



HQC NOMINEE INTRODUCTIONS 2022



Lisa Cleevely.

A judoka, coach and founder of Shizentai Judo club which offers additional needs and female only classes. I am a registered mental health nurse (with a masters in learning disabilities) and currently lead an NHS mental health service for children and young people who also have a learning disability and/or autism. I am incredibly passionate about inclusion and the accessibility of the BJC for anyone wanting to give judo a try or those already in the BJC wanting to achieve their full potential in judo. Over the past couple of years, I have developed a BJC approved coaching course for supporting students with additional needs, created a BJC mental health poster, was made an appointed safeguarding officer after supporting the development of our new safeguarding strategy and I am now currently getting stuck into setting up a BJC inclusion committee. You will also see me at many BJC events helping out as a member of the events committee.

Bob Jones. BEd (Hones) MBA(IMEET)

I started Martial Arts in 1966 at a local judo Club in Leeds at Budokan with Frank and David Ryder achieving 1 Kyu. In 1972 started Aikido and am currently 7th Dan Sport Aikido, 4th Dan traditional Aikido and 2nd Dan Judo with the BJC.

Have been national Aikido team Manager (1987- 1997) Chair and CEO of the British Aikido Association and for services awarded Y&H Service to Sport, Leeds performance Coach of the Year and Outstanding Contribution to Sport.

For the last 15 years have trained with Bill Root and since 2017 have own permanent dojo in Leeds.

Have a wide range of skills especially in the area of coaching and development and all aspects of running an association.

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.

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.

Alan Carlisle

I strongly feel that the BJC occupy an important and unique place in British Judo, and by drawing on our strong traditional values, "one family" philosophy and high skill sets, then integrating them with 21st century reality we will establish a most valuable and rewarding British Judo Council to be proud of.

As I have said before I passionately feel the BJC's future lay in our coaches' hands and its vital the BJC develop and invest in its coaching foundations.

If re-elected, I will endeavour to continue representing all coaches and every corner of the BJC with common sense and effective contributions that will support BJC clubs, coaches and members and in turn will benefit the wider BJC.

Neil Harrison

Neil qualified as an accountant back in 2000, whilst working at the global audit and consultancy practice Deloitte. He is a former divisional director of a NASDAQ listed company and now runs his own accountancy and consulting practice. Neil has been treasurer of the BJC for 11 years and is also a long-standing member of HQC. He believes in modernisation of the BJC, but in a form that is respectful to the organisation's longstanding traditions and history. He is keen on tight fiscal policy and strong financial controls, but also understands that investment will be required in order to grow our membership base back to the levels seen in the 1990s. Neil has a track record in this regard, taking his own club from 20 to over 100 members in less than six months post covid and he hopes to impart some of that experience on the wider BJC.

Bernard Richmond

Current chair and long-time member of the HQC. Dedicated to ensuring that BJC is a thriving, successful and unique organisation.

Members and clubs are at our core. We must do everything to support and nurture them. Proud to be part of the team which got us through the Pandemic and ensured that the BJC maintained itself financially. Committed to our continued progress, growth and development. BJC member since 1974.

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.

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*.

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.

Bob Clevelly

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