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## JMJC in Cancun and Spokane



*Cancun, Mexico & Spokane, WA -* **Alex Turner** (24) and Burnt Hills High School Senior, **Quentin Cook** (18) turned in terrific performances in their respective events June 17, 2017. Both Turner and Cook represent the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, NY and the New York Athletic Club in Manhattan. Turner took a bronze medal in the Cancun Grand Prix in 73kg which is on the International Judo Federation Tour. This was Turner's first Grand Prix medal in his career jumping him 13 spots to #23 on the world ranking list. Turner's run included beating Jack Smith (Great Briton), Alonso Wong (Peru) and avenged a semifinal loss earlier this year at the Pan Ams, taking

out hometown hero, Eduardo Araujo (Mexico) in an overtime thriller to capture the bronze. Alex's only loss came in the semis to eventual silver medalist and #11 ranked Tohar Butbol (Israel). While Turner was excelling in Mexico, Cook earned his second trip to the Jr. World Championships by winning USA Judo's Jr. Olympics in Spokane, WA which also served as the Jr. World trials. Cook became the 26th athlete from the JMJC to qualify for the Jr. Worlds. Burnt Hills Alumni also developed at the JMJC, **Jack Hatton** (21) took fifth place at the Cancun Grand Prix.



## Stout Wins Silver

*Cancun, Mexico* - **Nicole Stout** (20) from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, NY made it all the way to the 70kg final of the Jr. Pan American Championships July 1, 2017 to take a silver medal in Cancun. Stout lost a tough final to Ellen Santana from Brazil getting arm locked at the two-minute mark of the four-minute bout.



## USA Judo Legend, Jason Morris Honored



*Glenville, NY* - The town of Glenville where USA Judo legend, **Jason Morris** grew up and now resides honored him Saturday, July 15 by naming a street, "Jason Morris Way". 2017 represents a big year for Morris as it was the 25th year anniversary of Morris winning an Olympic Silver Medal (78kg) in Barcelona, Spain. This year also represents the anniversary of Jason's father, Bernie's death who was in Barcelona to watch his sons amazing performance. Morris who turned 50 in February was also celebrated by the New York Athletic Club (NYAC) at this year's NY Open awarding him their prestigious "Lifetime Achievement" Award. Morris is a 4x Olympian (1988, 1992, 1996, 2000) as well as being the Head Coach of the 2008 Olympic Team. "We are thrilled to honor our own home town hero, Jason Morris" Town of Glenville Supervisor, Chirs Koetzle, stated. After Morris retired in 2000 he decided to open the Jason Morris Judo Center (JMJC) with wife, **Teri Takemori** and stay in Glenville. The JMJC has since become world renowned and remains one of USA Judo's top resources for developing Elite level players. Jason & Teri reside in Glenville with their now seven-year-old twins, Randi & Danica.





The dedication event included a meet and greet with Jason then the unveiling of the street sign and Kiosk to be displayed in the park, followed by a Judo demonstration led by 5x USA Judo World team member, **Nick Kossor** with the assistance of the Morris twins. Kossor then joined local recording artist, the "Dan Wos Project" on stage for a musical performance. Kossor is currently the guitarist for the rock band, Hard Soul. All who came were treated to a terrific rock and roll show and got even better when they were then joined by special guest, **Johnny Gioeli** who is the lead singer of internationally renowned hard rock bands, Hardline and Axel Rudi Pell. Gioeli's voice and stage presence was

phenomenal as he sang, "Dr Love" and "Rhythm From A Red Car" from Hardline's 1992 release, Double Eclipse then closed the show with "Rock and Roll All Night" from Kiss. The MC for the event was Rodger Wyland channel 13 and ESPN radio.

*Teri, Johnny Gioeli & Jason*



*Rodger Wyland (NewsChannel13)  
& Chris Morris*





*L to R: John McDonald, James Tedisco, Donna Gigone, Jason Morris, Kevin Buhrmaster, Teri Takemori, Chris Koeztle Holding Sign: Dani & Randi*



