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## Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/05/20 19:08

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Although not a priority, it would be good to see any new member introduce themselves on this thread, so we get to know a little about you.

I know the majority of posters will initially be from Shinto Judo Club, but we do have some members who are not club members, such as Mongo and Mike Hanon, Ptnippon all are good friends of mine with a wealth of knowledge and expertise in Judo.

So please feel free to make yourself known to us in this thread,

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Dr Leadbeater - 2008/06/02 10:43

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Hi, My name is Steve Leadbeater, I've been asked by Stephen to join this forum to add a little "Down Under" aspect to the threads.

I've been involved with Judo since 1965, I live, work (if that's what you call it) and train in Sydney AUSTRALIA.

Some people on this forum know me, some have been unfortunate to meet me and even spend time with me.

Stephen has threatened to come and visit me in Sydney if I don't write something here, so, I'll invite you to ask me about Antipodean Judo and I will endeavour to answer your questions.

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/02 13:17

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Hi Steve

Good to see you here, I will still be coming over eventually to get some of the sunshine and barbeques,

Here are a couple of other points I hope you do not mind me pointing out is that your profile picture is one of you (left) and Daigo Sensei (10th Dan)

That you are a State registered referee and a kata competitor/Instructor.

Any other points I have missed please fill in the gaps

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Tadashi - 2008/06/02 15:37

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Hello everybody,

My name is Tad Onchi, and I just recently joined this lovely forum by invitation by Stephen. (Possibly to bring a bit of American flair to the forum :) )

I have been born and raised in Portland, OR and myself have been involved in Judo since 1992 since my grandfather got me into it. Some people know me and others may not but, that just means we have a chance to get to know each other.

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by judoScott - 2008/06/02 16:13

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Hi everyone,

My name is Scott Moore. I live in Denver, Colorado, USA. Stephen invited me to join the forum. I have been studying judo for 20 years. I am also legally blind and have been a member of 3 US Paralympic teams (Atlanta '96, Sydney '00,

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and Athens '04). I am now retired from international competition but am the assistant coach for the team this year for Beijing!

I'm looking forward to seeing this forum grow and I am really looking forward to attending Judo Summit 3 next year in London!

Thanks Stephen!

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Mongo - 2008/06/03 01:03

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Crap, Leadbeater is on here!!! Don't listen to him, he's full of crap. I should know, I've drank with him in Oz. Yes, that's right, I was duped to go to Australia and meet the man, the myth, the legend that is Leadbeater. :P

Who am I?

My name is Jason Hussong and I'm from Denver, Colorado USA. I train under JudoScott. I've been practicing judo for five years now. If any of you have figured it out yet, or why Stephen thought of naming me with Hanon and PTNippon, I'd appreciate you letting me in on that secret since they're the ones with the wealth of knowledge he refers to. :blush:

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by YChromosome - 2008/06/03 02:44

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It would appear I'm the Canadian Content.

I'm a fortysomething "maudit anglais" from Montreal in the Province of Quebec Canada. I have a nidan in judo and a bit of High school and college wrestling under my belt. (or should that be my tights?)

In my day job I'm an engineer and father of three.

I'm flattered at being invited to join

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Dr Leadbeater - 2008/06/03 10:09

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Stephen, you are to be thanked for the kind words about me,, you only forgot a couple of things such as MAN, MYTH and LEGEND but that tosser from Denver, you know, the big bloke who thought that he could out drink me....well he mentioned those bits, the other bits omitted were :

CUTE, CUDDLY and a DYNAMO IN BED....and above all....EXTREMELY MODEST, however the other forum members will find that out for themselves when they peruse my works of Literary Genius.:P

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by senseitaz - 2008/06/05 21:39

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Hi Guys

Am I the only Welshman on here?:)

My name is Phil Craven and like all the other newbies to this forum I have been invited to join you by the Guv himself(Stephen).

I live in Swansea and run two judo clubs there. So if you are ever in the vicinity ,please feel free to drop in.

By the way Stephen, barring a major disaster, I will be in attendance at the third Forum camp, with my kids, if you'll have

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have me:) .

I have just noticed that Mr Modesty himself is part of the Forum.How you doing Dr Leadbetter:P

Phil

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Dr Leadbeater - 2008/06/06 12:13

Hi Phil,

I see you got roped in with the rest of us dodgy reprobates.  
I suppose there is something not Kosher if The Guv needs  
to have a bunch of Yanks, a Canadian, a Welshman and an  
Aussie on his team to help him.

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/06 15:26

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have me:) .

