



# Growing Judo

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## **Editorial**

The USJA is growing. We have more members, more activities. We also have some growing pains and areas where we could improve. Most important, though, we have strong clubs and active leaders, like Mark Hunter and Dave Wertheimer who are organizing the USJA Summit on teaching junior judo. This is yet another opportunity for judo to grow and for us to learn from one another. Such outstanding teachers and coaches as Bill Montgomery, Maurice Allen, Vickie Daniels and James Wall will be presenting, to name just a few. We have excellent coaches who are willing to share their advice with us each month. I thought it would be fun to catch some excellent coaches off guard, so I called our USJA coaching chair and a few of the USJA development committee members and asked them to give me, off the top of their heads, the best advice they could give to a new coach. What surprised me is how similar their answers were. We have Serge Boussyou who is a stalwart USJA supporter running camps. Of course, we have the tireless group from the Carolinas running their camp year after year. We have a new camp being added this year in Florida with some of our younger USJA members such as Ronda Rousey starting to get involved in teaching and coaching. We also have our cover artist, Justin Flores conducting a clinic co-sponsored with the USJA. We are working with state organizations and yudanshakais in an unprecedented way. We have coaches such as James Wall and Gerry Lafon coming up with innovative methods for teaching. Dave Wertheimer and Tom Crone are working on a resource CD for instructors. The USJA is .... *Growing Judo!*

## **Fight Like a Girl Camp- San Diego**

We have been making a major effort to collaborate with other local organizations in our grass roots efforts. We would like to confine our fighting to on the mat. Gerry Lafon, USJA Grass Roots Development Chair, hosted a Fight Like a Girl Camp that was sanctioned by California Judo, Inc. Young women from San Diego, Los Angeles, the California desert and even Arkansas came to learn new techniques from Coaches Lafon, Valerie Gotay, Steve Bell and AnnMaria DeMars. At left, students use a tennis ball to develop a 'feel' for footsweeps.



## **Judo Fun & Games**

This is the first in what we hope will be an ongoing series of monthly articles detailing different games and drills that you can incorporate into your classes. Most of these activities can be performed with little or no extra equipment and are great for kids, teens, and even adults. They are meant to help build physical attributes and skills that can be helpful in Judo but also to be FUN! This month's game is called "Dead Weight" and here's how it works:

First you will need to divide your students into pairs roughly by size. You will need a one belt for each pair to use to play the game. I usually have 3 to 4 pairs race at one time but you can do more or less if you want to.

Start by having one partner lay down on his/her stomach and take a firm grip with both hands onto one end of the belt. The partner lying down will be sure that his/her head is behind whatever line you choose to use as your Start/Finish line.

The other partner takes the free end of the belt and stretches it out down toward the opposite end of the mat. He/She then sits down facing his/her partner and pulls the belt tight.



At the start command the sitting partner pulls the lying partner across the mat toward him/her using only his/her hands. When the lying partner gets all the way up to his feet he then quickly moves back further to stretch the belt out again and then starts to pull again. This continues down the end until the partner who is lying down has crossed the finish line. At that point the partners reverse roles and the partner who was pulling is now laying down and being pulled. The object is to be the first pair to pull each

other down the mat and back up it.

This game is excellent for building gripping strength as well as upper body and back strength. It also helps build teamwork between partners.

**Variations:** Have the student who is pulling use his/her own belt as they go in one direction. When they reach the end of the mat and are ready to switch roles the puller must first re-tie his/her belt before he can lie down to be pulled. This is great for older kids and teens that need practice learning to tie their belt!

I hope you like the game and find it useful. Please feel free to send in suggestions or variations for this game or any other that you might like to share.

Tune in again next month when we'll have another fun game for you guys to try.

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Wall to Wall Martial Arts  
Watson, LA  
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# ZEBRA MATS

***For Immediate Release April 25, 2006***

## **Zebra Mats signs sponsorship deal with the United States Judo Association**

**Minneapolis, MN:** On April 24, 2006, the world's leading distributor of tatami mats, Zebra Mats, signed a three-year exclusive sponsorship with the United States Judo Association. As the Official Tatami Mat Supplier of the USJA, Zebra Mats will provide the tatami mats for the USJA Jr. Nationals and other major sanctioned events each year. The deal also includes an affinity program where USJA members and member clubs receive a special discount and are guaranteed the best price on tatami mats. For every tatami mat sold, Zebra Mats will donate \$3 per mat back to the US Judo Association.

