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ERRATA

In the February issue we proudly announced the addition of Mr. **Scott Saccareccia**, Oregon State Director, to our excellent staff of Stringers. In keeping with the Editor's low journalistic standing we butchered the spelling of his name, which we hereby correct with apologies, and promise to do better by this excellent addition in future.

COMING EVENTS

Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman** will teach a USTF Referee Course at Offutt Air Force Base March 2.

A color belt test is expected at Sereff TKD on March 12.

The **Maestas Team Challenge**, always a great competition, will be March 23 in Arvada, Colorado.

Mr. **Jerry Sisco** will act as instructor for a Referee Course to be held at Rock Springs, Wyoming, on March 23. Sr. Master Stan Martin is the Promoter.



Submitted by Flash Stringer Mr. Scott Saccareccia

On January 5th **Centerline Martial Arts & Fitness** in Walla Walla, Washington conducted a black belt test. Head Instructors Mr. **Mike Glencross** 4th Dan and Mr. **Dale Hutcherson** 4th Dan hosted 8th Dan Senior Master **Art Schoonover** who presided. Mr. **Craig Craddock** 6th Dan, and Ms. **Connie Kramberg** 3rd Dan also traveled to Walla Walla to support the testing.

Candidates testing successfully: Mr. **Andrew Glencross** for 3rd Dan, Mr. **Reid Reininger** for 2nd Dan, and Mr. **Andrew Platner** for 1st Dan.

The Concord School of Taekwon-Do hosted an Advanced Color Belt seminar for the New England region on Sunday, 3 February 2013. Senior Master **Louis Reyes** presided, taken students through patterns from Won-Hyo to Hwa-Rang. Here, Senior Master Reyes corrects Red Stripe **Arrad Sagee** on aspects of palm pressing block.

--Submitted by
Roselyn Romberg



On April 6 and 7 there will be a **USTF Instructor "C" course**. These are taught by Grand Master **Mike Winegar** and are rated "A-1" by YHE. You can't teach if you don't know in the first place, and you can't teach teachers until you really, really know. Registration by March 6. This will be held at Casper, Wyoming. Contact Martin's Casper TKD.

March 23 brings a USTF Referee Course to **Mountain View Taekwon-Do** in Battle Ground, Washington.

A USTF Referee Course will be held at **Concord School of Taekwon-Do**, Concord, Massachusetts, on April 7.

On April 13 fro 12:00 to 3:00 there will be a USTF Membership Workout in **Denver**, Colorado at Turnverein Hall, 1570 17th Street.

Questions? Contact HQ, 1-303-466-4963.

The **Region One Championship Tournament**, Promoter Master **David Mason**, will be April 13 at LaCenter Middle School, LaCenter, Washington.

On April 20 a combined Black Belt and Color Best Testing will be held for 3 schools in **Rock Springs**, Wyoming.

On May 4 the **5th Annual Spring Classic Tournament** will be held in Grafton, **Wisconsin**. The Tournament Director will be Sixth Dan **Rick Bauman**, the Chief Referee Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Wisconsin State Director.

The **Northeast Challenge Tournament** will be held on Sunday, May 5, 2013 in Concord Massachusetts (Boston). Come one, come all!

The **Sixth Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament** will be held on May 18 at Offutt Youth Center, Bellevue,



On December 28th 2012, a black belt ceremony was held at **Mountain View Martial Arts & Fitness** by Master **David Mason**. Mountain View has had a tradition to present all new black belts with not only their new belt, but also a samurai sword. Receiving belts and swords at this ceremony were, Ms. **Connie Kramberg** 3rd Dan, Mr. **Michael Sonners** 2nd Dan, Mr. **Michael Clark** 1st Dan, Ms. **Lynette Haney** 1st Dan, and Ms. **McKenna Haney** 1st Dan.

--Submitted by 6th Dan Scott Saccareccia

Nebraska. Contact: Master Rick Todd at ustfneb@cox.net or Mr. Kevin Bushor at kbushor@cox.net. Master **Dustin Stephenson** is Tournament Director, Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, Chief Referee, Master **Ricky Todd**, Promoter, Ms. **April Bowling**, Tournament Coordinator.

