

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE TULSA JUDO CLUB

The Tulsa Judo Club was founded in the Summer of 1980 by **John Ross & Martin Bregman**. **John Ross** arrived in Tulsa at the end of June & got a number of local Judoka together at the Thornton Family YMCA, including **Ron Benner & Jack Hicks**, as well as a few juniors including John's son Jon, Rick Killion, Mark Crewson & Aaron Miller. **Martin Bregman** arrived at the end of July from Ohio, where he left the Ohio Wesleyan University/ Delaware Judo Club and 99 players in the hands of Doug Fortune, who later became the head coach at Cumberland College.

John Ross left the club in October with the Senior Judoka to try & start another club at the Downtown YMCA in Tulsa, leaving **Martin Bregman** to run the Juniors of the Tulsa Judo Club. Shortly thereafter John returned to China, where he had spent a great deal of his life, & the Seniors returned to the Thornton Family YMCA. John Ross would return several times in the next few years, but in 1985 moved to Los Angeles, CA with Jan Trussell who was his star pupil at the time to become head coach of the Los Angeles Judo Club.

In 1985 the Tulsa Judo Club had expanded to include 87 members and was at that time the 5th largest Judo Club in the United States registered with United States Judo, the national governing body of Judo. The Tulsa Judo Club remained at the Thornton Family YMCA until 1990.

In 1990 the club moved to the Tulsa Jewish Community Center & was there until the beginning of 2001. **Martin Bregman** remained as head coach from 1980 till the Summer of 1994. In 1994 Dr. Bregman was transferred by his employer (Amerada Hess Corp.) to Houston, TX. **Jack Hicks** the Assistant Head Coach took over as head coach with Martin's promise to return upon early retirement. During his stay in Houston Martin was able to train with his own coach, **Karl Geis**, once again, & assisted several other clubs.

Late in the Fall of 2000, Dr. Bregman returned to reassume the duties of Head Coach. In January, 2001 the Club was moved to Champions Athletic Complex in South Tulsa. The Tulsa Judo Club remained at Champions until March of 2007, at which time the Athletic Complex was sold.

The club was moved into a storage complex for one year & three months & then finally moved to its current location in June of 2008.

The Tulsa Judo Club has produced the following National & International Referees:
IJF-A: Martin Bregman; Meredith Bregman; PJU-C: Richard A. Redner, Tom Sowell;
National Referee: Ron Benner, George Pierson, Dona Schafer; Chris VanLandingham.

STUDENTS MEDALING AT NATIONAL EVENTS:

The Tulsa Judo Club has produced 44 National or International medalists who have accounted for 124 medals including: 33 National or International Championships, 46 Silver, & 46 Bronze medals. During its years of operations the following students became National or International Medalists.

National Competition Record of Martin L. Bregman

- 1980 2nd, AAU Senior Nationals (Master's, 35-39 yr. old, 86 kg.)
- 1980 2nd, USJA Senior Nationals (Master's, 35-39 yr. old, 86 kg.)
- 1981 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's, 35-39 yr. old, 86 kg.)
- 1982 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's, 30-39 yr. old, 86 kg.)
- * 1985 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's, 40-44 yr. old, Open)
- 1990 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's, 45-49 yr. old, Open)
- 1995 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's, 50-54 yr. old; 95 kg.)
- 1996 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's, 50-54 yr. old; 86 kg.)
- * 2005 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's, 60-64 yr. old, 100 kg.)
- * 2015 1st, USA Judo Senior Nationals (Masters, 70-74 yr. old, 100 kg.)

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL MEDALLISTS COACHED BY M. L. BREGMAN

1. Angie Bensley:

- * 1982 1st, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 years old, 120 lbs.)

2. Matias Bilbao:

- * 1983 1st, USJA Junior Nationals (6 years old, Heavyweight.)

3. Patrick Bolding:

- 2015 2nd, USA Judo Senior Nationals (Masters, 60-64, 81 kg.)

4. David Bonner:

- 1997 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (17-20 years old, 71 kg.)