"The Zebra Mats agreement is a great benefit to all USJA club leaders. It will enable them to purchase these outstanding tatamis at a discount," commented Gary S. Goltz, USJA COO & Head Instructor of Goltz Judo Club.

"The USJA is under new leadership whose goal is to help grow judo in America by providing the club coaches and grassroots athletes with more resources. We feel that the Zebra Sponsorship helps the USJA accomplish its goal by bringing a great product to its members at a great price," stated Chuck Blanski, President of Zebra Mats.

For more information about Zebra Mats contact Jimmy Pedro at 800-510-4026 or visit our website

[www.zebramats.com](http://www.zebramats.com)

For More Information about the USJA contact Gary Goltz at 909-985-0486 or visit their website

[www.usja-judo.org](http://www.usja-judo.org)

*Jimmy Pedro, Jr., National Sales Executive for Zebra Mats shakes hands with Gary Goltz, Chief Operating Officer of the USJA.  
Photography C.H. Halporn*



## **Camp Scholarships Available**

Mayo Quanchi has generously offered four scholarships to USJA members for their summer training camp. *Coaches! This is a great opportunity for you to recognize one of your students with a FREE training camp.* Must be a USJA member and have letter of nomination from coach. Please send letter to [judocoach@cox.net](mailto:judocoach@cox.net).

## **Elite Summer Training Camp 2006**

Mayo Quanchi Judo Presents - Elite Summer Training Camp 2006  
June 23rd – 30th

We will only be taking 15 more Home stay people for our camp this year because many people have already reserved their spots from last year. We will be on a first come first serve basis. All others will need to provide their own housing at camp hotel. The cost of this camp will be \$150 for anyone staying here (Meals Included). \$100 if you provide your own housing. Coaches are welcome. This camp has really grown for us and I would like to thank you all for your support. Please contact me for any details you may need if you are interested in attending this camp [Judocoach@cox.net](mailto:Judocoach@cox.net) or 401-647-4678.

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## **Development Clinic with Justin Flores**



U.S. Open, Senior National and Rendezvous Champion Justin Flores will be conducting a development clinic co-sponsored by USJA, CJI and Venice Dojo on June 16 at Venice Dojo in Culver City, CA from 7:15 – 9:15 p.m. Cost is \$10. USJA, USJF and USJI members are welcome. Justin is an art major at Menlo Park College. Our cover art is a Justin Flores original. Just bring it to the clinic if you want your issue of Growing Judo autographed by the artist.

## **Judo Grass Roots Development Clinic in Michigan**

On April 1, 2006 a special judo/jujitsu clinic was held in Saginaw, Michigan as a youth fund raiser for the Spirit of the Eagle International Judo Camp. This July will make the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Spirit of the Eagle Camp held in Bluffton, Ohio. Sensei Jamie Livergood, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan, taught the clinic at Flowing Chi Dojo. Everyone was glad they attended. Sensei Jamie makes it fun. There were 26 players that attended including many youth. The clinic fees totaled \$450, which went to the judo youth fund. Sensei Howard Hannon, sandan, and owner of Flowing Chi Dojo was host. A special thank you from the dojo to Sensei Dave Wertheimer. Godan, who has attended every judo/ jitsu clinic hosted over the past 12 years. Dave drives 1.5 hours each way. Thank you, Dave, for the perfect attendance. (FYI – Dave is on the far right in the photo) below.



## **Southern California Grass Roots Mini-Camp**

The perfect way to follow up a successful local judo tournament is with an overnight mini-camp featuring clinician Ann Maria DeMars. On the weekend of April 25-26, more than thirty participants from seven Southern California clubs joined in this USJA Grassroots effort to provide the expert training usually accessible to only elite players at a local dojo to all levels of players.

