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COMING EVENTS

On December 1 there will be a Black Belt Test conducted at **Burning Phoenix TaeKwon-Do** in Sale Lake City, The event's Promoter will be Mrs. **Heather Gemmell**. Good luck to all participants!

The indefatigable Dr. **Steve Osborn**, Region 5 Director, will teach a USTF Referee Seminar at **Big Dog Taekwon-Do, Grand Rapids, Michigan**, on December 2. The Promoter is Mrs. **Marianne Armstrong**.

Alaska. Black Belt Test. December 7. Mr. **Guy Williams**, Promoter. O.K., who says I can't write like Mickey Spillane?

On December 9 the Academy of Martial Arts, **Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin**, will hold a Black Belt Test. The Promoter is Wisconsin State Director Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, the Presider Master F.M. Van Hecke.

December 8th there will be a Ho Sin Sul Weapons Course at **Lakeshore Taekwon-Do**, Vancouver, Washington. Mr. **Brandon**



On Saturday, October 20, 2012 **Inferno Taekwon-Do** held its first ever black belt testing in **Ohio**! Mr. **Steven Britt** tested for his 1st Dan, along with Mrs. **Heidi Titus** for her 1st Gup, Mr. **Ethan Kramer** for his 6th Gup, and Ms. **Natalie Hunnaman** had her first ever testing for 9th Gup! Brought in to conduct the testing was Ohio State Director Mr. **Ronald Britt**, VI Dan. Founder and head instructor for Inferno Taekwon-Do is Mr. **Larry Kaiser**, USTF 4-655. A picture page on page 4. But here, to whet your appetite, Mr. Steve Britt takes out some wood.



On October 27 Mr. **Troy Spielbauer** tested at Grafton, Wisconsin, for his First Dan Black Belt. Pictured, from left, seated, Fifth Dan **Mary Lubner**, Master F.M. Van Hecke, and Mr. **James Pals**. From left, standing, Mr. Spiebauer, Mr. **Mike Herzfeld** (Corner), Mr. **Nick Morales** (Sponsor), Mr. **Josh Locklair** and Mr. **Matthew Thur**.

Stoppani will conduct the course. Mr. **Dan Crossman** is the Promoter.

On January 8 of next year **Centerline Martial Arts**, Walla Walla, **Washington**, will have a Black Belt testing. Mr. Mike **Glencross** is the Promoter.

HAPPENINGS

[The Editor notes that references to events as having occurred is predicated on third party sources.]

November 10, **USTF-Utah Championship**, Salt Lake City. The Promoter was USTF-Utah. The Tournament Director was Master **William Dubbeld**. Serving as Chief Referee was Mr. **Chris Wadium**. Hopefully we will have pictures and commentary in the next issue.

Also on November 3, a Region 6 Black Belt test was presided over by Sr. Master **Bill Stephenson** in Missouri. Hopefully we will have pictures and commentary in the next issue.

On November 10 **Big Dog Taekwon-Do** of Grand Rapids, **Michigan**, held a Black Belt Test. Mrs. **Marianne Armstrong** was the Promoter. Hopefully we will have pictures and commentary in the next issue.

Concord School of Taekwon-Do hosted its annual **New England Regional Invitational Tournament** on Saturday, November 10th in Concord MA. Hopefully we will have pictures and commentary in the next issue.

November 17 there was a Black Belt test, in **Salt Lake City**. Promoter, **USTF-Utah**. Hopefully we will have pictures and commentary in the next issue.

Also on November 17, Master **David Mason**, Region 1 Director, and **Mountain View Taekwon-Do**, hosted a Black Belt testing in **Battle Ground, Washington**. Sr. Master **Art Schoonover** presided. Hopefully we will have pictures and commentary in the next issue.

November 18 there was a Black Belt grading at Secret Youth Center in **Arvada, Colorado**.



Left: Mr. **Shawn Carter**, on his way to First Dan Black Belt, smashes through concrete tiles. Right: Mr. **Zack Cochran** makes short work of a heckuva lotta lumber on his way to Second Dan. Pictures from the Axe Taekwon-Do Black Belt test in Nebraska November 15. Article and additional picture on page 6.

The **Concord School of TKD** hosted Senior Master **Louis Reyes** on October 14th for a USTF Referee Course. Students from several schools in the Boston area attended and tested for Class C and Class B Referee status. Several were completing requirements for promotion, and will test for I Dan in November or in May. All have participated, as competitors or as Timekeepers or Scorekeepers, in recent tournaments hosted by Concord TKD. SM Reyes went over tournament rules, the point system, and scoring in detail for the participants, and demonstrated Referee calls and proper ring etiquette. Thank you, SM Reyes, for an excellent class once again! --Submitted by Flash Stringer Roselyn Romberg. (Photo, right.)





A few pictures from the **Inferno Taekwon-Do** Black Belt test in Ohio, October 20. Above, the color belts await their cue. From left to right, Mrs. **Heidi Titus** testing for 1st Gup, Mr. **Ethan Kramer** testing for 6th Gup, and **Natalie Hunnamen** in her very first testing for 9th Gup. Left, **Mr. Steven Britt**, the newest 1st Dan in Ohio, and the proud instructor to his right is **Mr. Larry Kaiser, IV Dan**. This is Mr. Kaiser's very first black belt under him!! Right, Mrs. Heidi Titus soars in the air as she tucks for a 180 Reverse hook kick during her 1st Gup testing.





Photos: left, Sanjit Bhat, Satish Bhat; right, first row, Kevin O’Neil, Jillian O’Neil, back row, Grace, Ed, and Stephanie. --Submitted by Roselyn Romberg.

