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IN THIS ISSUE

Lots of news! New Masters, Senior Masters and Grand Masters celebrated in September throughout this issue and in more than one venue!

On October 8, a USTF Referee Course, promoted by Master **John Murphy**, will be taught by GM **Louis Reyes** at **Concord School of Taekwon-Do**, Maynard, Massachusetts.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A USTF Breaking Seminar will be taught by Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** at Kirksville TKD, Kirksville, Missouri, on October 7.

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance Championships** for 2017 will be held in Salt Lake City on October 28.



At Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, September 16. From left, Fourth Dan Jacob Weiss, Second Dan Steve Betchner, Fourth Dan Kevin Friede, and Second Dan Rachel LaPorte; across the back, First Dans Ayra Mudessir, Azhaan Mohammed, and Shantanu Chaudhuri, and Third Dans James Niemira, Craig Wilke, Daniel Kelly, and Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke. Seated, Fifth Dans Paul Hebein and James Pals, Sixth Dan Steve Osborn, Grand Master Earl Weiss, Fifth Dans Mary Lubner and Jacqueline Karpinsky, and Fourth Dan Caren Johnson. Kneeling, right, Masters Mike Van Pietersom and Rick Bauman. Details of this USTF testing page 3, photos commencing page 9.

September 9 was an historic date for Taekwon-Do at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**, Broomfield, Colorado. The event was presided over by a distinguished Board consisting of Sr. Grand Master **Charles Sereff**, Grand Master **Mike Winegar**, Grand Master **Renee Sereff**, Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman**, Sr. Master **Dan Griffin**, Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**, Master **Ikuko Lubow**, and Ms. **Cameo Zugschwert**.

The following, after many years of service and dedication, were promoted to Ninth Dan Grand Master: **Dale Burkhart**, **Robert Haynes**, and **William Stephenson**. Promoted to Eighth Dan Sr. Master was **David Ott**.

Testing for and promoted to Seventh Dan Master were **Philip Ordonio**, **Kevin Bushor**, **Jim Smith**, and **Brandon Stoppani**.

Promoted to Sixth Dan were Mssrs. **James Rolston** and **James Brown**. Mr. Rolston was awarded the prize for best breaking techniques.

Mr. **Jon Ragsdale** was promoted to Fifth Dan.

Mr. **Matthew Matheney** was awarded Best Pattern and promoted to Fourth Dan.

Promoted to Third Dan were Mssrs. **Randy Shroy** and **Michael Clark** and Mrs. **Lynette Mason**.

Successful Second Dan candidates were Ms. **Stephanie Clark** and Mssrs. **Dawson Ramirez** and **Bryan Sievert**. Mr. Sievert was awarded Best Ho Sin Sool.

Promoted to First Degree Black Belt were Mssrs. **Caleb Harden**, **Tyler Sirivong**, **Daniel Fonseca**, and **Dathan Hartley**.

Below, group picture. More details in this issue; pictures beginning on page 6.



Also on October 28, a Black Belt test will be conducted at **Wyoming Taekwon-Do in the Armory**. **GM Stan Martin** will preside.

A Black Belt testing will be held November 4 for **Harrisburg Taekwon-Do** and for **Mexico Taekwon-Do** and **Columbia Academy**.

A USTF Referee Seminar will be conducted at **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do**, Neenah, Wisconsin on

November 11. The instructor will be Grand Master **Earl Weiss**.

A Black Belt testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do** on November 18. And also another at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**, Arvada.

Also the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** will hold its 2017 Fall Black Belt

Testing on November 18 at **Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do** in North Salt Lake.

Sereff World Camp 2018 will be held at Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colorado.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On March 24, 2018, be sure to plan for the **Maestas Taekwon-Do Annual Tournament** in Arvada, Colorado. Promoter Master **Robert Martin**.

On September 16 Grand Master **Earl Weiss** presided over a Black Belt Test at **The Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts** in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. Joining him on a truly outstanding Board were Sixth Dan Dr. **Steve Armstrong**, Fifth Dans **Mary Lubner**, **James Pals**, **Jacqueline Karpinsky** and **Paul Hebein**, and Fourth Dan Mrs. **Caren Johnson**. Mrs. Karpinsky is USTF Wisconsin State Director. They were further assisted by Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke.

The test was a "First" in Wisconsin as the first test featuring more than one Wisconsin Master.

The following were promoted to First Degree Black Belt: **Shantanu Chaudhuri**, **Alessandra Betcher**, **Ayra Mudessir**, and **Azhaan Mohammed**.

Promoted to Second Degree Black Belt were Mr. **Steve Betchner** and Ms. **Rachel LaPorte**.

Successful Third Dan candidates were Mr. **Craig Wilke**, Mr. **Dan Kelly**, and Mr. **James Niemira**.

Successfully tested to Fourth Dan were Mssrs. **Kevin Friede** and **Jacob Weiss**.

An amazing, no-holds-barred display of power and proficiency took place as Mr. **Mike Van Pietersom** and Dr. **Rick Bauman** demonstrated what it takes to make a Master in USTF. Congratulations to both on a consummate job and on their promotions to Seventh Dan Master.