“This is exactly what I was hoping we could accomplish with the USJA grass roots program. Most of the kids worked harder and did more than they would have believed possible at the beginning of the weekend,” observed clinician AnnMaria. The clinic included eight hours of mat time for students who had already attended a tournament. While physically demanding, AnnMaria incorporated judo games and a mini tournament into the instruction to bring variety into the fast-paced workout. Many brownies and cookies were consumed during breaks and few had trouble falling asleep on the mats after Saturday’s session.

Several clubs cooperated to co-sponsor the clinic, once again demonstrating the power of working together. Tony Allen of Combined Martial Sciences graciously opened his dojo for the weekend. Sensei Wayne McCleod from Discover Judo and Sensei Gary Butts from Los Angeles City College Judo assisted AnnMaria during the Saturday evening sessions. Instructors Mark and Lisa Guerrero from Mountain Judo drove two hours Sunday morning to help out with the Sunday sessions. Goltz Judo Club provided the logistical and administrative support required to run the weekend. With so many clubs working together to support grass roots development, its no wonder that this was a perfect judo weekend in Southern California's Inland Empire.



**Animal Judo** as a warm-up included shrimp curls, bear crawls, crab walking, snake crawls and flamingos (hopping on one leg like o soto gari) and climbing like a monkey.



**My mom can beat up your mom award** was won by Kala Crosby (mother of Sarah, Rachel and Hannah, all present at the camp) shown here throwing Denora (mother of Ricky and Jacob, who also attended the camp).

**The photo below is from a "Visit Another Dojo" event in CT. Kathy Sasso's club from East Lyme, CT visited Dan Mallon's club (Shoreline Judo) in Guilford.**



### **Quote of the Month**

“And I still believe that cream cannot rise to the top unless it has something to rise from! World class competitors come after huge numbers of recreational players.”

- Ed Carol, Texas

### **News About Our Collegiate Development Chair**

Tom Crone was hospitalized following emergency surgery that removed part of his upper thigh. He will spend weeks in the hospital, followed by rehabilitation. As you can see by the letter in this issue, time was fine until a few weeks ago until suddenly stricken by this infection. A blog on his condition can be found here:

[http://northstarjudo.hyperboards.com/index.php?action=view\\_board&board\\_id=1&start=1](http://northstarjudo.hyperboards.com/index.php?action=view_board&board_id=1&start=1)

Those wanting to help can send cards and letters (Tom's birthday is May 19) or checks made out to Shelly Crone to 4547 Newton Avenue N, Minneapolis, MN 55412



**Tom Crone**

**Collegiate Judo Development  
Sub-Committee Chair**



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**USJA Instructors Sub-Committee**

## Appeal for your assistance from the Collegiate Development and Instructors Subcommittee

You, the members of USJA, have tremendously valuable resources for aiding in the development of judo. Many of them are in your hands.

The Collegiate Development Committee has become a sub-committee of the National Development Committee, under the chairmanship of Tom Crone, and Dave Wertheimer, Chair, Instructors Subcommittee, will be collecting instructional and promotional materials from those who are willing to share them. The purpose is to create an electronic library of resources, so that we may share the wealth.

We have “joined forces” so that our smaller committees can become part of AnnMaria DeMars’ larger USJA Development Committee and program.

All we are asking is a small piece of your time (and a whole lot of your valuable talent).

Please send both club and class related materials. Syllabi, student handouts, course descriptions, handbooks, and any materials that have helped you with your course or club. If, in creating your class or club, you went through some administrative tasks that produced material others might use in similar pursuits, they would also be appreciated. We can only take electronic submissions, so Word documents, PDFs, and even MS Publisher will work. Please send them as attachments.

Send information to: [coljudo@mn.rr.com](mailto:coljudo@mn.rr.com) and [dave.wertheimer@farmington.k12.mi.us](mailto:dave.wertheimer@farmington.k12.mi.us)  
Put “judo” in the subject line.

*WAIT...* Two years ago we reached out and asked for general information on who had what where in college judo. If we missed you, or you missed us, or things have changed significantly, please also send contact and activity information on your college judo club.

We thank you very much for your time and effort.

