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KIDS' ART CONTEST, 2015

The Flash Annual Taekwon-Do Kids' Art Contest for 2015 continues! In past years we've had great entries from all over the U.S.

Anybody under 14 is eligible this year. [Older folks may submit and share, but they will only be winners because they are, in fact, winners (but not in the contest).]

Entries may be scanned and e-mailed as attachments to fmvhl@mac.com. In addition, actual original artwork may be submitted to "Flash Art Contest" at P.O. Box 853, Grafton WI 53024. However, original

artwork should be submitted with an understanding it may not be returned (unless a suitable container or envelope for return is included).

With your entry please submit your name, rank, age, and the name of your school. All entries must be submitted by August 15. While historically most entries have included martial arts themes, entries which touch on unrelated themes are perfectly acceptable.

Imagine entering and winning an art contest on your martial arts resume'! Won't happen if you don't enter..



Sr. Master **Earl Weiss** led a patterns class at the Academy of Martial Arts in Grafton, Wisconsin on June 7, 2015. Pictured above, the remnant after losing many in the class: from left, Sr. Master Weiss, Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke, Dr. **Steve Osborn**, VIth Dan, Ms. **B. Hilija Spiessl**, IVth Dan, Ms. **Heidi Spiessl**, IVth Dan, Mrs. **Danielle Spiessl**, IVth Dan, Mr. **George-Peter ("Max") Spiessl**, IIIrd Dan, and Ms. **Anija Spiessl**, Ist Dan (to fill out the Spiessl family's end of the enterprise). As a courtesy, Sr. Master Weiss cropped the left side of this photo for us.



On Thursday, June 4th, 2015, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly testing. Eighteen students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through 3rd gup Blue Belt Red stripe. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** VIII Dan, USTF Region 3 Director, Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, 6th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director and Ms. **April Bowling**, 4th Dan. Mr. **Patrick Finan**, 4th Dan, USTF Armed Forces Director served as the testing director.

The following gups were promoted: Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Lizzie Chamberlin**. Blue Belt: **Ryan Chamberlin**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Helen Fleming, Kathleen Fleming, Kevin Fleming, Carlee Swann, Cate Wagstaff** and **Lizzy Wagstaff**. Green Belt: **Luke Blasely** and **John Fleming**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Ava Florez**. Yellow Belt: **Ethan Brockman, Aleigha Monroe,** and **Ethan Ramos**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Melody Param, James Grgas, Tami Grgas** and **Jack Blasey**.

The students were tested on all physical and mental aspects of Taekwon-Do in accordance with the USTF testing syllabus. Since 1988, USTF Taekwon-Do has been taught to both military and non-military students at the Offutt Air

Force Base Youth Center. We welcome any USTF member travelling through our area to stop in and train! For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.axetkd.com> or facebook at AXE Taekwon-Do.

We look forward to seeing all USTF schools at the USTF National & International Invitational in Boston in July.

Photos: left, Helen Fleming, right, Carlee Swan and Miss Fleming. Group shot page 4.

Sr. Master Ricky J. Todd, D.F.S.



UPCOMING EVENTS

The Concord School of Taekwon-Do will host the **USTF National and International Invitational 2015**. at Brandeis University on July 25 & 26, 2015 in Boston. Preparations are underway! (See page 6.) Requests for information can be sent to can be sent to Mr. John Murphy at

the Concord School of Taekwon-Do, 77 Powder Mill Rd., Acton MA, 01720 or to j.murphy@concorditftkd.com

On August 7 through 9 **USTF-Utah** will hold its **Summer Weekend Taekwon-Do Camp** in East Canyon State Park, Morgan, Utah.

Expect a USTF Referee training course on August 15 at Sereff Taekwon-Do. Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman** to instruct.

On August 27 Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** will host a Black Belt and Gup Promotion Testing at Bellevue, Nebraska.

On September 12 there will be a Black Belt Test at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**.

The **16th Annual Wyoming Invitational** will be at Casper, Wyoming, on September 19.

Also on September 12, a Black Belt test will be conducted at Sereff Taekwon-Do. First through Seventh Dan candidates from Michigan, Louisiana, Mississippi, Texas, Ohio, and Colorado.



