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Sir, we were incredibly fortunate and honored to have a visit from Senior Master **Kirk Steadman** the weekend of July 18-20th. He oversaw the testings of Mr. **Glenn Bulhuis** to 1st Dan, Mr. **Adam Sweemer** to 2nd Dan, and Mr. **Aaron Dull** to 3rd Dan on Friday evening, led a referee course (see attached photo) for a very happy group of new and renewing participants on Saturday before a very well attended celebratory dinner, and trained with a great big bunch of **Big Dog TKD** students (somewhere around 25 or so) on Sunday before heading back to Colorado. What an awesome time was had by all, Sir! We also thank our Regional Director, Dr. **Steve Osborn**, for bringing a few of his students and spending part of his weekend with us in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

--*Sharon Spungen*, 3rd Dan

ERRATA

Our apologies to Mr. **Jake Weiss** and Mr. **Ryan Swing**, who tested successfully to Third Dan on June 21 at National Taekwon-Do, Skokie, Illinois. The Flash failed to make proper note of their considerable achievement in the last issue.

THE WINNERS

Once again, the Arts & Graphics Committee of the Flash Editorial Board met to discharge its yearly duties to the entrants in the **Annual TKD Kids' Art Contest**. Last year the Committee labored long into the night, fiercely debating the many entries. This year the process was a bit more orderly, Conference Room 1432 at the Flash Tower having been reserved commencing early on

a Saturday morning when the usual busy hum of our Editorial offices was quieter. Special thanks are in order to Mr. Malcom Blaschritt, secretary to the committee, for his many kindnesses, providing muffins galore and gushers of coffee throughout the ordeal, which wrapped up at about five p.m. Thank you, Mal!

Special thanks are given to all those from around the U.S. who took pen, pencil, or crayon in hand to produce wonderful artwork. They all deserve credit, but, as you know, we are limited to first, second and third places and a limited honorable mention group and could publish only a fraction of these many works of art.

Commentary appended to the artwork was provided by Professor Hanson Foote Grieveldinger of L'Ecole Des Beaux-Arts, Faux Falls, Ohio.



Shay Jones, a seven-year-old Yellow Belt from **Fairbanks TKD** in Alaska depicts a beautifully detailed dragon in a pine forest. First Place. Super job!



Second Place was awarded to **Staci Chamberlin**. Staci is a black stripe, 12 year old student of **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Nebraska. Pony-tail Power!

COMING EVENTS

The **15th Annual Wyoming Invitational** Tournament will be held in Casper, Wyoming, on September 15.

The **Region 6 Battle of the Belts** will be September 20 at Kirksville, Missouri. The Promoter is Sr. Master **William Stephenson**.

On October 4 at Sereff Taekwon-Do, Master **Frank Hannon** will teach the USTF-sanctioned Ground Fighting course.

October 11. USTF Referee Course. Sereff TKD. Come hone those skills!

October 19 is the date for 2014's **Sereff Fall Championship**. The competition will be fast and

furios, the officiating the very best. Contact HQ for details.