## **What the USJA is doing to “grow judo”**

### **USJA DEVELOPMENT EVENTS IN CALIFORNIA**

May 6-7 - Fight Like a Girl Camp in San Diego email [glafon@judoamerica.com](mailto:glafon@judoamerica.com)

May 13, 9 to 11AM – Butch Ishisaki at Goltz Judo contact [g.goltz@verizon.net](mailto:g.goltz@verizon.net)

June 16, 7:15- 9:15 p.m. – Justin Flores at Venice Dojo, contact [venicejudoclub@aol.com](mailto:venicejudoclub@aol.com)

June 17, 9 to 11AM – Steve Bell at Goltz Judo contact [g.goltz@verizon.net](mailto:g.goltz@verizon.net)

July 25 -30. Camp Bushido West in northern California email: [judo@syix.com](mailto:judo@syix.com)

### **USJA DEVELOPMENT EVENTS IN NEW ENGLAND**

June 4, 2006 – Dynamic drills clinic, in Connecticut Contact [demallon@yahoo.com](mailto:demallon@yahoo.com)

June 17 - Clinic with Jim Pedro, Sr. in Providence, RI contact [judocoach@cox.net](mailto:judocoach@cox.net)

June 23 –30 – Elite training camp in Providence, RI contact [judocoach@cox.net](mailto:judocoach@cox.net)

### **USJA DEVELOPMENT EVENTS IN THE MIDWEST**

May 28-29 – Clinic with AnnMaria De Mars in Sioux City, IA contact [Iowajudo@aol.com](mailto:Iowajudo@aol.com)

June 24 – Clinic with Jim Pedro, Sr. in Indiana, contact [judolowell@aol.com](mailto:judolowell@aol.com)

August 4 - 6th, 2006 - USJA Summer Summit, Ohio Contact: [AmeriKanJC@aol.com](mailto:AmeriKanJC@aol.com) for more information

### **EVENTS IN THE SOUTHEAST**

May 25- 26 Basic gripping clinic with George Weers in Virginia, contact [Peter.C.Mantel@uscg.mil](mailto:Peter.C.Mantel@uscg.mil)

June 22-25 Greatest camp on Earth, North Carolina more info:

<http://www.usja-judo.org/~usja.camps/home.htm>

June 24 – Katame no kata camp, Watson, LA contact [wallmartialarts@cox.net](mailto:wallmartialarts@cox.net)

July 17-20 – Junior Elite Training Camp, Miami – Clinicians Ricardo Tuero, AnnMaria DeMars, Ronda Rousey, Jim Pedro, Sr., Serge Bouyssou & Humberto Lopez contact [judonut@msn.com](mailto:judonut@msn.com)

July 17-20 – Camp Tomodachi, Boca Raton, FL contact [mikesz@bellsouth.net](mailto:mikesz@bellsouth.net)

### **ON THE WEB: USJA DEVELOPMENT SITE**

<http://www.usja-judo.org/committees/development/index.html>

[USJAInstruct@yahoogroups.com](mailto:USJAInstruct@yahoogroups.com) - USJA instructors group – just started

<http://www.usja-judo.org/committees/development/newsletters.html> - Grass Roots

Coaching newsletters from 2005

Coming up soon ... monthly games videos from James Wall and an archive of Growing Judo magazine ..... stay tuned

**USJA Publications:** Growing Judo newsletter, produced monthly and American Judo, electronic magazine, produced quarterly, contact [gweers@theramp.net](mailto:gweers@theramp.net) to be put on the mailing lists

## Judo instructor emphasizes respect

By Robert Morgan/Times Record News

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Torin Halsey/Times Record News

Charlie Robinson uses Zackery Ringwold to illustrate a judo move during class Thursday night at the Bill Bartley YMCA. Robinson is one of very few people that has achieved the level of 8th degree Black Belt in judo.

It was in the late 1930's when a 10-year-old Charlie Robinson began training in the martial arts. He wasn't a student at a dojo; instead, he learned from the parents of neighborhood Japanese children.

Robinson grew up in a small and diverse Southern California town. The community was a mix of Japanese, Hispanic and English-speaking children. He recalls the Japanese parents not wanting the other children to learn the Far East fighting techniques, but Robinson did anyhow. Since those humble beginnings, Robinson, 77, has risen to the rank of 8th degree black belt in the martial arts discipline of Judo. It's a distinction he shares with only about 50 other people worldwide.

