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COMING EVENTS

On November 4, Mr. **Guy Williams** will host a Black Belt testing at **Fairbanks, Alaska**. Good luck to all.

Kirkville, Missouri will have a Black Belt test November 5.

An Invitational Taekwon-Do Tournament will be held at **Concord, Massachusetts**. Promoter, **Karl Huffmann**, special guest Sr. Master **Louis Reyes**. Tournament Director Ms. **Samantha Glasberg** and Chief Referee Mr. **John Murphy**.

Likely to be well run, fairly officiated, and chock full of excellent competitors.

The **USTF Utah State Championship Tournament** will be held in **Salt Lake City, Utah**. November 5. We will be on tenterhooks for results.

On November 12, the **Michigan Taekwon-Do Tournament** will be held in Cadillac, Michigan. Inquiries may be made to Dr. **Steve Osborn**, sosborntkd@hotmail.com An awesome array of events! Dr. Osborn has a way of exceeding the mere Freesparring and Patterns *minima*.



Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff** has promoted three of his 7th Dans to 8th Dan. Masters **Dennis Swan**, **William Strouse**, and **Kirk Steadman** were presented personal plaques and belts with their certificates October 16. Sr. Master Swan was complimented for his work and dedication to the USTF over the years including establishing the USTF in Oregon and returning to Colorado to continue the Foothills program. Sr. Master Strouse has taught on the Western Slope of Colorado over 30 years and taught the USTF Referee program. Sr. Master Steadman has served as assistant Chief of Staff of the USTF and currently as head of the USTF Referee program, been Camp Director of World Camp, coached the USA Team in Italy and currently teaches at Sereff Taekwon Do. In the photo, from left, Sr. G.M. Sereff, Sr. Masters Swan, Strouse, and Steadman.



In the September Flash, we noted the upcoming celebration of 30th Anniversary of **Maestas Taekwon-Do**. Well, it happened, and everyone shared memories of good times. Grand Master **Paul De Baca** and Sr. Master **Jonas Pologe** joined in the celebration. Above, the celebrants. On right, cutting the cake from left to right – Master **Ron Maestas**, Mr. **David Martin**, Mr. **Gray Maestas**, Ms. **Susan Marx**, Mr. **Dan Nelson**, Mr. **Isaac Tucker**, Ms. **Ka-yi Moriarty**, Mr. **Robert Pettijohn**.



On November 12 there will be a **USTF Referee Course** at **Sereff TKD** in Broomfield, Colorado. Another opportunity to expand your horizons and keep your skills sharp.

On November 19 there will be a Black Belt Test in **Utah**. We anticipate an outstanding event.

Also on November 19, **Washington State** will host a **USTF Class B Instructor Course**. We'll hope for more details in the next issue.

On November 20, at **Acton, Massachusetts**, there will be a Black Belt Test hosted by Mr. **John Murphy**.

On December 3 there will be a Black Belt Testing at **Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do** in Salt Lake City, Utah.

On December 4 Master **Braxton Miller** will host, and Region 5 Director **Steve Osborn** will teach, a USTF Referee Course at the **School of Classical Taekwon-Do** in Crystal Lake, Illinois.

The INTA Open ITF Taekwon-Do Tournament will be held in **Kilkenny, Ireland**, on March 10 and 11, 2012. Inquiries to Mr. Jerome Wezelman, 18 Verschoyle Drive, Saggart Abbey, Citywest, Dublin 24. These are great folks and great hosts.

And once again we take the opportunity to remind you of **Sereff World Camp** in 2012; put aside June 24-29, 2012, in Estes Park, Colorado. Registrations closing fast due to demand.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

October 8 saw Black Belt testings for students of Taekwon-Do from **Oregon** and **Washington** Mr. **David Mason** hosted. Pictures and news when made available to the Flash.

On October 9, a Black Belt test was held at **Big Dog Taekwon-Do**, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Participants in “**A Matter of Nerve: A Look at Pressure Points for Self-Defense**,” a seminar conducted by Master F.M. Van Hecke on October 8 in Marquette, Michigan, were **Mary Lubner, Jack Eibler, Chuck Giotto, Angela Giotto, Brian Sowers, Maureen Spiessl, James Portale, Max Spiessl, Nick Rintamaki, Sara Wisuri.**, and **Kory Miron**.

Congratulations are also in order for the **Marquette Taekwon-Do Club**, one of the oldest in the country, which on October 8 celebrated its 40th Anniversary. At a banquet held in Marquette, Michigan presided over by Mr. **Chuck Giotto**, Fourth Dan and U.P. State Director, Master F.M.