*Teri & Johnny Gioeli*






*Dan Was Project with Johnny Gioeli (Singer)*






# Jason Morris Street Dedication & Party in the Park

## Saturday July 15, 2017 - 12 to 4pm

### Indian Meadows, Glenville, NY

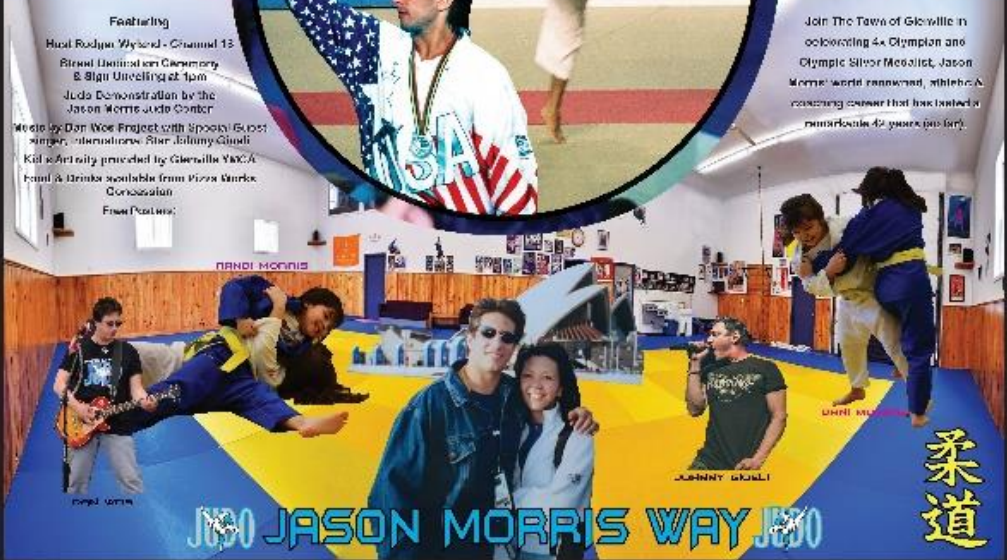










**Featuring**





- Hual Rodriguez Wyland - Channel 13
- Street Unleashed Ceremony 8-9pm
- Judo Demonstration by the Jason Morris Judo Center
- Music by Dan Voe Project with Special Guest Singer, International Star Johnny Gualdi
- Kid's Activity provided by Glenville YMCA
- Food & Drinks available from Pizza Market Concession
- Free Postcards

Join The Town of Glenville in celebrating 4x Olympian and Olympic Silver Medalist, Jason Morris' world renowned, athletic & coaching career that has lasted a remarkable 42 years (so far).



**JASON MORRIS WAY**

Photos by Leo DiCenzo




## *Martin Strikes Gold*



Saarbrücken, Germany - NYAC's **Hannah Martin** (29) from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville captured the 63kg title going 5-0 at the European Open in Saarbrücken over the weekend. This was the first Gold medal for Martin at a European event. Martin defeated Jen Schwiller (Germany), Lubjana Piovesana (Great Britain), Kamila Badurova (Russia) & Diana Dzhigaros (Russia) to reach the final where Hannah toppled Germany's Agatha Schmidt when she scored with a throw early that led into a pin and the win. "Hannah has been working harder than ever on both physical and mental preparation" JMJC Coach, Jason Morris said. "This result is a terrific confidence boost for her" 4x Olympian, Morris continued.

### *JMJC OPEN*



Glenville, NY - Over 50 athletes from all over the Northeast attended the 22nd JMJC Open developmental event hosted by the Jason Morris Judo Center July 16, 2017. 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), Burnt Hills High school senior, **Quentin Cook** (18), & World Team member, **Nicole Stout** (20). This event is the brainchild of USA Judo legends, Teri Takemori and 4x Olympian & NYAC Hall of Famer, Jason Morris.

**Photo Credit: Lou DiGesare/Realjudo.net**



*Dani Morris executes o-soto*





*Jess Alayanick throws with harai*



*Kell Berliner throws with "Rock Bottom"*



*Logan throws with seio-nage*



*Mongolian Dump*



*Randi Morris throws with seio-nage*



*Tyler Michaelson attacks with uchi-mata*



*Miki Takemori with her students*



*Nicole Stout throws with uch-mata*



## JMJC Meets Black N' Blue

*Ottawa, Ontario* - Great show (July 23, 2017) at the Brass Monkey! **Jason Morris, Quentin Cook** and **Solomon Choran** were treated to watching the 80's Rock Band, Black n' Blue at the Brass Monkey Bar & Billiards club in Ottawa, Ontario. After the show the band was kind enough to do a little meet & greet. The guys in the band couldn't have been nicer or more accommodating. A big thank you goes out to, JMJC friend and rock journalist, [Mitch Lafon](#) of "Rock Talk" for connecting us with one of the Brass Monkey managers, [Dion Wingle](#) who kindly arranged for the meet & greet. Black n' Blue played a great set and their sound was very tight which was obviously terrific to see and hear. At the end of the meet and greet, the band was excited to receive JMJC T-shirts we brought for them



Patrick Young (Bass Player)



Brandon Cook (Guitar Player)



Pete Holmes (Drummer)



Quentin Cook & Solomon Choran with Jamie St. James (Singer)

