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KIDS' ART CONTEST TO CLOSE

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

Entries may be scanned and e-mailed as attachments to fmvh1@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

The city of North Salt Lake, Utah, holds their Independence Day fireworks display on the 3rd of July every year. The location of the display is just up the mountain from **Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do Martial Arts Academy**, so hundreds of cars all drive by the school that night when the fireworks are over.

Burning Phoenix has fun with this occasion, and this was the second year that they projected edited videos of breaking and Ho Sin Sul onto the side of their building, for the vehicles that drive by to see. This year they also got out toy lightsabers and held duels, did patterns while holding them, or just generally waved them about. The video shown in the picture can be enjoyed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A46wPXA173s>

Members were rewarded by the occasional honk from a passing car, or (even better) the sound of someone exclaiming "WOAH!" as they went past.

Submitted by Second Dan Melanie Bunch, who *dares* us to put a night-time photo on page one



According to the USTF syllabus, USTF tournament competition is required for rank testing beginning at 6th gup, but what is one to do when a USTF tournament is not available in your area? The answers are to run your own, travel to compete, or do mini-tournaments (gup competition only) when possible. Another answer when all else fails is open tournaments. One advantage of competing in open tournaments is testing your Taekwon-Do against other martial arts styles, and if you do well against other martial artists, that has got to say something about your skills. On June 20th, **Manera's Taekwon-Do** did just that when they competed at the 47th Annual Battle of Atlanta (BOA) Tournament in Atlanta, Georgia. This is a very large open tournament, and the fact that we always "bring home the bacon" tells us the quality of USTF training!

The following individuals did well in Traditional Forms: **Mr. Mario Manera**, 2nd place in 50-59 Men's Class-A Black Belt; **Miss Leilani Manera**, 2nd place in 18-29 Women's Class-A Black Belt; **Mr. Andy Pilcher**, 1st place in 40-49 Men's Intermediate Under Belt; **Mr. Olivier Tran**, 4th place in Men's 18-29 Intermediate Under Belt; **Mr. Andrew Tran**, Finalist in Boy's 14-15 Intermediate Under Belt; **Miss Adia Ferrell**, 2nd place in Girl's 14-15 Intermediate Under Belt; and **Mr. Mateo Villalobos**, Finalist in Boy's 14-15 Intermediate Under Belt.

In Sparring, **Mr. Andy Pilcher** won 2nd place in Men's 40-49 Intermediate Under Belt; and **Mr. Nevin Gutta**, won 3rd place in Boy's 10-11 Advance Under Belt.

Although in Taekwon-Do we do not train in weapons two students learned weapons on their own. After self-teaching themselves in the Nunchakus in only 4-months of training just before the BOA, the Tran brothers, **Mr. Olivier Tran** and **Mr. Andrew Tran** did extremely well in the Creative Weapons Divisions. **Mr. Andrew Tran** won 1st place in Boy's 14-15 Intermediate Under Belt, and **Mr. Olivier Tran** won 2nd place in Men's 18-29 Intermediate Under Belt. **Mr. Andrew Tran** also created a pattern for competing in the Creative Forms division where he also won 2nd place in Boy's 14-15 Intermediate Under Belt. Photo below: "the bacon."

Mario Manera, Flash Stringer



August 15. While historically most entries have included martial arts themes, entries which touch on unrelated themes are perfectly acceptable.

So far we have some excellent entries, so get yours in soon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

On August 12 there will be a gup test at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin.

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.



Sir:

I devoted part of a recent class to breaking. Here is a picture of the students. We do a little signing ceremony for them to take home their souvenir boards as a kind of trophy.

From left to right, **Kate Krajnik, Sidney Krajnik, Alessandra Betchner, Megan Geslinger, Matt Betchner** and **Elliot Krajnik** (making a face), and their instructor lower right.

Submitted by Fourth Dan John Butitta, Fox Valley TKD

Sir:

We had our July color belt testing in Big Horn, Wyoming at the Polo Fields-- testing was small but very good candidates--after the testing **Sheridan TKD** hosted a BarBQ for our final fundraiser for our Wyoming group that is going to Boston. Total raised for all of the fundraising was \$7250.00 [Editorial note: which in Boston, is one night in a hotel for three people and breakfast at Denny's.]

Master Johnson hosted the testing , Mr and Mrs Connell organized the Bar BQ. Mr Connell made a unique breaking station for the people that worked great. The test setting was beautiful under a Big Horn mountain sky. In



addition to the group photo is a photo of the high test score winners and names left to right- **Daisy Maynard** – Best HoSinSul, **Brad Heath** -- Best Break, and **Lee Meeks** -- Best Pattern.

- Sr. Master Stan Martin



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

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.

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

September 26 brings the First Annual Kirksville Taekwon-Do Tournament. Sr. Master **Ricky J. Todd** will be Tournament Director, Sr. Master **Dustin Stephson** Chief Referee. More information? mdustinstephenson@gmail.com

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

On October 31, a Black Belt test is scheduled at Casper, Wyoming.



TALE OF A SUB

Sir:

Don't know if you were aware of the story.

Team Maestas had 2 injured members who were scheduled to be part of team breaking but said he only needed the 2 boards for the points.

He asked Jake (Weiss) to do a 180 BPK and Jake said "Sure" . He asked me if I thought Jake could do it and I said yes but didn't know how many boards.

I told Jake to do what he knew he could rather than what he hoped because no one is impressed with how many you don't break. I told him I felt he could do 4. He mentioned he wanted to do 5 but would follow my advice. He then tells me "I never broke with this kick". So I grabbed a target pad from someone and we went a practiced 6 or so for him to dial in distance and height.

Bottom line was "Team Maestas" with 2 last minute substitutions took first place in team breaking.

Earl Weiss, Sr. Master

Editor's Note: see at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KD2Wdk2zjQ>

There will be a Black Belt test November 1 at Grafton, Wisconsin.

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**.

“preview” photos for that issue starting back at page 5.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

The Concord School of Taekwon-Do has hosted the **USTF National and International Invitational 2015**. at Brandeis University on July 25 & 26, in Boston. YHE was in attendance and you can expect extensive coverage in the September Flash due to the excellence of our News Department. To whet your appetite, a few

And speaking of excellence, the Flash is pleased to announce that our News Department of Distinguished Stringers Ms. Roselyn Romberg, Sr. Master Ricky Todd, Grand Master Renee’ Sereff; and Stringers Mrs. Corinne Sroykum, Master Guy Williams, Master Robert Martin, Mr. Mario Manera, Ms. Lisa Eastin, and Master David Mason have been awarded the 2015 Fulitzer Prize for Excellence in Journalism.



The Coolest Sandbag a Timekeeper ever used.



Recordation by the BEST. Dr. Hiroshi Mashimo, who knows a little bit about taking photos, too!

Hey, Alaska's here! Ms. Arlene Slocum bears her state's flag.





Pictures from gup competition, complete with "The Gauntlet."





The newest Grandmaster, **Louis Reyes**, upon his promotion with our most senior Grand Master, **C.E. Sereff**, and, on the right, tough panel!



Black Belt competition begins!





Catch the September Flash for complete coverage of USTF National and International Games.