The white-haired teacher shared his knowledge with students at the Texoma Judo/JuJitsu Club recently. He spent his time in Wichita Falls teaching children the importance of flexibility in their fighting technique. In the adult class, Robinson displayed his fresh abilities by demonstrating throws on a male student.

His combined experience in the art of Judo is 60 years. In Jujitsu, Robinson has been training for 50 years. During this time, he has learned several things about the martial arts. In the youth class, he explained the importance of mutual benefit. A class is a group of people supporting each other's talents, so always do what benefits the other person, he preached. Despite his age, the deceptively-youthful Robinson still teaches judo to children and adults five times a week at his school in Sacramento. His lessons emphasize the importance of maximum efficiency of body and mind.

He defines Judo as a thinking man's form of fighting. There is no such thing as one technique. If you're partner says pull harder. Pull harder.

Your techniques will not always work the same way twice. Martial artists need to adapt to different body positions and defensive techniques, he said. Robinson also lectured on respect. Judo is unlike any other martial arts. It is above trash talking and ego. He told of Judo competitions where opposing fighters regularly chat following a match. Judo is the only hand-to-hand sport where two competitors are civil after the match.



Torin Halsey/Times Record News



# JUDO clinic: Dynamic Drill Training

“Dynamic Drill Training” is more than just moving around the mat and fitting on throws. It is a carefully planned series of exercises and movement patterns that, when used properly, will instill a core of basic judo skills in each participant.

**Featuring Bill Montgomery, Godan,  
USJA Coaching Committee**

**Credentials & Highlights:**

- Has over 40 years experience coaching at all levels, from children to international athletes.
- Ran the first USJA Coaches Certification at Camp Olympus in 1978.
- Developed a unique training system using concepts learned while training under Jim Bregman, Ben Campbell, Anton Geesink and Geoffrey Gleeson
- Is an invited presenter for the 2006 USJA Annual Coaching Summit
- Will introduce a "new" USJA coaching certification practicum at the YMCA Judo Camp, August, 2006
- Is the Head Coach for the Norwich Judo Dojo

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**FOR:** Judo coaches and players, including children, teens and adults.

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 4, 2006.

- Children’s session (ages 12 & under) 10:00--12:00 a.m.
- Teen/adult session (13-up) from 1:00--3:00 p.m.

**HOST:** Dan Mallon, Shoreline Judo Club c/o Evolution Martial Arts  
2311 Boston Post Rd.  
Guilford, CT 06437

**CLINIC COST:**

- Children’s session: \$10 per participant advance registration, \$15 at the door.
- Teen/adults: \$15 per participant advance registration, \$20 at the door.
- Coach-spectators: \$10/one session, \$15/both sessions.

**For more information, contact:**

Dan Mallon, (203) 314-8034 email: [demallon@YAHOO.COM](mailto:demallon@YAHOO.COM)

Joan Love, USJA Regional Coordinator, (860) 334-3347

Email: [judolady210@aol.com](mailto:judolady210@aol.com)



## USJA SUMMIT ON JUNIOR JUDO



WHEN: Friday, August  
4<sup>th</sup> — Sunday August, 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006.

FOR: Judo coaches and assistant coaches who  
wish to develop and/or expand their teaching  
methods and junior programs.

HOST: Mark Hunter, Ameri-Kan Judo, 1400 Manor  
Hill Road - Findlay, Ohio 45840, Phone: 419-722-

3476 , Email: [AmeriKanJC@aol.com](mailto:AmeriKanJC@aol.com)

### Topics will include:

- Newaza for juniors – MAURICE ALLAN
- Judo movement drills for teaching juniors – BILL MONTGOMERY
- Judo for young children – MARK HUNTER
- Judo games - JAMES WALL
- Teaching judo in community centers – VICKIE DANIELS
- Marketing judo to parents -- GARY GOLTZ

*The Summit will include practical sessions on the mat, as well as time for classroom instruction and discussion. More details registration information will be available soon at:*

USJA Web Site: <http://usja-judo.org/>

Ameri-Kan Judo Web Site: <http://amerikanjudo.org/>



## **The Greatest Camp on Earth!**

Hosted by Carolina American Judo Association

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> – June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2006**

Anyone who has attended our past camps knows that this is an event not to be missed!