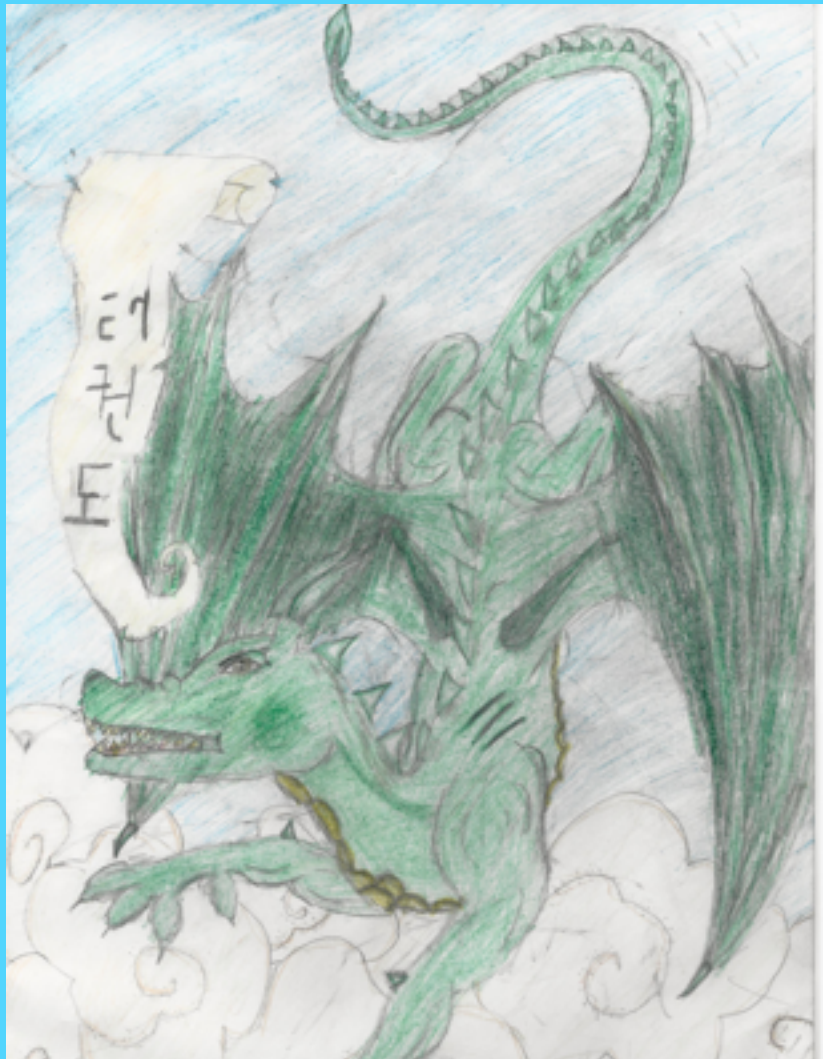
USTF Class B Instructor Course November 8th & 9th, 8:00 am each morning. Registrations are due HQ by no later than October 11th. YHE guarantees this series is phenomenal!

The **2014 USTF-UTAH State Championship Tournament** will be November 8 in Salt Lake City.

USTF-UTAH will have its Fall Black Belt Testing on November 15.

On November 22 Offutt AFB will be the site of another Taekwon-Do testing under the leadership of Master **Ricky Todd**.

No doubt, it's the Year of the Dragon, as Third Place is awarded to **Dana Woolery**, Gup Four, a 12 year old student at Fairbanks Taekwon-Do. The treatment of anatomy makes this entry stand out as unusually mature.



On November 23, **Concord School of TKD** will have a Black Belt test for Concord, **Sudbury TKD**, **New England TKD**, and **Victory TKD**.

On the same day, November 23, there will be a Black Belt test at **Maestas Taekwon-Do** in Arvada, Colorado.

On December 6 there will be a Black Belt test at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

The Flash will award both a Pictorial Submission of the Year and a Best Article by a Non-Stringer

for 2014 in December. Keep those great photos in a drawer? Why not share them with your fellow practitioners?

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The **2014 USTF-UTAH Summer Weekend TKD Camp** was held at East Canyon State Park in Morgan, Utah August 1-3. The 26th edition! Hopefully an article and pictures in the next issue.

On August 8 Master **David Mason** hosted a USTF Invitational Tournament in Battle Ground, Washington. Hopefully more, next issue.



The brothers Phipps, **Marshall Phipps**, 6th Gup age 7, of **Bodystrong TKD**, and **Trenton Phipps**, First Dan at 12 years of age, earned Honorable Mentions. Marshall's work, left, depicts the reality that forging long hours with a good haircut makes you strong. Trenton's, right, is thematically rich with symbolism. Crash!



Rosalia Johnson, a multi-year contest entrant, receives an Honorable Mention for her depiction of both hand and foot upon the um and yang. Note the artful shading in the circles below the dominant design. Rosalia is 12 years old and a Gup 4 student at the Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Mom, Dad, and sister study Taekwon-Do with her.

Special Commendation Honorable Mentions are given two non-TKD themed works representing great artistic sensibility. On the right, the power of color suffuses “Shapes in Life” by **Natalie Johnson**, age 9, Gup Eight, a student at the **Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts**. Below is the deeply evocative offering of **Cade Jones**, age 7, Yellow Belt, **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do**, Alaska, of course.



