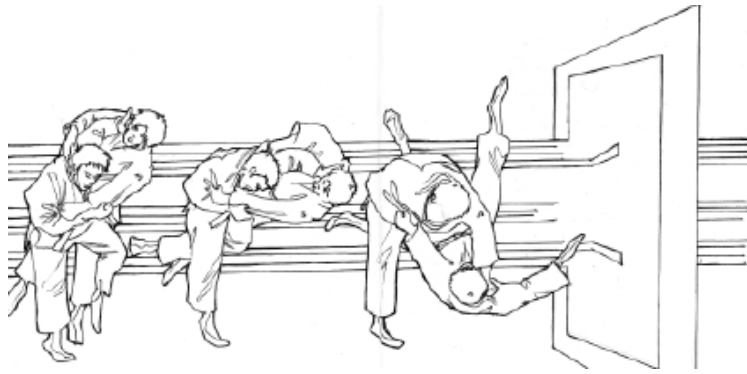


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January President's Report

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As we start the new year, we are still the largest state governing body in the country. Our membership has grown over the past year due to the efforts of our club instructors, for example, Lorne Mayeda who founded Silicone Valley Judo less than two years ago and already is one of the larger clubs in the state. This is the growth we need in judo, bringing more people into the sport. We continue to be the only state with its own magazine, at no cost to us, thanks to the corporate sponsorship of Sanbiki no Koguma. The next issue will be out soon with our 2005 Coach of the Year, Athlete of the Year and lifetime achievement awards. Also, look for pictures from the Disneyland tournament, an article on what it takes to become an international referee and the usual great stuff from Lanny, Maria and Nadine. If you want to advertise, email newaza@aol.com and I am sure they will be happy to take your money.

The next CJI meeting is in Fresno on January 21. Thanks to the efforts of the area vice-president, Jeff Takeda and the kind people at Fowler Dojo, there will be a workout at the Fowler Dojo from 3-6 p.m, following the CJI meeting. The Reedley tournament on January 22 is about 20 minutes away. If you are a CJI member and need a room for the night, please contact your development director by January 17. These are Mickey Davenport (northern California kyodojc@yahoo.com) and Steve Bell (avjudo@aol.com). We need to know how many rooms to reserve – you attend both the practice and tournament to get your room paid. The tournament is only \$25 entry fee – such a deal!

Please come to the meeting. We will be having a discussion of ideas about judo. For example, my original proposal was to fund a team from California to Rhode Island to compete in the Ocean State team championship. Chuck Jefferson has proposed that we instead fund 14 or so athletes to come to the Golden State so that more California athletes can benefit from increased competition in their own state. One possible way to do that is to fund the winners of the San Jose Buddhist to the Golden State. There are other possibilities. Come! We want to hear your ideas.

One strength California Judo, Inc. has is that those actively involved in the organization are also actively involved in judo. Northern area vice-president Keith Watanabe was at last week's Disneyland tournament coaching a young student, Andrew Pappas, who won best technique. Our Law & Legislation chair, Walt Dean, recently did several clinics for visually impaired judo players. Our vice-president, Mitchell Palacio, runs a team tournament that continues to grow. We have Chuck Jefferson, who has barely retired from representing the U.S. helping to shape our development programs. If you are a part of judo, we want you as part of California Judo, Inc.

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