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Mr. Darell Kodad wins, tiles lose, at his First Dan test in Nebraska at Offutt AFB on August 17. Article on page 4.

THE COMPLAINT DESK

YHE apologizes to the readership. The Flash acknowledges that the September issue did not get out until the fifth of the month. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused our readers. In future we'll try to live more faithfully by the slogan, "Timely we ain't, but timely we shall be."

COMING EVENTS

Region 5 Director Dr. **Steve Osborn** has announced that Senior Master **Earl Weiss** will be teaching a hosin sul level one course that will lead to USTF certification. The course will take place on Saturday, October 5 in Cadillac, Michigan in the Mackinaw Trail Middle School gymnasium.

On the same date, Sr. Master Earl Weiss will preside at a Fifth Dan testing for Ms. **Valerie Dodds** in Cadillac.

On Sunday, October 6th **Concord TKD** will host a regional Interschool Tournament at its DoJang. Gups from all New England schools, up to age 15, will compete in patterns and sparring in this fun “practice” tournament. Newly promoted Class C Referees will have opportunities to practice judging and refereeing. Advanced students will offer pattern exhibitions and sparring rounds filled with “surprises” intended to entertain the audience and test the skills of the Referees (always creative and a lot of fun!). For information on attending or competing, contact Mr. **John Murphy**, VI Dan, at info@concorditftkd.com or 978-369-1909.

The **Sereff Taekwon-Do Championships** will be held at Broomfield, Colorado on October 20.

On October 28 there will be a gup level test at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin.

Look for the 2013 **USTF-UTAH State Championship Tournament** November 2 in Salt Lake City. Excellent officiating, excellent opportunity to compete.

On Saturday, November 9th **Concord TKD** will host its annual Invitational Tournament in Concord MA. Schools from around New England, plus guests from Canada and New York, will participate in this popular event. USTF schools may contact Mr. John Murphy, VI Dan, at info@concorditftkd.com or 978-369-1909 for information on attending or competing.

On November 9 Grand Master **Mike Winegar** will conduct a USTF Class A Instructor Course at Sereff Taekwon-Do, Broomfield, Colorado. YHE has at this point attended two Class A courses, two Class B courses, and three Class C courses with



Sir:

Here are some photos from the September 11 Third Dan testings of Mr Sam Dodds and Mr. Dave Glendenning. This was held in Cadillac, Michigan, and presided over by Regional Director Dr. Steve Osborn. Left, Mr. Dodds does two-direction kick, and right, Mr. Glendenning demonstrates reverse hook kick. Hope you can use them.



Val Dodds, 4th Dan

the same instructor, which ought to indicate YHE's perception of their value.

On November 16 **USTF -UTAH** will hold its **2013 Fall Black Belt Testing**. USTF-UTAH continues to lead the way.

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

On Sunday, November 24th, Senior Master **Louis Reyes** will conduct the **New England Region's** all-schools Black Belt test at Concord TKD.

On November 26 one can expect a Black Belt and Gup Promotion Testing at Bellevue,

Nebraska under the able guidance of Master **Ricky Todd**.

The **First Annual Berkshire Invitational** tournament will be hosted this coming winter by **Berkshire School of Taekwon-Do**, with promotional and logistical support from Concord TKD. The New England Traveling Referee team, made up of Class C, B, and A Referees from around the region, will provide judges, timekeepers, scorekeepers, and bracketers for the event. Watch for date and registration information, coming this fall!

There will be a USTF Referee Course at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on January 25.

A tentative USTF Instructor "C" course will be February 8 and 9 in Broomfield.

Concord TKD conducted a Gup test on Saturday, 21 September. Testing successfully for Gup Nine Yellow Stripe were **Abigail Che**, **Mathew Logan**, and **Marian Marange**,



and for Gup Eight Yellow Belt were **Shivam Garg**, **Mwebaze Kalisa**, and sisters **Neha Shah** and **Riya Shah**. **Rachael Turkington** tested for Gup Seven Green Stripe, and **Elise Mashimo** for Gup Three Red Stripe. Ten candidates tested

successfully this month for Gup Six Green Belt, including TKD Moms **Lee-Ann Donnelly** and **Dan Zou**, sibling pairs **Jonathan and Michael Zhang** and **Alissa and Alex Horton**, **Sunny Wan**, "Giggle Pals" **Olivia Durante** and **Amelia Pillar**, and **Tomas Marange**, brother of newly promoted Yellow Stripe Marian. Congrats to all! Photos--Left: S. Wan throws M. Zhang. Right: T. Marange spars Green Belt helper **D. Angus-Kirshstein**. -- Submitted by Roselyn Romberg, Distinguished Flash Stringer.