Oh, wow! **Brian Sowers** powers through seven boards and practically splits the holding machine on his way to his Fourth Dan at Marquette, Michigan. Below, the 40th Anniversary Cake of the **Marquette Taekwon-Do Club**. Test group photo and picture, page 4.





A USTF Class A Instructors Course, hosted by **Sereff TKD** was held October 1, 2011 Grand Master **Mike Winegar** instructed over 15 refresher students, 4th and 5th Dans plus five 6th Dans to certify. The class was a one full day event with work on 4th Dan and above patterns. Grand Master Winegar went through each pattern with precision and taught everyone with lots of enthusiasm! We will not have a USTF Class A Instructors course in Colorado each year like we have for the last 4 , but skip a year to let the students reach the 6th Dan level in order to

certify. Sr. Grand Master Sereff made a guest appearance and wished all well. Mr. **Ed Newcomer** had just flown in from Thailand where he has been working for the past several months. He needed this course in order to make all requirements needed for 7th Dan. Colorado, California, and Wyoming were all represented at this course.

Pictured above: 6th Dans certifying. Mr. **Paul White**, Dr. **Steven Stasiak**, Mr. **Newcomer**, Grand Master **Winegar**, Mr. **Montano** and Mr. **Sisco**.

At a test conducted at **Marquette Taekwon-Do**, Marquette, Michigan, on October 8, **Nick Rintamaki** tested for his Red Belt, Mr. **James Portale** and **Geog-Peter (Max) Spiessl** tested for their Second Dans, and Mr. **Brian Sowers** for his Fourth Dan. At the corner was Fourth Dan Mr. **Jack Eibler** and presiding were Master F.M. Van Hecke and Fifth Dan Mrs. **Mary Lubner** assisted. Pictured, at left, from the left, Master Van Hecke, Mr. Rintamaki, Mr. Spiessl, Mr. Eibler, Mr. Portale, Mr. Sowers, and Mrs. Lubner. The test coincided with the Fortieth Anniversary of Marquette Taekwon-Do.



Van Hecke read messages of commendation from Minnesota Director Dr. **Karen Larson**, Illinois Director Master **Braxton Miller**, Wisconsin Director **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Sr. Master **Earl Weiss**, Region 5 Director Dr. Steve Osborn, and Sr. Grand Master **Charles E. Sereff**. Master Van Hecke also presented the club with a framed Certificate of Congratulations from the

Association of Academies of Martial Arts, and presented a special recognition to one of the school's instructors, Ms. **B. Hilija Spiessl**, recognizing her warrior spirit.

On October 29, at Crystal Lake, Illinois, a combined Black Belt testing was conducted at the **School of Classical Taekwon-Do** and **The**



Photos. Above left, Adult Breaking Team Winners. Right, Junior Breaking Team Winners.

Photo below: The Grand Champs, a Gender Sweep! Bringing home the metal goods and posing with the Sr. Grand Master. Could it ever be better?



Sir:

October 16th, Sr. Grand Master Sereff and Sereff Taekwon Do hosted the Championship at Broomfield High School.

*Along with competition in sparring and pattern, we offered Adult and Junior breaking teams. The adult teams consisted of 5 members, at least one woman and one color belt. The junior teams could be any age any gender. There were 8 adult teams and 6 junior competing for medals. The Junior team winners were 1st place, **Maestas Taekwon Do**, 2nd place, **Trinity Taekwon Do** and the 3rd place was **Sereff Taekwon Do**. The adult team winners were 1st place **Maestas Taekwon Do**, 2nd place **Kirksville Taekwon Do**, and 3rd place **De Baca Taekwon Do**. Congratulations to all!*

*The Grand Champions of this event were all ladies this year. Adult color belt Grand Champion was **Leslie Robinson** from Wyoming. Junior color belt Grand Champion was **Kira Donahue**, 6th Gup from Sereff Taekwon Do. Adult Black Belt Grand Champion (she turned 16 this year!) was **Rebecca Rosenblum** from Sereff Taekwon Do and the Junior Black Belt Grand Champion was **Kari Wernlein** from Thornton Taekwon Do. We had brought 2 girl figures for the top of the trophies just in case and were surprised we needed two more!*

Grand Master Renee Sereff



The **Academy of Martial Arts Sheboygan Falls** Wisconsin took part in the annual Relay For Life Cancer Walk in July. Led by Mr. **Mark Johnson** our team was able to exceed our goal of \$3,000. Our break-a-thon in March, Dunk tank at the Kohler Picnic and the walk donations raised \$3,109 for a very worthy cause. Thanks to all those that donated and participated.