A USTF Sanctioned Basic Ho Sin Sool course was conducted at the Academy of Martial Arts in Grafton, Wisconsin on June 6, 2015. Pictured on the streets of Grafton in front of the school in the sunshine (after all, aren't these things supposed to be "street relevant?") are, from left, the course Instructor, Sr. Master **Earl Weiss**, VIII Dan, **Elliot Humiston**, Gup 1, Mrs. **Heidi Spiessl**, IVth Dan, **Valerie Locklair**, Gup 1, Mr. **Patrick Jankowski**, I Dan, Ms. **Kristi Slattery**, Ist Dan, Mrs. **Danielle Spiessl**, IVth Dan, Ms. **Anija Spiessl**, I Dan, Ms. **Alyssa Jankowski**, I Dan, **George-Peter Spiessl**, III Dan, Ms. **Rachel LaPorte**, Gup 1, **Noah Jacoby**, Gup 2, Mr. **Matthew Thur**, II Dan, Mrs. **Caren Johnson**, IV Dan, **Rosalia Johnson**, Gup 2, Ms. **Christen Langlois**, III Dan, Mr **Mike Herzfeld**, II Dan, Mr. **Mark Johnson**, III Dan, F.M. Van Hecke, Miss **Camille Spinelli**, cleverly standing on a bench, Gup 5, Dr. **Rick Bauman**, VI Dan, **Kristi Lineberry**, sharing the bench, Gup 5, Ms. **B. Hilija Spiessl**, IV Dan, and Dr. **Steve Osborn**, VI Dan. Photo collage on page 5.

Group photo from the Axe Taekwon-Do quarterly testing.



September 26 brings the Kirksville Taekwon-Do Tournament. Sr. Master **Ricky J. Todd** will be Tournament Director, Sr. Master **Dustin Stephson** Chief Referee.

On October 18th, the **Senior Grandmaster Sereff Fall Championships** at Broomfield High School, Broomfield, Colorado, will be held.

On November 7 the **USTF-Utah State Championship Tournament** will be held at Salt Lake City, Utah.

On November 14 USTF-Utah will have its **Fall Black Belt Test** at Salt Lake City, Utah.

Already on the calendar: **Maestas Taekwon-Do's** Fall Black Belt Test for November 15.

November 19 will bring another Black Belt and Gup Testing at **Offutt Air Force Base**. Promoter, Sr. Master Ricky Todd. The guy just keeps doing good work, what can we say?

On November 22 there will be a Black Belt test at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The **2015 Spring Black Belt Testing** for all Utah schools was held in Salt Lake City on June 6.

FROM THE EDITOR

The Flash and its staff are well aware that July brings us our biennial competition in Boston. While we'll be there, covering events, its proximity to the end of the month of July necessitates our publishing about this event in the

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Some photos from the USTF Basic Ho Sin Sool course taught by Sr. Master Earl Weiss June 6. Top left, we get started. Top right, the Instructor and Mr. Pat Jankowski square off. Left side two middle photos, Camille Spinelli in green and Rosalia Johnson in red go from choke to arm bar in swift order. Below left, Dr. Kristi Lineberry, whose services were useful in more than one way during the day, uses her head to put a choke on Elliot Humiston. Below right, Sr. Master Weiss tries to figure out why the hosts presented him with such a long cordless microphone.



September issue, long after the August issue goes to bed. With that in mind, we appreciate your patience in what may seem late late breaking coverage. So be it. And so be the good fortune and safe journeys of all our competitors.



Concord TKD, host of this July's upcoming USTF National/International Invitational, is busy getting ready for this exciting event! Brand new mats will be on the floor of the tournament venue, thanks to the hard work of a dedicated work crew of Gups and Junior Black Belts. Mats arrived on pallets, and had to be unpacked, stripped of paper stickers and plastic coverings, and then brought outside for washing. Each mat was carefully cleaned of its shipping coating and packing dust, then rinsed, sun dried and towel dried, then brought into the DoJang to be configured into rings. Lemonade and pizza-powered crew, left to right: Tim Crowley, Iffah Kadiyala, Rachel Turkington, Manas Kontham, Paul Sorrenty, Dexter Greer, Daniel Angus-Kirstein, and David Song. And schlepping one into the dojang is Daniel Angus-Kerstein.

--Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.

On May 17th Concord TKD hosted the **Northeast Regional Black Belt Test**. A series of unfortunate events (broken bones, damaged joints, untimely family commitments, etc.) reduced the larger pool of candidates to four hardy souls. Senior Master **Louis Reyes** officiated as Mr. **John Schwab** and Ms. **Grace O'Neil** tested for I Dan, Mr. **Ashwin Srinivasan** tested for II Dan, and Ms. **Lisa Raddassi** tested for III Dan. Candidates acquitted themselves well, and wowed the attending family and friends with

dramatic breaks, graceful demonstrations of patterns and model sparring, and lively Ho Sin Suls. Congratulations, Black Belts! Photos: At bottom L to R: Mr. **Robert Giorgio**, Mr. John Schwab, Ms. Grace O'Neil, Mr. **John Murphy** (in back), SM Louis Reyes (in front), Ms. Lisa Raddassi, Mr. **Tom Gibbons** (in back), Mr. Ashwin Srinivasan. At bottom left, Ms. O'Neil breaks, right, Ms. Raddassi breaks.





