# OBUKAN JUDO

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER





#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hajime!

Spring is in the air and yes, we even had snow in April!! That seems to be the new normal, that things are not normal. But what is normal is Obukan in our 96th year continues its journey to 100 years in 2026.

Our vision is to help everyone find the champion within themselves both on and off the mat. Through the study and practice of Kodokan Judo, our members strengthen not only their minds and body but also through Judo traditions develop strong moral character.

Our mats are full of energy, laughs, smiles, and learning! Junior classes have over 30 students on the mat and more than 6 black belt Sensei's instructing them! Our Senior classes are the same! We now have 7 classes a week (breaking into a total of 13 classes after bow in) that are designed to the specific levels of our students. (Continue next page)

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

4/16/2022

<u>Pacific International Judo Tournament</u> Richmond, BC / Canada

4/26 & 28/2022

**Spring Promotions** 

4/30/2022

McDaniel High School Wrestling Team Obukan, OR

5/7/2022

Seattle Dojo Tournament

Seattle, WA

5/21-22/22

<u>USA Senior National Championship</u> Daytona Beach, FL

6/18/2022

Marti Malloy Clinic Obukan, OR

6/24-26/2022

**USA Junior Olympic National** 

<u>Championship</u>

San Jose, CA

Each class has a dedicated Sensei that brings the learning experience to life. Our first kick off tournament this year will be the Seattle Dojo tournament on May 7th. This tournament is open to Junior and Seniors at all levels. We will be sending up lots of players and Senseis to coach. Thank you all for being part of our family and allowing us to be part of yours! Lots of excitement and learning for 2022 and beyond!

Bowing to you,

OBUKAN.

Rod Conduragis Obukan Judo Dojo, President



### TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Congratulations to Naomi, Joseph, and Darius!

## <u>71st Annual Ore-Ida Judo Club Open Invitational Tournament</u> <u>(3/5/2022 @Ontario, OR)</u>

- Naomi L 1st place : Girl's 13-14 Lightweight Division
- Joseph B 2nd place: Men's Senior Novice Heavyweight Division
  - 2nd place: Men's Brown Belt Heavyweight Division
- Darius S 3rd place: Men's Senior Novice Middleweight Division

## BOOSTER CLUB/FUNDRAISING

Obukan Spring Cleaning was held on 4/2 (Sat). 25 members helped cleaning up our entire dojo. The mats and floors were deep-cleaned, and Kamidana (the little shrine in the dojo) is clean and happy! Thank you very much for your help and support!

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Thank you for reading! See you next month. - Aya Romero (Junior Coach)