5. Meredith Bregman:

- 1986 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (6-8 years old, 25 kg.)
- 1986 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (7 years old, 25 kg.)
- 1987 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (8 years old, 27 kg.)
- 1987 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam III, 27 kg.)
- 1989 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam IV, 34 kg.)
- 1992 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 years old, 45 kg.)
- 1993 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (17-20 years old, 48 kg.)
- 1993 3rd, USJI 5th Junior Internationals (Junior F 13-15 years old, 50 kg.)

6. Seth D. Bregman:

- 1988 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (6 yr. old, 23 kg.)
- 1989 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam II, 25 kg.)
- * 1990 1st, USJA Junior Nationals (8 yr. old, 27 kg.)
- 1990 2nd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam III, 27 kg.)
- 1991 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (9-10 yr. old, 30 kg.)
- 1992 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (9-10 yr. old, 30 kg.)
- * 1992 1st, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam IV, 30 kg.)
- 1993 2nd, USJI 5th Junior Internationals (Juvenile M 11-12 yr. old, 34 kg.)
- 1994 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Intermediate, 39 kg.)
- * 1995 1st, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 yr. old, 40 kg.)
- * 1995 1st, USJI National Junior Olympics (Juvenile A, 40 kg.)
- 1995 2nd, USJI 7th Junior Internationals (Jun. M 13-15 yr. old, 40 kg.)
- * 1996 1st, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 yr. old, 50 kg.)
- 1996 3rd, USJI 8th Junior Internationals (Jun. M 13-15 yr. old, 50 kg.)
- 1997 2nd, USJI High School National Championship (M 56 kg.)

- 1997 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (15-16 yr. old, 60 kg.)
- * 1997 1st, USJI National Junior Olympics (Juvenile A, 59 kg.)
- 1998 3rd, USJI 10th Junior Internationals (Cadet M 66 kg.)
- * 1998 1st, USJI National Ladder Tournament (M 66 kg.) [moved to 1st due to Harold Geddings disqualification due to drug test failure]
- 1999 2nd, USJI High School National Championship (M 66 kg.)
- 1999 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (17-19 yr. old, 73 kg.)
- 1999 2nd, USJI National Junior Olympics (M Youth, 73 kg.)
- * 2000 1st, USJI High School National Championship (M 73 kg.)
- 2000 2nd, USJI National Junior Olympics (M Youth, 73 kg.)

7. Dylan Carnagey:

- 2011 3rd, USJA/JF Junior Nationals (Intermediate II, 52+ kg)
- 2012 3rd, USJI Scholastic Nationals (Juvenile A, 64+ kg)

8. Chay Chinsethagid:

- * 2008 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 30-34 years old, 73 kg.)

9. Jonith Christensen:

- 1985 3rd, USJI National Ladder Tournament (Women's 66 kg.)

10. Hilary Clark:

- 1992 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (Girls 11-12 yr. old, 34 kg.)

11. John H. Clark:

- 1992 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (Boy's 7 yr. old, 21 kg.)

12. Phillip A. Coe:

- 1991 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Juvenile A, 50 kg.)
- * 1992 1st, USJA National High School Championship (Boys, 55 kg.)

13. Mark Crewson:

- 1984 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 yr. old, 110 lbs.)

14. Khaled Elsayed:

- 2006 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (Intermediate 1, 24 kg.)

15. Omar Elsayed:

- * 2006 1st, USJA Junior Nationals (Bantam 3, 35 kg.)
- * 2006 1st, USJF Junior Nationals (Bantam, 35 kg.)

16. Jennifer Ferris:

- 1990 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Intermediate, 44 kg.)
- 1991 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 yr. old, 50 kg.)
- 1992 3rd, USJI National Ladder Championship (F 52 kg.)
- 1993 2nd, USJI National High School Championship (F 52 kg.)
- 1993 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (17-20 yr. old, 52 kg.)

17. Paula Fox:

- * 1989 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 30-34 yrs., 48 kg.)
- * 1990 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 30-34 yrs., 48 kg.)
- * 1994 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 35-39 yrs., 48 kg.)

18. Michael Gersztenkorn:

- 1990 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (6 yr. old, 19 kg.)
- 1991 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantum I, 23 kg.)