This year's instructors include:

Head Instructor: Jimmy Pedro

Along with: Igor Yakimov, Nick Lowe, Luis Togno, Goldberg Sensei & Nick Goodly!

Our courses will include Judo, BJJ, Aikido, Coaching Levels 1 & 2, Refereeing, Wrestling with Judo, Kata(s), First Aid and CPR, daily randori, and much, much more. We will have 4 or more events running simultaneously throughout the day and evening. There is something for EVERYONE! Kids and adults will find non-stop learning, entertainment, and fun.

See the website for details on pre-registration, directions, lodging, and contact information (register early to save \$\$):

<http://www.usja-judo.org/~usja.camps/home.htm>

CAJA is proud to say that last year we awarded 8 scholarships to kids in need for our 2005 Camp. This year we have already awarded 4 scholarships. Our club self-identifies kids in the Judo community that are in need and helps with awards when possible.



**Your USJA Board in Action**

Just to prove that we can “walk the walk” as well as “talk the talk”, we have included a few pictures of your board members in action. Top left, Jim Pedro, SR throws Henry Barton with sukuoi nage in the 1974 Senior Nationals. Top right, AnnMaria Rousey De Mars is teaching a very young Ronda Rousey how to do ko uchi makikomi. At left, is James Bregman and his famous uchi mata.

*Thank you to Jerry Hays for providing these photos.*

## **COACH ADVICE FROM USJA COACHING AND DEVELOPMENT MEMBERS**

### **Jim Pedro, Sr., Chair, USJA Coaching**

- ❖ When I teach techniques and how to do them and the kids are doing it a different way and they're working, I let the kids do it how it works for them. For example, I taught a kid tai otoshi. He does a chicken wing type of harai goshi and throws everybody with it. So, I let him do it. That's how you learn to do new things. If it stops working for him when he gets older, then you teach him something different.
- ❖ *The biggest thing beginning coaches need to get over is wanting these kids to win more than the kid wants to win. Every tournament is going to be different. Some kids will win some days, others will win other days. If your kids fought good, don't worry about it.*
- ❖ What they do when they work out is what they are going to do in a contest.
- ❖ Have students write down their goal for the month. It might just be to do 20 push-ups. Have them write that down, though and see that they did it.
- ❖ Make sequential goals.

### Jim Hrbek, USJA JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

Don't get ahead of yourself. You have to be systematic. You have to deal with basics. Short cuts don't work. At best they are a band-aid and a short-term fix. They have to get comfortable with the move and flow of judo.

### Dan Doyle, USJA JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

- ❖ Sometimes I push the kids to do advanced throws and jump right in with our advanced kids, which I shouldn't because they should go to the local tournaments first. I think that has been my biggest mistake, whether it is kids or adults, pushing the beginning students too fast to catch up with the advanced students.
- ❖ I think I have, in the past, promoted the kids too fast so they don't have anything else to strive for, so they can't get promoted again for a couple of years because of their age. The next step isn't fast enough for them for their own gratification.

### Bert Lopez, USJA Development Committee, Chair, Mini-camp Program

I ask the kid what his goals are. Maybe his goal is to be a national champion, so I push him hard. Other kids, it might just be that they are just trying judo out to see if they like it. If you push that kid too hard, then you might lose him. Later, if he decides that he wants to be national champion, then we can work toward that.

## **AMERICAN SPORTS UNIVERSITY:** **A college with a martial arts focus**

What is American Sports University? That was the question I went to San Bernardino intending to answer. We had heard from them that they wanted to advertise in our American Judo magazine and that they were a university that aimed to be for students who were very involved in the martial arts. They also told us that they were not accredited, which means that students would not qualify for financial aid or to transfer their credits to other schools. My initial thought is maybe this was a diploma mill, with one guy just giving out worthless pieces of paper out of a post office box. So, one day, when I was in the area, I dropped by. They could not have been further from a post office box! In fact, they had purchased 300,000 square feet of property in downtown San Bernardino, including the former San Bernardino Sun building and the Fox Theater.

