

CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

SHIDOKAN JUDO CLUB

Based on team point calculations from the Elite 8 U18 and Seniors, the Shidokan Judo Club accumulated 80 Points earning themselves the title of, Club of the Year for 2014-15. The Shidokan Judo Club is under the direction of Hiroshi Nakamura. The

Shidokan was founded by Sensei Nakamura in 1973 in a garage before moving to the current location on Notre-Dame-de-Grâce in 1975. Since then Hiroshi Nakamura has been the Canadian Olympic Coach at 5 Olympics, trained two dozen Olympic athletes and has been named a member of the Order of Canada.

MOST OUTSTANDING REFEREE CONTRIBUTION AWARD

VINCENT GRIFO

Vincent Grifo has been a certified IJF Referee since 1978. Vincent was selected to referee at the 1980 Olympics that were cancelled and then selected again for the Seoul 1988 Olympics and 1992 Barcelona Olympics. Vincent was also a Referee Commission Member for the Pan American Judo Federation and the Referee Director for the International Judo Federation Veteran Commission. In 2014 Vincent conducted 3 PJC Commissions in El Salvador, Miami and Malaga Spain. At the 2015 Pan Am Championships Mr. Grifo was the Referee Director and is now preparing for the 2015 Amsterdam World Veteran Championships. During the past year more Canadian Referees have been exposed to the Pan American scene. In cooperation with the National Committee, Vincent has opened the doors for Canadian Referees giving them the chance to develop further by refereeing at International Competitions.



PRESIDENTIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

KELLY THORNTON

Kelly Thornton has been the President of Judo Alberta since 2010 and has been organizing tournaments in Edmonton for over a decade.

Kelly was the President of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2011 Senior Nationals and most recently the Lead Organizer for the 2015 PanAm Championships in Edmonton.

Starting Judo when he was 9 in Lloydminster, Saskatchewan by the age of 14 Kelly represented Saskatchewan at his first Nationals and competed Nationally during the nineties for Alberta and retired in 2001. Kelly has been the chief instructor on the Tokugawa Judo Club since 1999.



« Volunteers do not necessarily have the time: they just have the heart. »

-Elizebeth Andrew

