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Canadian Jiu Jitsu championships come to Acton

By FRANCES NIBLOCK The New Tanner

As many as 1,000 competitors will grapple and spar their way to national titles as Acton hosts the sixth annual Canadian Jiu-Jitsu championships on May 7, at the arena.

Four Acton Jiu-Jitsu Club members were on the podium and others had top-ten finishes at last year's nationals in Dundas, and their Sensei Linda Bromley, is confident of another good showing this year.

Bromley, president of the Canadian Jiu-Jitsu Association, is fielding calls from potential competitors from Nova

Scotia, British Columbia and the United States. It will be an open competition so other martial arts will be represented in classes from beginners to experts and the physically challenged.

Bromley predicts people will be "blown away" by the talent.

"I have a little four-yearold white belt and you won't believe what he can do. One of my colleagues is a 10th degree black belt and there's bound to be some pretty amazing stuff," Bromley said.

Bromley, a third degree black belt who also teaches self defence classes in area schools, said the challenged

will do everything but kick.

"Wait until you see Drew compete. He's blind, paraplegic and with only one functioning arm. He is unbelievable. Absolutely incredible and he's a blue belt in Jiu-Jitsu and spends all his free time practising - that's his reason detre."

Jiu-Jitsu, literally translated "Gentle or Flexible Art," is one of many handto-hand martial arts. The practice of Jiu-Jitsu has been traced back at least 2000 years and some techniques were used for training warriors. Bromley recently moved her Acton classes to

Mill Street after outgrowing the Boathouse in Prospect Park.

While Bromley said she has no respect for a recent "ultimate fighting challenge," she noted the Jiu-Jitsu competitor dominated all other martial arts practitioners.

"It's basically because we fight on the ground and many other martial artists aren't trained to defend on the ground - punch, kick, take to the ground, lockup, control basically is what we do," Bromley said, adding that's not what Jiu-Jitsu is all about.

"It's about a deep rooted philosophy of mutual respect. I'm always telling my kids it's

about integrity and honour... and is a way of life, not just a sport or a hobby, but a way to live your life, and what a lovely way," Bromley enthused.

Judges at the competition will include nationally and internationally certified referees. Bishop Reding High

school and two of Bromley's colleagues are generously loaning their wrestling mats for the day to help keep costs down.

The Canadian Jiu-Jitsu Association will have posters for sale during the competition and martial arts supplies will be on sale.

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