They definitely have space. They have some faculty members, although right now their offerings for tae kwon do students are much stronger than for judo. ASU is, however, looking for a judo coach to hire right now. The individuals they have contacted are very credible, although it remains to be seen who they will finally hire.

What is American Sports University? It is a brand-new institution that appears like it will be successful in the future. Who would fit well at ASU? For right now, based on my observations, it might be a very good fit for someone who is interested in tae kwon do, who is a foreign student who wants to study English as a second language, attend classes in the U.S. and participate in martial arts. It looks like a good choice for an adult who is interested in getting into the martial arts business, running a dojo. We have also been discussing having USJA coach certification conducted at their location by our USJA coaching staff, so it would be a convenient place for coaches to receive certification. In the future, it is possible they may emerge as a judo powerhouse, depending on who they select for their university coaching staff. It is certainly a fascinating concept and we look forward to pursuing possible collaborations with this innovative institution to grow judo. To learn more, check their website <http://www.americansportsuniversity.com/>

**The Development Committee consists of the committee chair and the subcommittee chairs. Click on any subcommittee to view its web page. Click on any member to send email. We collaborate closely with the Coaching, Women's and Technical Officials committees. Links to their pages are at the bottom of this page.**

Committee Chair: [Dr. AnnMaria Rousey De Mars](#)

Subcommittee Chairs:

Collegiate Development	<a href="#">Tom Crone</a> , Minnesota
Grass Roots Development:	<a href="#">Gerald Lafon</a> , California
Junior Development:	<a href="#">Serge Boussyou</a> , Rhode Island
Senior Development:	<a href="#">Grace Jividen</a> , Colorado & <a href="#">Lanny Clark</a> , California
Mini-camp Program:	<a href="#">Bert Lopez</a> , Florida

Regional Coordinators:	<a href="#">Joan Love</a> , Connecticut
Regional Training Center Program:	<a href="#">Bruce Touns</a> , Georgia

Website: <http://www.usja-judo.org/committees/development/index.html>

#### **OUR HARDWORKING REGIONAL COORDINATORS:**

Northern California Coordinators - [Destinee Tartuffe](#) and [Terry Kelly](#)  
 Southern California Coordinator - [Lisa Guerrero](#)  
 Midwest Coordinator (Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Kansas) - [Bill West](#)  
 Midatlantic coordinator (Maryland, Virginia, D.C.) - [Marshall Coffman](#)  
 Gulf Region (Louisiana , Mississippi & surrounds) - [James Wall](#)  
 Great Lakes Region (Michigan & surrounds) - [Dave Wertheimer](#)  
 Florida - [Bert Lopez](#), Ohio - [Mark Hunter](#) , Tennessee - [John Renken](#)  
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**1st Annual USJA Junior Development Judo Camp**  
**Hosted by Ricardo Tuero & the National Judo Institute, July 17-20, 2006**



**Schedule:**

Morning session: 9:00 – 11:00 ages 7-12  
Afternoon session: 1:00 – 3:00 ages 13 and over  
Open mat: 3:00 – 5:00

**Camp Fee:** \$40.00 USJA members  
\$50 non-members

*Scholarships are available.*

**Location:** 888 SW 68<sup>th</sup> Court, Miami, FL 33144

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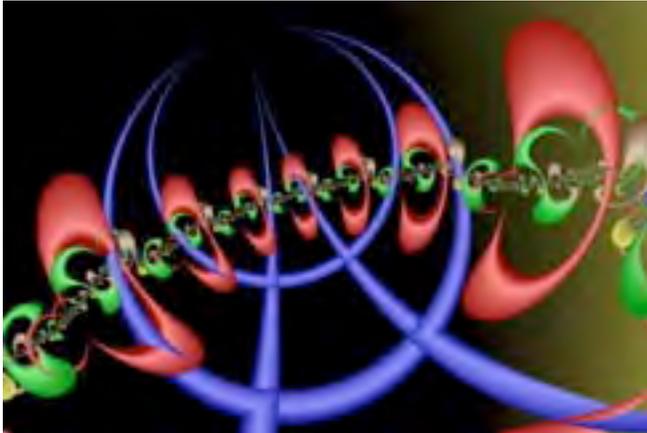
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