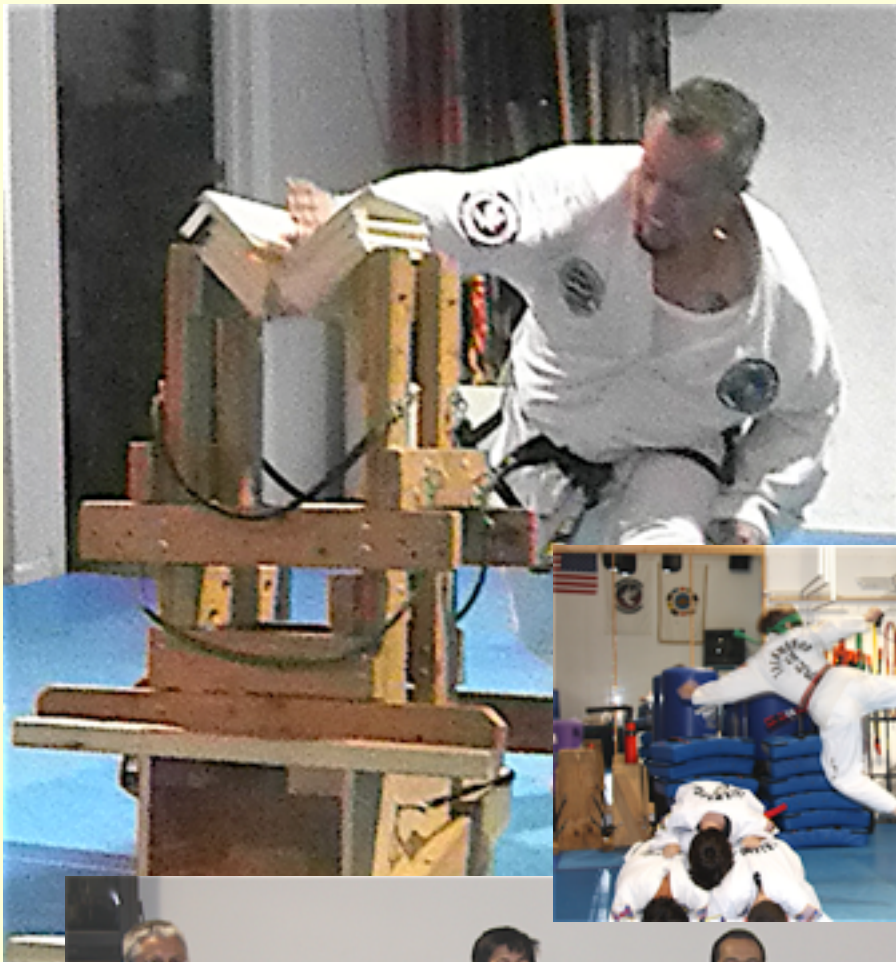
Submitted by **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Wisconsin State Director

In the picture-

1st row: **Sydney Johnson, Natalie Johnson, Caale Karpinsky, Rosalia Johnson**; 2nd row: **Jacob Richards, Noah Jacoby, Michelle Kelly**, Mrs. Karpinsky - IV Dan, Mr. **Jacoby**, Mrs. **Caren Johnson** - III Dan, **Madisen Kelly** and Friend; 3rd row: Mr. **Mark Johnson** - II Dan, Mrs. **Jacoby**; 4th row: Mr. & Mrs. **Richards**, Mr. **Ed Girdaukas** - III Dan, Mr. **Marc Mikkelson**- III Dan, Dan Kelly

Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin. Presiding wer Master **Braxton Miller** and Master F.M. Van Hecke. Congratulations are in order for new First Dans Mrs. **Aida Carrillo**, Mrs. **Jennifer Drozt**, Mssrs. **Skylar Clow** and **Matthew Drozt**. Further congratulations to new Second Dans Mrs. **Gigi Liverette**, Mr. **James Mough**, and Miss **Jasara Clow**. And to new Fourth Dan **Paul Hebein**, Master Van Hecke's student. Black Belts from both schools assisted and/or did "sectional tests" and demonstrations.

At a post-test banquet hosted by Master Miller, students read selected portions of their essays and described their community service. Master Van Hecke singled out for Best Test Commendations from among the First Dan candidates Mr. Matthew Drozt, and among the Second Dan candidates Miss Jasara Clow. Photographs from the test are found on the next page, photo credits to Second Dan Miss Chris Langlois.



Photos from the Crystal Lake Black Belt Test: Left Mr. Paul Hebein with reverse knifehand downward strike, center right Mr. Matthew Drozt jumps over three of his fellows to break with side piercing kick, and, bottom, the test group assembled with Masters Miller and Van Hecke as book ends.