On August 9th, 3 candidates tested for rank at a Black Belt test held at the **Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin**. The testing panel consisted of Dr. **Rick Bauman** VI Dan and Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky** IV Dan and Wisconsin State Director. Mr. **Marc Mikkelson** IV Dan was the Corner for the test. Also in attendance were Dr. **John Butitta**, IV Dan and Head Instructor from **Fox Valley TaeKwon-do** and Mr. **Mark Johnson** III Dan from AMA Sheboygan Falls and Mrs. Caren Johnson's husband. (Spouses who spar together stay together, or so we've heard). Mrs. **Caren Johnson** and Mr **Edward Girdaukas** from AMA Sheboygan Falls were promoted to IV Dan and Mr. **Steve Betchner** from Fox Valley TaeKwon-Do was promoted to 1st Dan. A great job was done by all of the candidates!

--Submitted by *Jacqueline Karpinsky, IV Dan*

Photos: Below, Back Row Left to Right Mr. Steve Betchner, Dr. John Butitta, Mrs. Caren Johnson, Mr. Edward Girdaukas, Mr. Marc Mikkelson; Front Row Left to Right Mrs. Jacqueline Karpinsky, Dr. Rick Bauman. On the right, Mrs. Caren Johnson revels in her new rank, and why not? She just pulled off what the pictures on the next page affirm.





At her Fourth Dan test in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, on August 9, Mrs. Caren Johnson points out that you can start with a handstand, and then....



On Saturday, July 26th Concord TKD held a Gup Test. **Lucas Leonard** tested for Gup 9 Yellow Stripe. **Saanvi Kadiyala** tested for Gup 8 Yellow Belt, and **Charu Tyagi** tested for Gup 7 Green Stripe. **Sanjana Kadiyala**, older sister to Saanvi, promoted to Gup 6 Green Belt, along with sisters **Neha Shah** and **Riha Shah**. Brothers **Jonathan Zhang** and **Michael Zhang**, and best friends **Amelia Pillar** and **Olivia Durante**, tested successfully for Gup 4 Blue Belt, along with **Sunny Wan**. Also testing for Gup 4 Blue Belt were **Lee-Ann Donnelly** and **Dan Zou**, mothers to students Alwin, Michael, Kaitlin, and “Pink Menace” Samantha. Congratulations to all!

--Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.

Photos: N. Shah breaks, D. Zhou and L. Donnelly pose, and Green Belts Rule!



An Announcement from the Northeast Regional Director, Mr. John Murphy

Sr. Grand Master C. E. Sereff has asked the Concord School of Taekwon-Do to host the “USTF National and International Invitational 2015.”

We are inviting our Taekwon-Do friends from throughout the US and around the world to come together at Brandeis University on July 25 & 26, 2015 here in Historic Boston Massachusetts for this event.

Information packages will be going out shortly, any questions or requests for more information can be sent to can be sent to; John Murphy at the Concord School of Taekwon-Do, 77 Powder Mill Road, Acton MA, 01720. Or emailed to;

j.murphy@concorditftkd.com

Thank you for your support in making this a great tournament for all our students.

On Thursday August 21st, **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, and Ms. **April Bowling**, 5th Dan.

Promoted to 1st Degree Black Belt were Mr. **Daniel Cook** and Ms. **Staci Chamberlin**. Several gup students were also promoted. Red Belt Black Stripe: **William Duralia**. Blue Belt: **Evaine Mansfield**. Green Belt: **Lizzie Chamberlin**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Maria Carter** and **Ryan Chamberlin**. Yellow Belt: **Helen Fleming**, **Kathleen Fleming**, **Kevin Fleming** and **Carlee Swan**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Luke Blasey** and **John Fleming**. Photos: right, Ms. Chamberlin, lower left, Mr. Cook, lower right, from right, Mr. Bushor, Mr. Cook, Ms. Bowling, Ms. Chamberlin, Master Todd.

--Submitted by Master Ricky Todd, D.F.S.

