



**Peter Faulhaber** is a resident of Chino Hills, began his study of Judo in 1962 in Port Dover, a small town 40 miles south of Hamilton, located on the north shore of Lake Erie, in Ontario, Canada. He began with the 'Shobukan Judo Institute' in Kobe Kobayashi's garage under the instruction of Mitsuyuki 'George' Sakata. Sensei Sakata obtained his Shodan in the 1930's when a member of Shigetaka 'Steve' Sasaki's Vancouver club in the 1930's. Sasaki obtained his Dan grades directly from Prof. Kano in Japan the early 1910's.

The garage was not heated, not even in winter, and Peter the other members of the class were often tasked to 'warm up' the Gi's of senior students and instructors with pre-class exercises. When sufficiently warmed, they were handed over to their owners, followed by donning their own cold Gi's as they began the class. These were the days refereeing was often done in a Gi and refereeing a match principally saw the use of Ippon, Chui, Waza-ari and Hanso-kumake.

After several years, Peter moved to a larger club in Hamilton, the Kodokan Judo Club. Run by another Sasaki alumnus, Mas Ishibashi, the club entered into difficulties in the late '60's when Judo in Canada was attempting to nationally unify under a single organization. The issue was temporarily set aside when the Kodokan club joined the US's AAU, passing on joining the Canadian fledgling organization. At this time the club, uniquely privileged to assume the name 'Kodokan', was one of the top 5 in the nation. While part of the AAU system, Peter and his Judoka mates often travelled throughout the US North-East, and remembers a time attending Pittsburgh for a tournament. Through the haze of time Peter wonders if he had a chance meeting (or a contest?) with Sensei Gary Goltz as they both journeyed through their judo destinies.

Sensei Ishibashi's health suffered and by 1970 the club's competitors sought another club. Fortunately, the other major club in Hamilton was Rendokan, with a solid status in the Canadian Judo Association and an extensive cadre of strong fighters. This club produced several Canadian Olympians and instituted a strong competitor work-ethic that Peter continues to promote.

Peter Joined the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in 1981 and based his selection and admission on the Judo philosophy and way of life. Peter says that Judo's physical, mental and moral education supported his ability as a serving officer and confidence as a person. For the next 17 years Peter, depending on his posting, either joined or formed Judo clubs in various communities such as Ottawa, North Bay, Sturgeon Falls, Callander, Powassan and others.

By the mid- '90's Peter continued his career to the Toronto area and joined the Kidokan Judo Club in Brampton, Ontario. A well-attended, strong competition club that produced many Canadian Junior Champions over the years. Upon retiring from the RCMP in 2007, he joined the United Nations and since then has been in 7 UN Missions, most police-training related. While in missions, Peter has taught self-defence to a number of Police forces in Africa and the Middle East. He currently serves as an Analyst in UNDPKO in Italy. Peter directly attributes his second career to Judo, applying its central principles of maximum efficiency and minimum effort as a lifestyle wherever he works.

Peter is a 5<sup>th</sup> dan and National Referee. Upon moving to the US in 2013, he was welcomed into the Goltz Judo family. He can be reached at [peterfaulhaber2@hotmail.com](mailto:peterfaulhaber2@hotmail.com).