19. Jack Hicks:

- 1982 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 40-49 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 1985 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 45-49 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 1991 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 50-54 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 1993 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 45-49 yrs., 86 kg.)
- 1994 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 50-54 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 1995 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 55-59 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 1996 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 55-59 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 1997 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 55-59 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 1998 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 55-59 yrs., 78 kg.)
- 2000 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 60-64 yrs., 81 kg.)
- 2002 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 60-64 yrs., 81 kg.)
- 2003 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 60-64 yrs., 81 kg.)
- 2006 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 65-69 yrs., 81 kg.)
- * 2012 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 70-74 yrs., 90 kg.)

20. Cliff Hopkins (Deceased):

- 1982 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 30-39 yrs., 95 kg.)

21. Carrie Houser:

- 1980 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (11-12 yr. old, 85 lbs.)
- 1981 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 yr. old, 90 lbs.)
- 1983 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (15-16 yr. old, 105 lbs.)
- * 1984 1st, USJA Junior Nationals (15-16 yr. old, 55 kg.)

22. Erina Katoh:

- 1914, 3rd, USA Judo National Junior Olympics (8 yr. old, 25 kg.)

23. Marina Katoh:

- 1914, 2nd, USA Judo National Junior Olympics (11-12 yr. old, 38 kg.)
- 1915, 3rd, National Scholastic Nationals (11-12 yr. old; 38 kg.)

24. Rick Killion (Deceased):

- 1984 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (13-14 yr. old, 132 lbs.)

25. Andy Kriegel:

- 2012 3rd; USJI Senior Nationals (Master's 40-44 yrs., 90 kg.)

26. H. Stearns LaSeur:

- * 1985 1st, USJI National Ladder Tournament (Men's Open)

27. Claire Mathews:

- 1989 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 30-34 yrs., 52 kg.)

28. Thomas Mathews:

- * 1989 1st, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam I, 28 kg.)

29. Aaron Miller:

- 1985 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Intermediate, 115 lbs.)

30. Jason Mitchell:

- * 2008 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 35-39 yrs., 73 kg.)

31. Christopher Palmer:

- 1987 2nd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam III, 35+ kg.)
- 1988 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam IV, 43 kg.)
- 1989 2nd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam IV, 43 kg.)

32. Richard Jeffrey Pierson:

1987 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (15-16 yr. old, 65 kg.)

33. Tonya Rush:

1990 3rd, USJI National High School Championship (Girls, 52 kg.)

34. Leo Sawyer:

* 1989 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 30-34 yrs., 95 kg.)

35. Dona Schafer (Murray):

* 1994 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 40-44 yrs., 56 kg.)

36. Travis Schumacher (Murray):

1994 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (11-12 yr. old, 120 lbs.)

1994 2nd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Intermediate, 54 kg.)

37. Eric Simon:

2011 2nd, USJI National Junior Olympics (International Division, Juvenile A, 48 kg.)

38. Thomas E. Sowell:

1989 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 45-49 yrs., 71 kg.)

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39. Logan Sullivan:

1995 3rd, USJA Junior Nationals (7 yr. old, 30 kg.)

40. Chris Vanlandingham:

* 2005 1st, PJU Masters Championships (40-44 yrs., 100 kg.)

2006 3rd, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 40-44 yrs., 100 kg.)

* 2009 1st, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 45-49 yrs., 100 kg.)

2012 2nd, USJI Senior Nationals (Masters, 45-49 yrs., 100 kg.)

* 2013 1st, USA Judo President's Cup (Masters, 50-54 yrs., 100 kg.)

* 2014 1st, USA Judo President's Cup (Masters, 50-54 yrs., 100 kg.)

2015 2nd, USA Judo Senior Nationals (Masters, 50-54 yrs., 100 kg.)

41. Douglas Van Scoyoc:

* 1994 1st, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam 4, 26 kg.)

1995 2nd, USJA Junior Nationals (11-12 yr. old, 30 kg.)

42. Carter Young:

2009 3rd, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam 2, 21 kg.)

2010 3rd, USJA/USJF Junior Nationals (Bantam 3, 23 kg)

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43. Karenna Young:

* 2009 1st, USJI National Junior Olympics (Bantam 3, 30 kg.)

2010 3rd, USJA/USJF Junior Nationals (Intermediate 1, 34 kg)

(* = indicates National or International Champion)