## **Congratulations to JMJC's Chad Dukes who earned his Black Belt (Shodan)**







## JMJC Quartet PerFORM Well at Worlds



L to R: Kell Berliner, Nicole Stout, Hannah Martin, Alex Turner

(Photo Credit Lou DiGesare/Realjudo.net)

**Budapest, Hungary - Alex Turner** (24) from the Jason Morris Judo Center led the way posting a 2-1 record in 73kg in his first appearance at the World Judo Championships. Turner



who also represents the New York Athletic Club opened his account beating Carlitos Fondo (Mozambique) then knocked off Marcel Cercea (Romania) to reach the round of 32. Turner then fell to eventual Bronze Medalist, Odbayer Ganbaat (Mongolia) eliminating him from medal contention. "This is the best thing I have ever experienced" Turner commented on his opportunity to compete at the Worlds. "We are very proud of the work Alex has put in"

Coach & 4x Olympian, Jason Morris

said. "Now it's time to dig in even more as Alex has shown he belongs on the world stage" Morris continued. Turner is now ranked a career high #17 in the World Ranking List.

Veteran, **Hannah Martin** (29) who also represents the NYAC lost a tough 63kg opening round bout to Daria Davydova (Russia) in her fourth worlds. Martin's world ranking now sits at the #33 spot.



In her first worlds, JMJC's **Nicole Stout** competed very well losing an overtime thriller to Sun Yong Kwon from North Korea. Stout and Kwon both scored waza-ari and were tied after regulation time. Stout received a shido for stalling in overtime ending the exciting bout. **Kell Berliner** (23) also was competing in his first

worlds and lost his first match to Oussama Hadjam (Qatar) eliminating him. "This was a terrific performance and experience for the JMJC kids" Morris commented. "Hopefully this is just the beginning for all of the them as we move through the quad" Morris continued.



**World Championship photo credit: Scott Tanner**



## **JMJC Win 10 Medals**



Photo L to R: Devin Acton, Nate Torres, Quentin Cook, Solomon Choran, Kell Berliner, Pete Stanley, Zach Judy, Janae Stogden

*West Point, NY* - Athletes from the Jason Morris Judo Center in Glenville, NY won 10 overall medals at the New York State Championships, September 16, 2017 held at the West Point Military Academy. JMJC newcomer, **Devin Acton** (18) led the way picking up golds in the 81kg under21 division as well as the 81kg Senior Brown Belt Category. Acton is originally from Honolulu, HI. **Pete Stanley** (33) was also a double medalist winning a gold in the Masters (over30) +100kg weight class then grabbed a silver in the mens +100kg division. **Kell Berliner** (23) was the third double medalist for the JMJC as he won a silver in 90kg and then picked up a bronze in

81kg. **Solomon Choran** (17) turned his best performance to date winning a silver in the mens 81kg division. **Zach Judy** (24) had to fight up a weight class from his normal 60kg but still won a silver in 66kg. **Nate Torres** (18) placed second in the 81kg brown belt division and Burnt Hills High School graduate, **Quentin Cook** (19) claimed a bronze in 73kg to close out the JMJC medal count.

Randi (left) & Dani find Daddy's poster at the Bone & Joint Center in Albany



## JMJC Outreach

For the fourth straight year the Jason Morris Judo Center was honored to run a Judo program for Camp Abilities August 6-12, 2017. "Judo is high on the list of favorites for the campers" said John McDonald. This camp is a service project of the Saratoga Springs Lions Club which McDonald is heavily involved. You can find

information at  
[campabilitiessaratoga.org](http://campabilitiessaratoga.org).





# JMJC Celebrity Fan Club



Thank you to **Leif Garrett** for sending these iconic autographed photos for the dojo. Garrett burst onto the scene in 1966 at the early age of five. Garrett began a career in acting with his debut in the quintessential period film, *Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice*. He starred in over sixty hit television shows, such as being the semi-regular on the critically acclaimed hit television shows, *The Waltons* and *Family*. But it was his portrayal of a pony express rider in the television special, *Peter*

*Lundy and the Medicine Hat Stallion* that garnered Garrett the honor of being inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame. From then on he continued to do more TV and film including *Walking Tall* and the hit television series, *Three for the Road*. This family drama was Garrett's launching pad for the recording phenomena that was to occur.

Having achieved tremendous success as an actor, Garrett took on the music industry. He became a multi gold and platinum recording artist and one of the biggest teen idols of all time, gracing magazine covers all over the world. In 1977, Garrett released his self-titled debut album and climbed the music charts with his remakes of "Runaround Sue" (#13) and "Surfin' USA" (#20). In 1978 he released his sophomore album entitled *Feel The Need*. The album quickly became a chart-topper with Leif's biggest hit, "I Was Made For Dancin'".



Glam Metal Act, **Vixen** gives the JMJC a shout out!