A Tale of Three Tournaments

Schools from around New England competed in three recent tournaments this spring, the **Concord Interschool** (for Ages 15 and under), the **Concord Invitational**, and the **Northeast Challenge**. All three are popular with our younger crowd, especially the most junior Gups. Patterns and sparring events, organized by rank, give new Class C Referees

a chance to practice judging and competitors a chance to get over nerves. This year's Northeast Challenge added a Team Breaking event with great success. Gups under age 10 look forward to the final event of these tournaments, the popular "Pick Your Own Black Belt" sparring competition. (It amazes parents and instructors how well the youngest White Belts through about Yellow Stripe do up against those strapping First and Second Dans!) Above, Maddie Bilbe and Paul Sorrenti discuss the relative merits of boys and girls (seems to be a long-standing dispute); below, the beautiful Riya Shah. Normally these three tournaments would rate an article apiece, but they're a bit busy in New England these days getting ready for...oh, yeah, a tournament!

--Roselyn Romberg, D.F.P.



On May 30th the **Academy of Martial Arts Sheboygan Falls**, Wisconsin held a gup test. Four students tested and were promoted to their next belt level. Pictured left to right are **Noah Jacoby**, **Rosalia Johnson** and **Jacob Scholten** were promoted to Gup 2 with decided test scores for all three students. Not in the picture, **Joe Jurk**, who was promoted to Gup 9.

[Submitted by Wisconsin State Director
Jacqueline Karpinsky, Fourth Dan]



2015 General Choi Legacy World Cup Tournament, Ottawa Canada

Enthusiastic competitors and a delegation of Class A and B Referees from USTF's N.E. parts attended the 2015 General Choi Legacy World Cup Tournament in Ottawa on June 13th. This annual event is hosted by the highly respected GM Phap Lu who trained with the SGM and GM Sereffs under General Choi. It is attended by over 300 competitors from around the world, many of whom we hope to see at the USTF National/International Invitational in Boston in July. New England is proud to report that each competitor that made the nine hour trip from Boston to Ottawa came home with a medal! Wow! Above, GM Lu happens to be passing by and taking a hard look at medalists Katie Kelly and Stephanie Hellman.

--Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.



It has been a very busy spring at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**.

After our annual tournament the end of March Master Pettijohn ramped up training for Color Belt Testing. On May 21, 2015 we held a small but mighty test with 21 students on the floor. **Hayden Starr** and **Isaac Braun** shared high test score honors.

A group of us travelled to the Axe tournament held May 16th. It was our first trip to Bellevue, NB and Sr. Master Todd and his crew made us feel very welcome. We look forward to taking more students next year.

Our big event this spring was Black Belt Testing on May 31st. Mr. **Dave Martin** tested for 6th Dan, Ms. **Clare Langmacher** tested for 5th Dan (the first women in the club to reach this rank), and Ms. **Tracey Rodgers** and Ms. **Jocelyn Swetlic** tested for 2nd Dan. Sr. Master **Stan Martin** presided over the test board. Grand Master **Renee' Sereff** and Ms. **Louise Fox** attended as special guests. The test board was very impressed with the performance of all the candidates. Ms. Rodgers took home the high test score honors.

Photo: Special guests, the test board, testing candidates, and their partners from the May 31, 2015 Black Belt Testing at Maestas Taekwon-Do.

Master Robert Martin. Flash Stringer

Sir:

June 20 was the date of our quarterly testing up here at **Fairbanks Taekwon-do**, Alaska. Everyone gave their best on this day. The testing group is shown here: in the 1st row are: L to R **Carson Lundquist**, **Calab Drummond**, **Livvy Hogue**, & **Abigale Jernigan** and in the 2nd row: **Jessica Jernigan**, **Gabbie Drummond**, **Mattea Drummond**, and **Oscar Wright-Bruso**. In the 3rd row: Myself, **Kyle Wright-Bruso**, **Danna Woolery**, **Makenna Drummond**, **William Jernigan**, **Marion Puchek**, and **Arleen Slocum**. In the photo below, some members of *La Famille Jernigan* are more relaxed than others.

You may notice that our banner is not hanging behind us as usual. Now it is on another wall. You can't see all of the new art-work but it is a mural of a couple of the students that helped put Fairbanks TKD on the map. Its not quite finished. The state flag is still to be painted on.

Our best wishes to all you folks in the Lower 48.

Master Guy Williams, Flash Stringer

