

## Kata Committee Report - May 2017

In March 2017, Canada hosted a Pan-American Judo Confederation kata judge examination in Montreal. As a result USA and Canada have 18 new Continental-level kata judges, including Fran Vall, Karen Whilden, and Diane Jackson.

Also in March, a Goshen Jitsu clinic was held in South Carolina. The clinician was Sensei Frances Glaze.

In April, the Pan-American Championships was held in Panama. Unfortunately, it was held the same week as the US Senior Nationals which limited US participation. Fortunately, three USA teams were able to make the trip. Locally, Rob Gouthro and Lisa Capriotti earned first in Nage and Kime no kata, and Wayne Lifshitz and Monty Burton earned second in Goshin. Congratulations At the US Senior Nationals kata championships, local teams were well represented and achieved a lot. Fran Vall judged. Richard Whilden volunteered as part of the technical team. Leah Fisher and Margie Kettl took the women's all around champion title and three first places in Nage, Goshin and Kime no kata. Rob Gouthro and Lisa Capriotti took the mixed team all around champion title and 4 firsts in Katame, Kime, Goshin and Ju and one second in Nage. Karl Tamai and Diane Jackson took a 1st in Nage and 2nd in Katame. Karen Whilden and Terrace McPartland took 3rd in ju no kata. Doug Newcomer and his son Doug took 2nd in Ju and Katame and 4th in Kime. Theodore Schwalm and his partner, Bruno Smith took third in Ju and Katame and 4th in Goshin. First time team at national, Liz Nehrbass and Laurel Faust took 4th in ju no kata. Mark Smith and Lori Pierce took in 5th in Katame no kata. Ricky Herndon and John Merwin took 5th in Katame, and Harvey Guary and John Fay took 6th in Katame. The National USA Judo kata clinic was on IJF kata scoringevaluation criteria. The clinician was EJU Kata Commissioner Mr. Michel Kozlowski.

There are several upcoming events for kata. Next weekend is the Am-Can Challenge, several local teams and kata judges will participate. In late September (est. 23rd), the Faye Allen Kata Championship and kata clinic will be hosted by DC Judo This is a perfect venue to test your kata skills in real competition or be scored for promotions. This summer, Edwin Takamori plans to host a kata judging clinic. The World Kata Championships will be held on October 7 - 8 in Sardinia, Italy.

The Kodokan is coming to the USA - On July 24-28, the annual USJF Kata Conference will be held in St. Louis, MO. This year, Kodokan instructors will provide instruction on the five IJF-level competed katas. The registration flyer is posted on the Shufu website. A donation letter request from Sensel Eiko to help fund the conference is also posted. All experience levels are encouraged. Please consider going and/or supporting.

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