Sir:

On Saturday, August 17th, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at **Offutt Air Force Base** in **Bellevue, Nebraska** hosted a quarterly testing. The testing board was composed of Master **Ricky Todd VII Dan**, **USTF Region 3 Director**, Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, **6th Dan**, **USTF Nebraska State Director**, Ms. **April Bowling**, **4th Dan** and Mr. **Patrick Finan**, **4th Dan**, **USTF Armed Forces Director**.

Promoted to **1st Degree Black Belt** were Mr. **Darell Kodad** and Ms. **Samantha Seaman**.

The following gups were also promoted: **Red Belt: Robert Cardoza**. **Blue Belt Red Stripe: Staci Chamberlin**. **Green Belt: Jessica Hollinger, Jayden Turnipseed, Emily Hollinger, Brian Kim and Cody Gaines**. **Yellow Belt Green Stripe: Zahra Brown**. **Yellow Belt: Caleb Allen**.

The class enjoyed a promotion dinner later at a local Mexican restaurant to recognize their hard work and accomplishments. Since 1988, **USTF Taekwon-Do** has been taught to both military and non military students at the **Offutt Air Force Base Youth Center**. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.axetkd.com> or facebook at **AXE Taekwon-Do**.

Master *Ricky J. Todd*

Photos: top and center, Ms. Seaman, below, the testing group and, seated, their distinguished presiding Board.



Sir:

I'd like to tell you about our September 7 Black Belt test at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

When the group is small, it is easier to see just how much the test means to each and everyone! Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff**, Grand Master **R. Sereff**, Sr. Master **Bob Haynes**, Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman** and Mr. **Barney Montano** sat on this test board and we all enjoyed the group reaching their goals. At the age of 48, Mr. **Gregory Shain** tested up to V Dan. 69 year old Mr. **Oracio Ben Lopez** tested up to IV Dan after years of training on the Western Slope in Colorado. Mr. **Tim Parker** at age 65 completed his journey to II Dan as well as Mr. **Kenny Doung**, age 17. **Brianna Winkler** started as a tiny little girl, gave up the fight for a while and decided to continue her training and reach her goal of I Dan Black Belt at the age of 13.

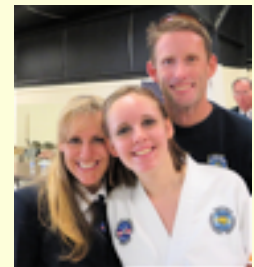
General Choi and Sr. Grand Master Sereff always taught that Taekwon Do was for every age, and ability. Brianna Winkler was awarded "Best Pattern," and Kenny Doung "Best Ho Sin Sool" with partners **Kevin Doung** and **Justin Phu**,

Congratulations to all!

G.M. Renee Sereff, Flash Stringer



Left, the testing group at Sereff TKD on September 7. Below, Brianna Winkler and proud parents.



Sereff TKD will have a Black Belt Test and Masters Test on March 15.

And block out those calendars for Sereff World Camp, YMCA of the Rockies Winter Park, June 22 through 27.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Mr. **John Murphy**, VI Dan, and Mr. **Karl Huffman**, V Dan, presided over Gup Tests at Concord School of Taekwon-Do on Saturdays July 20th and August 24th. **Thomas Brown** successfully tested for Gup 9 Yellow Stripe only days before moving to South Carolina, where he plans to continue training. Testing for Gup 8 Yellow Belt were brothers **Maxwell** and

Alexander Kim, and siblings **Andrew**, **Joshua**, and **Anna Pak**, along with siblings **Ryan Pillar** and **Sanjana Kadiyala**. Testing for Gup 6 Green Belt were **Daniel Angus-Kirstein**, **Eli Holmes**, and **Gladys Manzira**, whose brother **Ryan Manzira** tested successfully for Gup 5 Blue Stripe along with Mr. **Thomas Quirk**. Another sibling pair, **Michelle** and **Laurie Chen**, tested for Gup 4 Blue Belt, as did Mr. **Inesh Pandi**. **Alwin Jin**, who sometimes trains with mother **Dan Zhou**, and **Stephanie O'Neil** (who is one of five family members at CTKD!) both tested successfully for Gup 2 Red Belt. --Roselyn Romberg, Ace Stringer

There was a a gup test on September 10th at Sereff TKD.

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

There was a Black Belt Test at **Inferno Taekwon-Do** in Ohio on September 14. Promoter Mr. **Larry Kaiser**, Presider Mr. **Ronald Britt**.

Mr. **Chuck Giotto**, U.P. Michigan State Director, hosted a referee seminar on September 28 in Marquette, Michigan. The instructor was Dr. **Steve Osborn**.

As This year Flash will award prizes for **Best Article by a Non-Stringer** and **Best Photograph** (open to all). The “closing date” for the competition will be the publication date of the December issue.

The text is called *Bugei no jo*, which means "Introduction to Martial Arts" and is dated to the 15th year of Tenpo (1844). Written for samurai students about to learn *Takenouchi-ryū*, a martial arts system, it would have prepared students for the challenges awaiting them.

