

#### Martin Places 7th



Tunis, Tunisia - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center started out 2015 at the Tunisia World Cup. Burnt Hills High School graduate, **Hannah Martin** (26) was back after a 4 month layoff due to a knee injury placed 7th in 63kg losing only to the eventual Silver and Bronze medalists. Martin also represents the New York Athletic Club (NYAC). **Brad Bolen** (26) started with a tough draw as he was defeated in his first round by eventual 66kg champ, Kilian Le Blouch (France). Bolen is also a member of the NYAC. **Ashley Hejlik** (28) suffered the same fate as Bolen as she lost her opening match to eventual 48kg bronze medalist, Reka Pupp (Hungary). "Some difficult draws for the kids, but a

tremendous learning experience for them" Coach and 4x Olympian, Jason Morris said. "They picked up some important info as to where they are and what they need to improve upon" Morris added.



#### ERIC SKYLAR FEATURED IN GROWING JUDO

JMJC's Eric Skylar featured in the Dec/Jan Issue of USJA's Growing Judo

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# JMJC OUTREACH

Glens Falls, NY - The Jason Morris Judo Center continued its outreach to the local community as we set up a booth at the Section 2 wrestling championships at the Glens Falls Civic center February 14, 2015. JMJC supporters and Jason himself spent the day greeting the area's best wrestlers and letting them know about Judo and how beneficial it can be for wrestling. Morris enjoyed quite a bit of success in High School wrestling as he posted a 98-4 overall record for his 3 years on the the Burnt Hills High Wrestling team which included 2 State titles, 2 Section II titles and 3

Class A championships. Morris earned a full scholarship to Syracuse University where he earned All-American status taking 5th at the NCAA Division 1 Nationals





Congratulations to athletes who train at the Jason Morris Judo Center, Kiernan Shanahan and Trent Svingala for their success in the Section 2 High School Wrestling Championships over the weekend. Trent Svingala who wrestles for Columbia High School took 5th in the 106lbs. weight class as an 8th grader. Trent's record to finish the season was an impressive 33-5. Shanahan, also an 8th grader who wrestles for Shenendehowa took a silver making it all the way to the final losing 5-0 coincidently to Trent's Columbia High teammate, John Devine. Shanahan posted a 16-5 record on the season. The winner of each weight class at the section 2 event gets an automatic bid to the State Championships Albany, NY.



# JMJC demonstrate Judo at local School

Voorheesville, NY - February 18, 2015, various grade school students in the capital region were given a break from their educational responsibilities. The Voorheesville Public Library decided to make use of the

"February Recess Week" in an effort to keep the young minds of tomorrow engaged and excited about learning. Gail Brown and the rest of the Voorheesville Public Library staff decided to invite the Jason Morris Judo Center to their facility for a special judo demonstration and motivational talk. Representing the JMJC were 4x World team member, **Nick Kossor** (NYAC) & **Amanda Barone**.

The presentation was for grades 2 and up and a wide age range of students were in attendance, in addition to parents from around the community. The Kossor & Barone duo are seasoned veterans to jobs like this. Most recently they (along with other JMJC athletes) did a judo demo during the Mohonasen High School Pep Rally.

As usual, Kossor and Barone put on a terrific show. With the time they were given they demonstrated various judo techniques in both standing and on the ground, discussed the importance of healthy



living and hard work, and the importance of always putting your best foot forward to represent yourself in a

positive image. Their message was well received and sparked applause and cheers throughout the crowd. As a reward for being such a good audience, Kossor and Barone let the attending children throw them once each with ouchi-

gari. In a truly heartwarming display, many of the children came up to Kossor & Barone after the presentation for hugs and autographs. Job well done.

The JMJC is always available and happy to participate in events like this. We are always putting our best foot forward to show the sport and benefits of judo to new audiences.



# JMJC Athletes Shine

Glenville, NY - Over 75 athletes from all over the Northeast attended the 17th JMJC Open developmental event hosted by the Jason Morris Judo Center over the weekend





(Saturday, Feb. 28). The event is geared toward developing athletes by getting them more matches in a relaxed fun environment to feel comfortable competing. This addition featured some of JMJC's top local athletes including, Brad Bolen (NYAC), Chad Dukes, Ashley Hejlik, Tony Sangimino, Burnt Hills High School students, Quentin Cook (sophomore), Nick Irabli (Senior) & Mitch Paltiel (sophomore), Burnt Hills High

graduates, Chris Alaynick, Hannah Martin (NYAC) & Eric Skylar, Schuylerville High's, Aiden Cocozzo (freshman) and Shenendehowa 8th grader, Kiernan Shanahan. The event included competition for kids as young as 4 years old to those in their 40's. The JMJC Opens are the



brainchild of USA Judo legends, Teri Takemori and 4x Olympian & NYAC Hall of Famer, Jason Morris.

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JMJC's **Tony Sangimino** (white) gets his move called "rock bottom"



Kiernan Shanahan executing a nice harai



Alexa Michaelson (white) battles Tony Leggiero



JMJC's Chris Alaynick (white) throws with uchimata



1980 World Bronze Medalist, **Mary Lewis** pays a visit. Mary and Jason were teammates at the Guilderland Judo Club for about 8 years.







Randi works on the Morris family trademark "sticker" throwing her twin sister Dani with the assistance of JMJC's Hannah Martin

JMJC's Eric Skylar (blue)





## **Hannah Martin Clinic**

On March 1st – Hannah was invited to the **Niagara Falls Judo Center** in Canada for the second time to put on a clinic! With the help of teammate Quentin Cook the seminar was a huge success!