Rock Act, **The BABYS** give the JMJC a shout out! Born in 1976, **The BABYS** took on the classic rock world head first with a full stage musical experience, giving rise to what quickly came to be known as their 'signature sound'. Billboard chart-climbers like 'Every Time I think of You', "Midnight Rendezvous" and "Isn't it Time" helped to launch them into worldwide recognition while also helping to carve out their permanent place in music history. **The BABYS** were the first band ever signed to a million-dollar record deal with Chrysalis

Records on the basis of a 'new' thing called "video". The BABYS classic songs have withstood the test of time



Thank you to **Johnny Gioeli** from the Rock Bands, *Hardline* and *Axel Rudi Pell* for signing these awesome photos for the JMJC! Gioeli made a guest appearance at the "Jason Morris Way" event in Indian Meadows Park where he belted out a couple of Hardline tunes with the Dan Wos Project to a delighted crowd.





# JMJC in the News



## Glenville naming street after local Olympian

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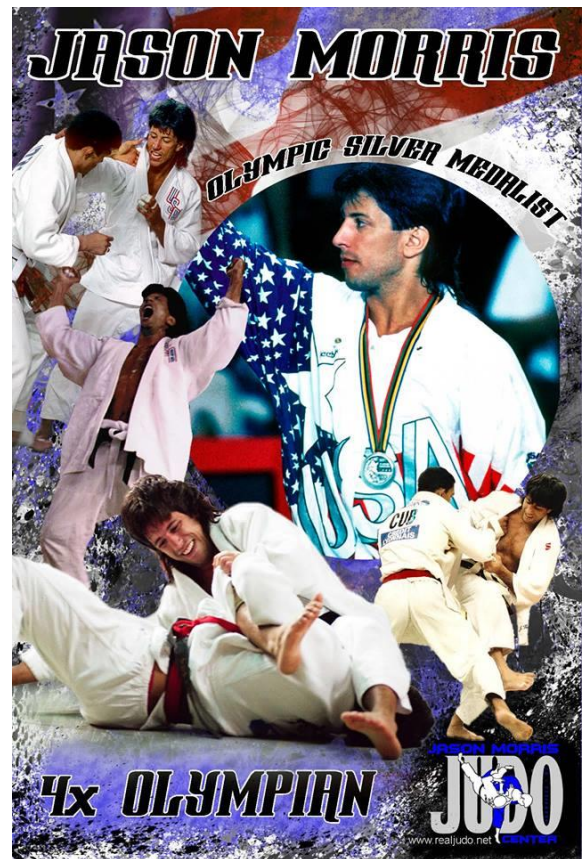




\*\*\*NEW\*\*\* Jason Morris Judo Center product.

5x National Champ, Brad Bolen has a 20x30 poster that is going for \$20 each and currently available. Check out our website for more JMJC posters if you are interested. If you buy more than then one or there will be a discount.

**Also available: Jason Morris & Hannah Martin posters!**







## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

It's Wedding Season at the JMJC!  
Cammi Kaichi & Brice Rudat were married  
on August 12<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach, California!  
Hannah Martin & Miguel Ogando  
Lopes were married the following  
month September 10<sup>th</sup> in Lisbon,  
Portugal!



## 2017 Schedule of Events

- Oct 6-8: Tashkent Grand Prix - *Tashkent, Uzbekistan*
- **Oct. 8: Morris Cup XVI – *Burnt Hills, NY***
- Oct. 16: Irwin Cohen Memorial - *Chicago, IL*
- Oct. 22: New England Championships - *Danvers, MA*
- Oct. 26-28: Abu Dhabi Grand Slam – *Abu Dhabi, U.A. E.*
- Oct. 29: Ken Tamai Memorial - *Hyattsville, MD*
- Nov. 4-5: Quebec Open- *Montreal, Canada*
- Nov. 11-12: Ontario Open- *Ontario, Canada*
- Nov. 11: African Open - *Port Louis, Mauritius*
- Dec.1-3: Tokyo Grand Slam – *Tokyo, Japan*



## 2018 Schedule of Events:

- Jan. 19-21: Tunis Grand Prix- *Tunisia*
- Jan. 25-28: Marrakech Grand Prix- *Morocco*
- Feb. 3-4: Women's European Open – *Odivelas, Portugal*
- Feb. 3-4: Men's European Open – *Sofia, Bulgaria*
- Feb. 10-11: Paris Grand Slam – *France*
- Feb. 17-18: Women's European Open – *Rome, Italy*
- Feb. 17-18: Men's European Open – *Oberwurt, Austria*
- Feb. 23-25: Dusseldorf Grand Prix- *Germany*
- March 3-4: Women's European Open – *Warsaw, Poland*
- March 3-4: Men's European Open – *Prague, Czech Republic*

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