Phil

It would be great to finally meet you there, unless we dont meet up beforehand,

Stephen

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Ptnippon - 2008/06/06 16:39

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/06 18:15

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:laugh: You are Funny:laugh:

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by senseitaz - 2008/06/06 18:23

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If Nogaki sensei only has some knowledge of judo then god help the rest of us:laugh:

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Ptnippon - 2008/06/06 18:58

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Stephen wrote:

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:laugh: You are Funny:laugh:

Hmmmmmm I fail to see the humourB)

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Tiger - 2008/06/06 19:32

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i love judo to bits and will work hard to aim to get a black belt like my loving dad.

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Ptnippon - 2008/06/06 20:36

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Tiger wrote:

hello my name is Bethany

i love judo to bits and will work hard to aim to get a black belt like my loving dad.

Hello Bethany, may I call you "Lefty"?;)

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/07 10:19

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Hi Paul

I know modesty stops you from saying as much as you can, but I would love you to say more about your Judo Experience, the little I know of you from your posts, are that you have forgotten more about Judo than most people know, you have had the opportunity to learn from some of the greats, and trained with Judoka like the great Yamashita, and recently taught and trained many of the Judoka who are hopefuls in the olympics in Beijing.

I know that your superior knowledge comes accross in your posts, but to know more about your pedigree is always interesting, I am obviously not asking you to brag as I know that you wont, but a short Biography would be superb if you wouldnt mind.

This is a difficult ask as I am asking you to almost blow your own trumpet, but only you know the history of your Judo and your experiences.

The points you make about the Oasekomi waza being two planks of wood are priceless, I am sure you have a multitude of them, and the more we get to learn from you and others, the better we can then teach, and adapt our own Judo.

Thanks in advance

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Ptnippon - 2008/06/08 15:42

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Oh Stephan, just for you.

Started Judo at age 8 in California. Moved back and forth from the US and Japan up until high school and typically did Judo 2 to 3 times a week at night during school but trained every summer break in Japan at a police judo academy 5 days a week 4 to 5 hours a day from the ages 13 to 17. I received my shodan in the US and Japan at the age of 15.

I was on university team in Japan and during that time in addition to training 5 hours a day, 5 days a week, I went to the Kodokan once a week, mainly to learn from Osawa sensei. Most of the major universities cross trained with others and that's where I got to randori with Yamashita several times and competed with him twice. I think I was his victories # 65 and 82 during his consecutive win streak. I tried to make the 1980 Olympic team for Japan but could never get past Kase and Nose who were the #1 and #2 kilo players at that time. Okano sensei is definitely the most influential in my competitive technique and philosophy.

Currently a rokudan. Kata is a passion of mine today although I am working with several elite US Judoka and running our own little local dojo.

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/08 20:57

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Thank you Paul,

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by dontthinkfeel - 2008/06/09 00:03

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Evening all sorry I didn't introduce myself my name is Kevin I am Steve's training partner for my sins. I started training in Judo first when I was sixteen, but only for a few months. I took up Karate taekwon do jujitsu and wing chun, but at the age of thirty three I came full circle and returned to Judo, mainly thanks my cousin Pete Teal who is as blunt as an air raid and informed me I was overweight and to return to the dojo. That was sixteen years and several injuries ago and I don't regret any of it as I discovered Judo is for me the most beautiful and underrated "combat" form I know. As you may have discovered I am pretty long winded apologies for that. I look forward to reading your entries and hopefully meeting you.

Regards

Kevin

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/09 08:23

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Not long winded enough in my opinion,

Come on Kev, let it out,

just lay back on my couch look into my eyes, and sleep.....

Now your all mineB) B) B) B)

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Darkslice632 - 2008/06/10 20:03

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Hi,

My name is Nicholas Graham and I am 29 years old from Mexico, Maine - USA. I have been studying martial arts since I was 16 or so. I currently have a shodan in Tsuki Shio Ryu Jujitsu, which I have been practicing for 13 years. My jujitsu instructor is a USJA Sandan in Judo, though his focus has not been on Judo in many years.

Unfortunately there is virtually no Judo in western Maine (Or any other part of Maine for that matter) so my ability to train is limited. I have recently opened a Judo/Jujitsu/Boxing dojo and hope that I'll have the chance to expose more people to Judo.

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/11 11:38

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Hi Nicholas

Good to see you here, I look forward to your posts, and to every member here, feel free to post pictures and youtube links, please read the how to in the feedback section of the forum if you are unsure how to

Keep smiling

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by JoeJo - 2008/06/13 12:29

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Hello, I'm Joe. I'm 34, female and I live in the North of England.  
I'm another invitee from Judo Info and now I know where everyone's been hiding! :)

Joe

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## Re: Introductions

Posted by Stephen - 2008/06/17 08:32

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Hi Guys & Gals,

Please take advantage of the links page on this website by posting a link to your club website, or your Blog,

This site is optimised (I have no idea what it really means but) it will appear at the top of search engines with your club details on it.

Once you have done that, please inform me and I'll ensure the link gets published.

Keep Smiling