Since its founding, Taekwon-Do has emphasized community, commitment, and mutual support among the fundamentals of our Art. Families that train together exemplify these qualities – and have a lot of fun in the bargain!



The New England region is proud of the number of families that come up through the ranks together. For several years, proud father **Satish Bhat** chaperoned son **Sanjit** (11) at tournaments around the US and in Canada, until Dad began training himself. Siblings **Stephanie** (18) and **Kevin** (10) **O’Neil** started training several years ago, then convinced sister **Grace** (15) to join in. This year, sister **Jillian** (13) donned a Dobok, too. Soon, all four convinced their father, **Ed**, to train with them. (Now they’re working on Mom, an athlete already, so watch this space!)

The **USTF Class B Instructor Course** held at Sereff Taekwon Do, Broomfield Colorado included participants from Wyoming, Utah, Alaska, Georgia and Colorado. Grand Master **Mike Winegar** taught a very informative and updated class and helped all to achieve this level. Some instructors run a good class and Grand Master Winegar teaches a very good class! We finished 9 patterns on Saturday, which was a record! Sunday the jump kicks and philosophy Were completed and the tests were given about 3 hours early. We are happy to announce all passed this level of Instructor.--Submitted by Grand Master Renee Sereff, Flash Stringer



Region Three Promotion Test

by Master Ricky Todd, Region III Director

Axe Taekwon-Do recently held its last testing for 2012. Due to the number of people testing we split the testing into two different nights. Those testing for Green Belt Blue Stripe through 2nd Degree Black Belt tested on **T h u r s d a y**, November 15th and the remainder of the class tested on **T u e s d a y**, November 20th. The testing was at **A x e Taekwon-Do** located at Offutt Air Force Base in **Bellevue, Nebraska**.

Thirty-eight students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow Stripe through 2nd Degree Black Belt. The testing candidates ranged from in age from 6 years old to over 50 years old. The testing board was composed of Master **Ricky Todd VII** Dan, USTF Region 3 Director, Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, 6th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director and Ms. **April Bowling**, 4th Dan.

Promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belt was Mr. **Zack Cochran** and to 1st Degree Black Belt was Mr. **Shawn Carter**. These students displayed excellent skills in all areas as required by the USTF testing requirements. These new black belt promotions brings our Axe TKD group up to 22 active black belts in class.

Other promotions were: To Red Belt Black Stripe - Ms. **Samantha Seaman**, Mr. **Darell Kodad** and Mr. **Daniel James**; Red Belt - Mr. **Don Duralia**; Blue Belt - Ms. **Lauren Seaman**, Mr. **Joseph Seaman**, Mr. Nathan **Hansen**, Mr. **William Duralia**, Ms. **Gabrielle Jocson**, Mrs. **Angelique Jocson**, Ms. **Samantha Jocson**, Ms. **Brianna Grant**, Mr. **Tom Grant** and Mr. **Daniel Cook**; Green Belt

Blue Stripe - Mr. **Robert Cordoza**, Mr. **Pablo Chavez**, Mr. **Sean Ede** and Ms. **Charmaine Jocson**. Green Belt - Ms. **Staci Chamberlin**, and Ms. **Rhorie Nichols**; Yellow Belt Green Stripe - Mr. **Jayden Broadway**, Mrs. **Sheila Duralia**, Ms. **Sarah Duralia**, Mr. **Tristan Jones**, and Mr. **Ethan Kenoyer**; Yellow Belt - Mr. **Wyatt Broadway**, Mr. **Karl Kenoyer**, and Mr. **Randall Kim**; White Belt Yellow Stripe - Mr. **Cameron Baker**, Mr. **Christopher Baker**, Ms. **Zahra Brown**, Ms. **Remi Cimatoribus**, Mr. **Cody Gaines**, Mr. **Collin Sauley**, Ms. **Jayden Turnipseed** and Mr. **Brian Kim**.

We also celebrated the return of Mr. **Patrick Finan**, III Dan, USTF Armed Forces Director from his one year remote tour to Korea. During his tour in Korea Mr. Finan continued to teach USTF Taekwon-Do to military students. Mr. Finan is once again back in the Axe TKD class.



From left: Master Ricky Todd, new First Dan Mr. Shawn Carter, new 2nd Dan Mr. Zack Cochran, 4th Dan Ms. April Bowling, and Mr. Kevin Bushor. 6th Dan.



Senior Master **Louis Reyes** conducted a Black Belt patterns seminar at the **Concord School of TKD** on October 28. Students worked their way from Kwang-Gae through Juche. SM Reyes explained the history and meaning of each pattern, and demonstrated technical elements. Stances, blocks, kicks, and punches all came under detailed scrutiny. Each student had an opportunity to demonstrate particular pattern elements and combinations before the group. Participants joined from schools around **New England**, several in preparation for upcoming Black Belt tests next month and this spring.

Frank Gentile, III Dan, trains at the **Concord School of Taekwondo-Do** in Massachusetts. By day, Frank is a venture capitalist whose projects include bringing two major cancer drugs that now have FDA approval to market. Mr. Gentile is a spirited student, a fierce competitor in the sparring ring, and referees at New



England tournaments sponsored by the school. Most of his colleagues at the DoJang, who might describe of Frank as "tough" and "intense," would be surprised to know that he has another, gentler, life. Frank serves as a Bishop in the Mormon Church, ministering to one of the largest congregations in New England and helping to oversee nearly two dozen missionaries around the world. Left, Bishop Gentile training; right, Frank and his wife Erin in front of the chapel where he serves. --Submitted by Roselyn Romberg.

