



## HQC NOMINEE INTRODUCTIONS 2021



### **Bernard Richmond.**

Long time member of HQC and current Chair. BJC member continuously since 1974. Run a BJC Club since 1985. Not everyone's cup of tea but a safe pair of hands in challenging and difficult circumstances.

Well used to dealing with complex and sensitive issues and making finely-balanced decisions. Dedicated to building a secure future for the BJC based on its core values of commitment to excellent technical judo, encouraging positive personal growth & development and mutual respect, coupled with support for the clubs and members, which are our lifeblood.

### **Rhys Hudson**

I have been a member of the BJC for over 50 years, holding the grade of 6th Dan. I coach at our club and attend events, courses, and championships, at club, area and national level. I have gained a wealth of knowledge in how the BJC is organized and operates and currently am a member of the HQC and NTC.

In my professional position, I was a Commercial Manager for a national construction company, managing and allocating resources and tendering for contracts.

My experience in both these areas enables me to contribute to any discussion ensuring all views are considered in the decision process.

### **Lisa Cleevely**

A judoka, coach and founder of Shizentai Judo club. I am a registered mental health and learning disabilities nurse.

I am currently Head of Nursing for several mental health wards which are adapted for those with a learning disability and/or autism. I will gladly speak up if any voice is unheard or unrepresented and believe in equal opportunities for all.

In the past couple of years I have developed a BJC approved coaching course for supporting students with additional needs, created the BJC mental health poster and I am a newly appointed safeguarding officer after supporting the development of our new safeguarding strategy. You will also see me helping at events as a member of the events committee.

## **Neil Harrison**

I am a Deloitte qualified accountant and a former divisional director of a large NASDAQ listed company. I now run my own successful accountancy and consulting practice in the Midlands. As a judoka, I am passionate about the BJC and have held the position of treasurer since 2011. My primary interests on HQC are the maintenance of good financial governance and the development of our membership base. In respect of the latter, I am an advocate of the modernisation of our operations, whilst remaining respectful to our traditional roots and heritage.

## **Bob Cleevely**

I am a Judoka, Herts area technical officer and coach at St Albans Judo club and Shizentai Judo club. I started judo later in life when my children joined and competed my way to 3rd dan, even competing against my son in gradings!! I have been on the GB Kata team and competed all over the world in Ju no Kata and Kime no kata, now I coach and enjoy passing on my experiences to others.

You will see me helping out at many BJC events as a member of the events committee including the closed and open Nationals, Cromer, Oxford and the National Kata Tournament.

## **Matt Hope**

During the past few years spent on the HQC, I have been a part of the events committee and helped with the events where I can. With a background in finance (AAT Qualified & currently studying for CIMA) I can provide an analysis of the actual versus budget cost breakdown to the rest of the events & HQC committees to see where excessive and unnecessary costs can be reduced as well as working with the rest of the events committee to provide the best events that we can for the members and look at ways to build on membership numbers.

## **Helen Byard**

I have been part of the Avon Are for over 40 years. My passion for this fantastic sport is strong. I want to give back a little of what I've been lucky enough to be part of during these years. If lucky enough to be part of the HQC this will enhance my experience & support the Area to grow the Judo community & BJC membership.

## **Len Witts**

I have been a member of the BJC since early 1966. I run my own club Tora Judo Kai. Assistant Area Rep for Notts Area.

Have been a member of the HQC for several years and was involved in running National events for 20 years.

I attend the majority of National events and courses. I believe in the traditions of the BJC.

I have regular contact with several judoka throughout the country, which allows me to gauge the needs of the majority of judoka.

I have 5th Dan BJC, Shudo shau dai San, International Referee Trainer/Examiner and NVQ Coaching and Development Level 3. I thank you for your continued support in the future.

## **Simon Mazzullo**

I have had uninterrupted membership of the BJC since 1973, and not been a member of any rival judo organisation.

I have previously been a member of HQC for several years, and so understand first hand the work that is required.

I have experience in all aspects of running a successful club, a thriving Area and National events, and understand the requirements of the general membership, coaches and administrators.

I passionately believe that all BJC members should have access to all aspects of Judo, without having to join the BJA, and was instrumental in gaining access to BJC clubs to *Clubmark*.

## **Alan Carlisle**

With over 50 years Judo experience, I achieved my 1st Dan in 1976.

I have coached at club and international level, and lately been appointed as FPJ development group leader.

I am director of a business specialising in physical intervention solutions for government agencies.

I passionately feel the BJC's strength and future lay in our coaches and its imperative the BJC develop and invest in its coaching foundations.

If elected, I will endeavour to represent every corner of the BJC with common sense and effective contributions that will support BJC clubs and in turn benefit the BJC.

## **Ian Bailey**

Aged 56

6th Dan

Company Director

BJC NTC

BJC HQC

The Budokwai judo club Executive Committee.

## **Roger Harris**

Please don't vote for me because you're a friend and because I have been on the HQC for over 10 years, vote for me because of what I will continue to do for the organisation and its members. My experience is in organising events for the BJC as chair for the Events committee. I am also presently vice chair to HQC. Previously been Ladies national squad coach and presently group leader. I have the honour of representing the President as ATO for the Leicester Area. I am the manager of a small building company based in Leicester. The HQC needs people to actively get the job done of rebuilding after the pandemic; we must have strong and assertive HQC members that can make tough decisions for the future of the BJC.

## **Mitchell Haines**

I have been actively involved in BJC judo for the past 40 years.

I have held executive positions on the Leicester area committee where I have been involved in supporting and shaping the Leicester judo landscape to enable Leicester to go from strength to strength both with its BJC members and its courses and competitions it is known for.

I also am a qualified nurse. Having this qualification enables me to support the BJC in organising and leading the first aid events for the BJC.

I have held a number of senior positions Such as Deputy Head of Nursing, Clinical site manager and currently registered manager for a 160 bedded retirement village with responsibility of managing 140 staff. I believe I will be able to bring skills such as organisation, diplomacy, complex decision making to the table.

With my background I do believe I am able to bring a number of qualities and skills to the HQC.

## **David Sherwood**

I started Judo when I was 11 in 1971 and continued to my mid-20's before the pressures of life forced me to take a break. Returning in 2005 I gained my Black belt and by 2013 was running 3 clubs which continue to this day. I am active on the Referee committee in the updating of the Contest Rules, Ref. exams and related matters.

Professionally I have been running companies for 40 years with a strong background in IT, sales and marketing. It is these skills that I bring to the HQC in my efforts to improve our systems and by developing the new Club Marketing Guide so that our clubs and the BJC can continue to prosper as we recover from the Covid pandemic.

## **Chris Hobbs**

I started judo at a night school class way back in 1971. After a ten week course we were taken to a club where I met Sensai Masutaro Otani. There I was graded to 4th kyu. I became hooked and desperately needed to reach a black belt.

When I became a 1st dan, I realised how fortunate I was to have been involved with Otani Sensei. I competed, probably lost more than I won, but I am proud to have risen to the grade I am now. In my early days, something I never ever dreamed of happening.

The value of judo as a martial art in the community is enormous and I hope my experience can bring a valuable and balanced view to the committee's work and decision making.