And also on May 18th, the 2013 USTF-UTAH ANNUAL UTAH CUP TOURNAMENT. Salt Lake City. Questions? Contact Mr. Chris Wadium, cwadium@yahoo.com

A Black Belt/Gup Testing will be conducted at Bellevue, Nebraska May 28.

June 1 is the date for USTF-Utah's 2013 Spring Black Belt Testing in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Black Belt Testing, June 8, Mountain View Taekwon-Do, Battle Ground, Washington.

June 11 is a fine time for a color belt test at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

Set aside June 22 and 23 for **USTF Nationals 2013**. Preregistration deadline will be June 1.

Weigh-ins on the 21st of June at Sereff Taekwon-Do. This is THE tournament of 2013. Gup level competition will also be available. For additional information, contact HQ.

The 2013 USTF-UTAH SUMMER WEEKEND TKD CAMP will be held August 2 through 4 at East Canyon State Park in Morgan, Utah.

Master **Ricky Todd**, always thinking ahead, has scheduled a Testing event at Offutt Air Force Base on August 20.

On September 7 there will be a Black Belt test at Sereff TKD, followed by a gup test on the 10th.

September 7 and 8, Grand Master **Mike Winegar** will teach one of his very excellent **USTF Class B Instructor Courses** at **Mountain View Martial Arts & Fitness**. Master **David Mason** is the Promoter. Battle Ground, Washington.

On September 14, the **Fourteenth Annual Wyoming Invitational Tournament** will be held in Casper, Wyoming.

Look for the 2013 **USTF-UTAH State Championship Tournament** November 2 in Salt Lake City.

On November 16 USTF -UTAH will hold its 2013 Fall Black Belt Testing.

On November 23, look for the Region 1 Black Belt Test at Mountain View Taekwon-Do, Battle Ground, Washington, Promoter Master David Mason.

And on November 26 one can expect a Black Belt and Gup Promotion Testing at Bellevue, Nebraska under the guidance of Master **Ricky Todd**.



On January 17th, 2013 Mr. **Mike Glencross** 4th Dan Head Instructor at **Centerline Martial Arts & Fitness** in Walla Walla, Washington, conducted a colored belt testing for 15 candidates.

The following candidates successfully promoted to their new ranks: **Abigail Platner** 4th Gup Blue Belt; **Audrey Denman** 5th Gup Blue Stripe; **Colton Doering** - 6th Gup Green Belt; **Sawyer Keep** - 6th Green Belt; **Able Garcia** - 7th Gup Green Stripe; **Trenton Mangarero** - 7th Gup Green Stripe; **Jonathan Rasch** - 7th Gup Green Stripe; **Roberto Rodriguez** - 7th Gup Green Stripe; **Sharron McDowell** - 8th Gup Yellow Belt; **Justin Chung** - 8th Gup Yellow Belt; **Dax Guthrie** - 8th Gup Yellow Belt; **Alyssa Chung** - 8th Gup Yellow Belt; **AJ Mangarero** - 8th Gup Yellow Belt; **Jahmal Mangarero** - 8th Gup Yellow Belt; **Marcus Hungerford** - 9th Gup Yellow Stripe

Congratulations to the newly promoted students at Centerline Martial Arts & Fitness!

--Submitted by Mr. Scott Saccareccia, Region One Director

Sir, Attached is a group photo from the black belt testing held at Big Dog Taekwon-Do on February 9, 2013. Mrs. Marianne Armstrong, IV Dan, hosted the test and in attendance were Senior Master Steadman who oversaw the testing and Dr. Steve Osborn, Region V State Director. The attached photo shows the new 3rd Dan, Ms. Katey Armstrong, new 2nd Dan, Ms. Kelise Vriesema, and new 1st Dan, Mr. George Carroll, along with many of the students who came to support them and observe or participate as partners in their testing.