"These techniques of the sword, born in the age of the gods, had been handed down through divine transmission. They form a tradition revered

by the world, but its magnificence manifests itself only when one's knowledge is ripe," part of the text reads in translation. "When [knowledge] is mature, the mind forgets about the hand, the hand forgets about the sword," a level of skill that few obtain and which requires a calm mind." From Livescience, "19th Century Samurai Text Deciphered" by Owen Jarus (August 2013)

A LETTER

Greetings SGM Sereff and GM Sereff:

Hope you are both well.

I really, really enjoyed SGM's note on loyalty. That was so well said and I was so glad to hear you say it. I know for certain that the two of you have forgiven me for countless stupid things I've done. If it means anything or helps just a little, I am very grateful for everything you've done for the art and for me, personally. I pass along all of your lessons and technical expertise as best I can, to whomever I can, and whenever I can.

On another note, remember the incident I was involved in around Christmas? I believe SGM Sereff wanted to submit my summary to the newsletter. I asked to hold off while charges against my assailant were fresh and now time has passed.

“Last December, I was at my sister's house for the holidays where members of my Colorado family and I met to celebrate. On Sunday



From the Nationals Gup Tournament: left, back piercing kick; right, ready to go; below, intensity. Credits: Terry Bauman



the 30th, we piled into my car to take my sister and mom to the airport. On the way we were sideswiped on the highway. Since the driver failed to stop, I followed him to get his license plate. While my sister was on the phone with police, the driver exited the freeway. I continued to follow. He eventually drove to a small parking lot and stopped. I carefully approached him so that I could get his driver's license and hold on to it until the police could catch up to us. He got out of his car, denied hitting my car and tried to leave so he could, in his words, "go to work." I could tell from his demeanor and the odor of alcohol he was intoxicated. This is where it turned ugly.

"Although I was off duty and unarmed, I decided that I couldn't allow this person to get back into a car and continue driving. As a federal agent, I don't normally arrest drunk drivers. I identified myself as law enforcement and told him he needed to wait with me for the airport police.

"When he continued toward his car, I put a gentle escort hold on his arm and pulled him back. He immediately started to resist and to turn toward me. I then executed an arm bar takedown and took him to the ground. Despite his impaired state, he put up a pretty good fight. I got his right arm pinned to the ground with my right knee and held his head on the ground with my left hand. He continued to try to fight. I utilized a pressure point and he finally put his other arm out and appeared to be cooperating.

"In hindsight, I should have kept him there until reinforcements came but my training kept ringing in my ears that it's important to put handcuffs on people as soon as possible. I

happened to have a pair of flexible handcuffs in my pocket so I tried to reposition his arm to a controlled position. At that moment he went from compliant to completely crazed and somehow rolled toward me and tried to tangle me up for a ground fight.

"I sprang up to my feet and he came up pretty fast. I easily dodged a sloppy (but surprisingly fast) arcing punch and immediately kicked him in the solar plexus with a front snap kick. He staggered back about ten feet.

"As I moved forward again to try to take him down to the ground, he recovered and started to reach under his jacket toward his rear waistband. I immediately kicked him again. That ended the situation and he was arrested for hit and run, DUI, and assault. It turned out he did not have a weapon. Regardless, it always seems like the reinforcements get there as soon as the fight is over."

This incident occurred within months of my 7th Dan test and just a few weeks after I returned from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center where I attended a control tactics instructor refresher. I was very pleased at how easily and naturally my reactions came -- which is a testament to the importance of always being prepared through constant training. It could have been much worse. It was good awareness, good balance, good reactions, and, most important of all, good TKD skills that saved the day.

Ed

(Ed Newcomer, 7th Dan, USTF California State Director)



From USTF Nationals, two more of Terry Bauman's gems: left, "The Team," right, "Don't mess with her."





Family Taes

by Roselyn Romberg

Concord School of TKD is proud to welcome the latest Black Belt into the Mashimo family. Sister Elise, Gup III Red Stripe, and father Hiroshi and older brother Bryce, both I Dans, pose with younger brother Kent, who promoted to I Dan mid-May under Senior Master Louis Reyes and Mr. John Murphy, VI Dan. All four members of the Mashimo clan are enthusiastic competitors and referees at New England tournaments. Concord TKD eagerly awaits Elise’s test for Black Belt, coming soon!



“Secret Life of Dans” – David Taylor

By Roselyn Romberg, YHS

David Taylor, III Dan, trains regularly at the Concord

School of TKD under Mr. John Murphy, VI Dan. David is a regular figure at tournaments throughout the New England Region, judging pattern and breaking competitions and acting as Center Referee for sparring events. A software engineer by day, David, with his wife and daughter, rescues and cares for dachshunds (by the car load!). Left, David in action; right, a photo of David with his latest “pack”:

