

Vernon Judo Club

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The Vernon Judo Club is proud to announce our 75th anniversary celebration.

In 1944 the local *Seinenkai* (Japanese Young Men's Association) decided to form a judo club. They assigned Yoshitaka Mori to be the "teacher in charge" and organized an opening ceremony for November 12, 1944. Though the original *Nokai* (Farmers' Association) hall is gone, we have been practicing judo on the same site ever since, making us the longest continuously running judo club in Canada.

To commemorate this occasion, we are hosting an Open House and Gala Dinner.

The Open House will be held at the Vernon Japanese Cultural Society hall, 4895 Bella Vista Road on September 23^{rd,} 2019 6:30pm – 9:00pm.

The Gala Dinner will be hosted at the Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre, 3914 32nd Street on October 5th, 2019.

We invite your participation in these ways:

- 1. By purchasing a "Congratulations" ad space in the commemorative booklet
 - a. Full Page (8 ½ x 11) \$375
 - b. Half Page \$200
 - c. Quarter Page \$125
 - d. Business Card sized \$50

If you would like an ad space, please let us know the size you would like and get us the message with any graphics before September 5th via email to <u>vernonjudo@gmail.com</u>.

- We will be including a "Memories" section in the commemorative booklet. If you have a short anecdote to share, send to <u>vernonjudo@gmail.com</u>. We will try to include as many as possible. Early submission of "memories" will allow us to plan the booklet. Submission deadline is by September 5^{th.}
- 3. Donate a door prize or silent auction item. This will make the Gala Dinner a more interactive event, allow you to promote your business or organization, and help raise funds for the club. The Vernon Judo club has always been an entirely volunteer run organization.
- 4. Join us for the Gala Dinner at the Prestige Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre. Early bird tickets are \$60 (+ online processing fees) and can be purchased online. Go to the club website <u>http://vernonjudo.ca</u> and check Events or go directly to the registration page <u>http://trackiereg.com/vjc75</u>. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended.
- 5. Join us for the open house at the Japanese Hall for snacks, refreshments, photos and reminiscing!

Thank you for your continued support of the Vernon Judo Club! Sincerely,

George Okazaki

Head Sensei VJC