Sharon Spungen, III Dan



HAPPENINGS

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

On 13 Nov 12 a color belt testing was held at **MTM TaeKwon-Do in Osan**, South Korea, by Mr. **Patrick Finan**, USTF Armed Forces Director. Ms. **Genevieve Armstrong** and Mr. **Seth Payne** were both promoted to 8th Gup Yellow Belt.

On February 21 there was a Black Belt and Gup Promotion Testing at Bellevue, Nebraska. Master **Ricky Todd** was the Promoter.

LETTERS

Master Van Hecke,

Another fine issue Sir. I especially like the forecasted events for people to plan ahead. Hopefully that will allow for better participation for everyone! Nice shout out to Master Todd also, who put the Nationals Tournament forms into a fillable PDF format for all to use. Nice job Sir!

Respectfully,

Sr. Master Gary Meek, VIII Dan



Little Samantha gets a lucky shot in on Second Dan Samantha Glasberg.

Students at the **Concord School of TKD** are in the habit of bringing younger siblings, many still in diapers and strollers, to watch classes at the DoJang. Many of these “Future Black Belts” join classes, when they come of age, following in their older siblings’ footsteps. Some, like precocious **Samantha Gabrielli** (3), insist on getting an early start. Donning her Size 000 DoBok and pink belt, Samantha loves to pad up and practice with brother **Michael** (Gup 5) and sister **Kaitlin** (Gup 4). Recently, she challenged Concord TKD Instructor **Samantha Glasberg**, II Dan (“Big Samantha”), to a sparring round, and then insisted on a match with Mr. **John Murphy**, VI Dan, head of the school. We’re betting “Little Samantha” has a great future on the tournament circuit in a few years!

Tom Gibbons, who tested for III Dan in November, heads up **Victory Taekwon-Do** in Albany NY. Tom regularly referees at NY/NE Regional tournaments, and coaches a great team of enthusiastic competitors who always medal at regional events. By day, Tom is a 17 year veteran with the Albany NY Police Department. He currently serves as a Patrol Sergeant in the South Station in downtown Albany. He and his wife, Patti, have two children. After hours, when he is not training or teaching TKD, Tom entertains himself running half-marathons, raising funds for favorite local charities and good causes. In the photo, Tom finishes the 2007 Adirondack Half-Marathon, which he ran to raise funds for Team in Training

Submitted by Roselyn Romberg,
Distinguished Flash Stringer



Sir:

On Saturday, February 16th, Concord School of TKD conducted its monthly Gup test. Testing for Yellow Stripe were **Bradley Myron, Edward O’Neil, Dexter Sterling Greer, Benjamin Mackey**, and siblings **Debra and Joseph Won**. Brothers **Jonathan Zhang and Michael Zhang** tested for Yellow Belt, along with **Daniel Krinsky, Yaxi Li, and Kevin Wang**. Testing for Green Stripe were **Daniel Angus-Kirstein, Gladys Manzira, and Tomas Maranga**. **Ryan Manzira** tested successfully for Green Belt, **Michael Donnelly** for Blue Belt, and **Alan Chen** for Red Stripe. Congratulations, all, on a great job! Right, Joseph Won; below, Jonathan Zhang breaks under the watchful eye of John Murphy, Sixth Dan; lower right, warming up.

Roselyn Romberg



CONTEST TIME

In addition to the annual summertime Children’s Taekwon-Do Art contest (to be announced soon) and the annual Stringer of the Year award, the Editorial Board of the TKD Flash has determined to expand opportunities for publication of the creative efforts of members of our Taekwon-Do family. After considerable debate and lengthy consideration, the following two contests are announced: **Best Article by a**

Non-Stringer, and **Best Photograph** (open to all). The former will be a single award, with possibility of Honorable Mentions, the latter will allow for a First, Second, and Third Place recognition. We may develop categories for photos. The contest year will run annually from issues 1 through 12 with results in the January issue of the following year. To be eligible for the photographic award, the photographer must be identified at time of the photo’s submission. Ready, Set, Go for 2013!