#### **JMJC Athlete Profile:**

### **CHRIS ALAYNICK**

Age: 19
Years in Judo: 12
JMJC member since: 2014





- 1. Favorite Technique? One-Handed Taio
- 2.What Superhero would you be and why? "ARROW", because he fights crime with a bow and arrow and it has five stars on Netflix.
- 3. Favorite Competition moment?

  Making it to the semi of the Quebec Open. That was my first international tournament and I fought pretty well that day.
- **4.Who is your role model and why?**Jason Morris. He always gives me a clear direction of where I need to go.
- 5. Who is your favorite Judo Player? Male and Female.

Shohei Ono (JPN) and Hannah Martin (USA)

- 6. What is the "Chris Alaynick" Theme song?

  Maybe "The Fighter" by Gym Class Heroes
- 7. If you were stranded on a desert island what 3 things would you bring? *Reeses, Playboys, Gatorade and some sunglasses*
- 8. What are your 2015 Goals?

  Make the Junior World Team and Medal at Senior Nationals
- 9. If you were jumping out of a plane who would you want to pack your parachute from the JMJC? Peter Stanley Who wouldn't you? Eric Skylar
- 10. What is your favorite thing about training at the Jason Morris Judo Center? *The attention to detail to make you a champion*



#### JMJC Personalized Jr. Competition team back patches.

1 for \$25 2 for \$40

#### **SAMPLE** back patch





# Entry Fees: By May 10th, 2015 On-line - \$65 / Mail-in: \$75 After May 10th: Mail-in/Walk-in: \$85 On-Line thru May 20th - \$75 All Extra Divisions - \$25.00 On-Line Registration Begins February 1st! For More Information: Www.AMCANJudo.org info@amcanjudo.org 585-797-5254 GRASSROOTS JUDO WSA JUDO A Non-profit Development Tournament



#### **2015 Events**

- March 7-8 Pan American Open Santiago, Chile
- March 8 Pedro's Challenge Wakefield, Massachusetts
- March 14-15 Pan American Open Montevideo, Uruguay
- March 20-22 -IJF Grand Prix Tbilisi, Georgia
- March 21-22 Pan American Open Buenos Aires, Argentina
- March 27-29 IJF Grand Prix Samsun, Turkey
- March 28 Liberty Bell Judo Classic Philadelphia, PA
- March 29 New York Open New York City, NY
- April 11-12- Scholastic Nationals Irving, TX
- May 2-3 U.S. Sr. National Championships Irving, TX
- May 1-3 IJF Grand Prix Zagreb, Croatia
- May 8-10 IJF Grand Slam Baku, Azerbaijan
- May 23-24 Am- Can International Grand Island, NY
- May 23-24 -World Masters -Morocco
- May 30-31 European Open Bucharest, Romania
- June 6-7- European Open Minsk, Belarus
- June 20 -21 IJF Grand Prix Budapest, Hungary
- June 26-28 Jr. Olympic Championships Irving, TX
- June 27- 28 Pan American Open San Salvador, El Salvador
- July 3-5 IJF Grand Prix Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- July 9-11 -JA/JF Jr. Nationals Indianapolis, IN
- July 11-14 Pan American Games Toronto, Canada
- July 18 -19 IJF Grand Slam Tyumen, Russia
- July 19 Liberty Games Scotia, NY
- July 25-26 Asian Open Taipei, Taiwan





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- Aug 24-30 World Championships- Astana, Kazakhstan
- Oct. 1-3 IJF Grand Prix Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- Oct. 10-11 Morris Cup XIV Burnt Hills, NY
- Oct. 10 -11 Men's European Open Glasgow, Great Britain
- Oct. 10 11 Women's European Open Lisbon, Portugal
- Oct. 17 -18 IJF Grand Slam Paris, France
- Oct. 23- 27 Junior World Championships Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Oct. 30 -31 IJF Grand Slam Abu Dhabi, UAE
- Oct. 31- Nov 1 Quebec Open Montreal, Canada
- Nov. 7-8 Ontario Open Toronto, Canada
- Nov. 7-8 -African Open Port Louis, MRI
- Nov. 13-14 Oceanic Open Wollongong, Australia
- Nov. 15 3rd Irwin Cohen Memorial Chicago, IL
- Nov. 20 -22 IJF Grand Prix Quindao, China
- Nov. 22 -Presidents Cup Championships Irving, TX
- Nov. 26-28 IJF Grand Prix TBA, Korea
- Dec. 4-6 IJF Grand Slam Tokyo, Japan





#### 2016 Events

- March 5-6 -Scholastic National Championships Irving, TX
- April 9- 10 Senior National Championships Irving, TX
- June 24-26 -Jr. Olympics-Irving, TX
- Nov. 20 President's Cup Irving, TX

#### Where the JMJC Athletes stand in the Rankings



Ashley Hejlik

#### **World Ranking List (WRL)**

#16 Hannah Martin -63kg #37 Brad Bolen -66kg #46 Nick Kossor -60kg #82 Ashley Hejlik -48kg #131 Cammi Kaichi -52kg #155 Maria Dhami -52kg #165 Kyle Vashkulat -100kg #186 Alex Turner - 73kg #222 Brice Rudat -90kg #234 Tony Sangimino -81g



Amanda Barone

#### Sr. National Roster



Alex Turner

#1 Brad Bolen -66kg #2 Ashley Hejlik -48kg #2 Nick Kossor -60kg #2 Hannah Martin -63kg #3 Maria Dhami -52kg #4 Leah Fisher -70kg #5 Dave Harris -66kg #5 Tony Sangimino -81kg #9 Nick Irabli - +100kg #12 Haley Meara -48kg #13 Amanda Barone -48kg #14 Rich Connell - +100kg #18 Alex Turner -73kg





**Dave Harris** 



Nick Irabli



Maria Dhami