light was given, after which there was a complete commitment to training returning to competition exactly a year after the injury. Playing Juniors and Seniors in VIC, SYD, and SA Opens resulted in 3 Gold, 1 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Now planning to fit in an overseas training and competition block next year around University, I have no doubt the best is yet to come with a potential to progress well beyond current achievements. This year's Spirit Award goes to:

Winner 2016:

CAMERON LEISHMAN

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 2016:

CROSBY PEAKE

Boys' Winner 2016:

FINN McPHERSON

Girls' Winner 2016:

MAYA KOLTAI

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 2016)

Junior Girls' Runner Up 2016:

ALI McPHERSON

Junior Girls' Winner 2016:

BIANCA TANDEAN

Junior Boys' Runner Up 2016:

LION PARK

Junior Boys' Winner 2016:

SAM LOBSEY

9. Awards for Best Senior Boys and Girls (To 14 in 2016)

Senior Girls' Runner Up 2016:

MADDISON EDWARDS

Senior Girls' Winner 2016:

SASKIA BROTHERS

Senior Boys' Runner Up 2016:

ZACH COLMAN

Senior Boys' Winner 2016:

MICHAEL ROSS

10. Awards for Best Cadet

(To 17 in 2016)

Cadet Girls' Runner Up 2016:

AMBER RUDGLEY

Cadet Girls' Winner 2016:

EMMA LEISHMAN

Cadet Boys' Runner Up 2016: **LACHLAN BROTHERS**

Cadet Boys' Winner 2016: **LIAM STEWART**

11. Awards for Best Junior Woman and Junior Man (To 20 in 2016)

Junior Man Runner Up 2016: **CAMERON LEISHMAN**

Junior Man Winner 2016: **KYLE McINDOE**

Junior Woman Runner Up 2016: **AMBER McINDOE**

Junior Woman Winner 2016: **NAOMI de BRUINE**

12. Awards for Best Senior

Senior Woman Runner Up 2016: **AMBER McINDOE**

Senior Woman Winner 2016: **NAOMI de BRUINE**

Senior Man Runner Up 2016: **JOSH KATZ**

Senior Man Winner 2016: **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:

This person, and in fact the Judo family they belong to didn't start Judo at Budokan but got wise about 8 years ago and transferred from another club. At this awards night 7 years ago, they won Outstanding performance at a grading. Many State Opens were fought and despite winning the ACT Open in 2010, there was no medal at their first Nationals that year. Even winning 4 of 5 matches at the 2011 Nationals resulted in only a 5th place, the same year winning the most improved Junior Boy or Girl in the club. But then their first gold medal came at the 2012 Nationals and winning the best Senior Boys/Girls trophy in our club awards. Representing Australia for the first time in 2013 at Oceania as a Cadet and playing 3 age categories at the Nationals picking up a second National title. A cheeky kid with a bit of attitude, not much has changed, except perhaps the realisation of self-potential and knuckling down to the hard work needed to succeed. Medals at State Opens in Juniors and Seniors were becoming more commonplace. A Cadet Improvement award in the club as well as best attendance in the Senior session but missing the awards night taking a trip to Japan and getting a little taste of Judo overseas. 2014 saw a National Title in Cadets and a Bronze in Juniors, a Silver at Oceania and also Oceania representation in Juniors plus a training block in Japan during the school holidays. So you can see a pattern forming. A 4th National Gold in 2015, also a Silver in Juniors and a Bronze in Seniors plus a good HSC outcome immediately followed by a training and competition block

in Japan and Europe and a Bronze in the Scottish Open. 2016 saw a 5th National Title, this time in Juniors as well as a Bronze at Oceania. And then the big commitment: a 4 month training and competition block in Europe competing in Junior European Cups in Hungary, Poland, Germany and Romania with a couple of match wins and a 9th place. He has spent the last 3 weeks training with Nathan at Tsukuba University in Japan and is currently participating in the training camp following the Grand Slam. The commitment to get to the next level of international competitiveness is clear, and the role model set to club members is commendable. A supporter of club competitions and all club activities as well as supporting our Juniors.

The recipient of the Coaches Award this year is:

Winner 2016:

KYLE McINDOE

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 two recipients of the Volunteer award this year. Each year it gets quite difficult to select recipients of this award because there are a number of people who put in a lot of time and effort to various club projects. On this occasion, we had been looking to revamp our membership database and getting our fees payment systems updated to 21st century technology. Signing attendance books and paying cash or cheques for everything in the club was tedious and risky. A presentation of the DojoExpert club membership management system and the EzyDebit payment system was made at our 2015 AGM. Two people took on a leadership role in this project and thanks to their initiative and significant efforts, both systems are now live in the club. We also now have EFT facilities and a card reader. This is a work in progress and capturing all our members with each individual's payment preferences and aligning the payment cycles is a long process. Although these two key people have taken charge of this project, I also want to again acknowledge the support provided by other parents, Committee members and Coaches which has been key to the successful implementation and operation of these systems.

The club volunteers of the year this year go to the two people who initiated and took on a huge leadership role in implementing these systems:

Winner 2016:

MAILI COLMAN & PETER JENNINGS

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
- 3. Presentation by Greg Tafft.** To Kerrye and Rob Katz