

## **About Us**

### **The Zen Judo Family Yudansha Panel**

This article gives information on The Zen Judo Family Custodians and also the Chief Instructors of the British Zen Judo Family Association, American Zen Judo Family and Zen Judo in Spain.

After the death of Shihan Dominick Mac McCarthy 8th Dan and the founder of The Zen Judo Family, it was decided that there was no one person who could replace him. Therefore it was decided that the ZJF would be run by a group of Custodians, at the time these were mostly 6th Dan rank. Since then there has been an effort made to bring in new blood and to get more input from the ZJF's members.

Since the original setting up of the ZJF's Custodian system there have been a number of changes to the Zen Judo organisation as a whole, with a number of the original Custodians retiring or setting up organisations of their own. In the summer of 2010 it was decided that due to the small number of Custodians still actively participating in the day to day running of Zen Judo Family Clubs, it was time to make the change to a Yudansha (Black Belt) Panel under the leadership of the Head of The Zen Judo Family. This would allow the main Club Sensei and active Black Belts more control over the running of the organisation.

### **The Zen Judo Family Yudansha (Black Belt) Panel (updated October 2011)**

**The Zen Judo Family  
Yudansha Panel (October 2011)**

**Sensei Phil Watts  
6th. Dan ZJF  
(Head of The Zen Judo Family)**

**Sensei Tracy Collins**  
**5th. Dan ZJF**

**John Robertson**  
**4th. Dan ZJF & 2nd Dan BZJFA**

**Richard Wells**  
**4th. Dan ZJF**

**Martin Robertson**  
**3rd. Dan ZJF & 2nd Dan BZJFA Dave Bennington**  
**2nd. Dan ZJF and 1st Dan BZJFA**

**Yvonne Robertson**  
**2nd Dan ZJF and 1st Dan BZJFA**  
**Secretary**

**Custodians (Now Retired) Of The Zen Judo Family (updated November 2010)**

**Sensei Val Churchill**  
**7th. Dan ZJF (Retired)**

**Sensei Brian Bagot 6th.**  
**Dan ZJF**  
**Technical Author**  
**&**  
**Assistant Technical**  
**Director**  
**(Retired)**

**Richard McCarthy 5th.Dan (Retired)**

**Adrian McCarthy 1st Dan  
(Treasure)  
(Retired)**

**Peggy McCarthy  
(Honorary Black Belt)  
(Retired)**

**The British Zen Judo Family Association (updated October 2011)**

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Shihan Gordon Lawson 7th Dan BZJFA (3rd Dan ZJF)  
President of the BZJFA

Andrew Millard BEM 6th Dan  
Hon President and Founder of the BZJFA  
Formed "[The British Zen Judo Family Association](#)" on 1st. Jan. 2000

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## **Zen Judo Spain**

**Bartolome Canellas Cardona**  
**4th Dan Zen Judo**  
Head of [Zen Judo Spain](#)  
Formed on 1st. Jan. 2001.

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## **American Zen Judo Family**

**Shihan Keo Calvalcanti**  
**6th Dan Zen Judo**

Head of American Zen Judo Family (Retired)

NB:- Due to work commitments The American Zen Judo Family is at present not active as an organisation.

For more information on the Zen Judo Family Style and clubs.

Please Email:-< webmaster at zenjudo.co.uk >.

If you are running a Zen Judo Club please let me have details of venue and training times and I will put it on the site.

All the best John (webmaster)

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