Pics on page 1 and elsewhere this issue.

FROM THE EDITOR

Be aware that the Flash for November will not be published until the middle of that month due to its being very tired.

Here in Alaska a color belt test took place September 9. Here you will find the group being tested and test board. Located in the front row left to right are **Lucas Naber** 6th gup, **Jaxon Browning** 9th gup, **Carson Lundquist** 4th gup, Miss **Dana Woolery** I Dan, test caller.

Back row are Master **G. Williams** VII Dan, **Tristan Wallace** 9th gup, his brother **Treygon Wallace** 9th gup and Mrs. **S. Hicks** IV Dan.

The next test which will be our last for the year will surely put us into that longer season that we must endure.

Master Guy Williams, Flash Stringer



On August 31st, **Thornton Taekwon-Do** closed out their summer with a color belt testing. 17 students tested for ranks from high white belt through red belt.

Kadin Vongsaraphanh, **Abraham Diaz**, and **Logan Garcia** tested for red belt. **Ilana Garcia** tested for high blue belt. **Relena Washington** and **Kenneth Garcia** tested for blue belt. **Victoria Leedahl**, **Raylee McIntyre**, **John Donovan**, **Cailyn Donovan**, and **Azucena Fonseca** tested for green belt. **Monique Washington** and **Dillon Parker** tested for high yellow belt. **Ambria Martinez**, **Vincent Nguyen**, **Stephen Jackson**, and **Hector Martinez** tested for high white belt.

Ilana Garcia, Azucena Fonseca, and Hector Martinez earned medals for high test score.

The test board consisted of the instructors and black belt students. Mr. **Dan Fitch**, 5th dan and head instructor, ran the testing. Instructors **Master Ed Lubow**, **Master Ikuko Lubow**, Miss **Caitlyn Fitch** (3rd dan), and Mr. **Don Chandler** (2nd dan) sat on the testing board. Student black belts **Jay Burr** (3rd dan) and **Johnathan Fonseca** (1st dan) also joined the testing board. Assisting with the testing were high red belts Mr. **Tyler Sirivong**, Mr. **Angel Fonseca**, Mr. **Caleb Harden**, Mr. **Dathan Hartley**. The test was called by high red belt Mr. **Daniel Fonseca**. [Right, best patterns, below, testing group.]



Front row: Stephen Jackson, Hector Martinez, Ilana Garcia, Vincent Nguyen, Cailyn Donovan, John Donovan, Azucena Fonseca, Ambria Martinez 2nd row: Dillon Parker, Kadin Vongsaraphanh, Logan Garcia, Monique Washington 3rd row: Abraham Diaz, Kenneth Garcia, Relena Washington, Victoria Leedahl, Raylee McIntyre, Caitlyn Fitch 4th row: Don Chandler, Master Ikuko Lubow, Master Ed Lubow, Dan Fitch, Jay Burr, Johnathan Fonseca.

Fifteen participants attended the 7th annual **Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do Camp** August 11th-13th in Honeyville, Utah. This is their third time holding camp at Crystal Hot Springs, because they love playing on the waterslides so much!

The big excitement at camp came on the very first night, when there was a spectacular lightning display to the west.

Saturday started out with a training session. The passing of a nearby train at the edge of camp provided a brief opportunity, Training with a Train. And although the majority of the rest of the day was spent playing in the water, there was still plenty of time for camp activities. Mr. **Eric Gemmell** (V Dan) brought sections of logs to camp, and taught some of the students how to split it into firewood.



Sunday was the day of the traditional waterfall hike. This year's hike was Sunset Trail near Farmington, Utah.. Once down, the waterfall was spectacular, possibly the most beautiful one yet seen at a Burning Phoenix Camp! Members took turns wading into the frigid water, crossing the slippery, uneven rocks, just to pose in front of the falls. This year's camp will be pretty hard to top next year! [From left, Samantha Williams, Ms. Ari Schjelderup, Ms. Abigail Friese.]

Ms. Melanie Bunch, Flash

Recognized for their years of service, Sr. Grand Master **Charles Sereff** (third from left) presented three new Grand Masters of the USTF, Grand Master **Dale Burkhart**, Colorado, Grand Master **Robert Haynes**, Colorado, and Grand Master **William Stephenson**, Missouri, with their belts, certificates, and gold IX pins.



In one of the greatest highlights of the Broomfield test on September 9, Sr. Grand Master C.E. Sereff promoted Master **David Ott** to Sr. Master, Eighth Dan. Sr. Master Ott started with the organization as a white belt as the YMCA Denver class. Mr. **Kent Smith**, his first instructor, was present at the promotion. Sr. Master Ott trains, teaches and is an inspiration to the students. Mrs. Tracy Rodgers interpreted for Sr. Master Ott who is deaf. Everyone is so proud to see Sr. Master Ott reach this goal.



Awarded High Test Score at the Denver Black Belt tests October 9 were **Bryan Sievert** Best Ho Sin Sul, **James Rolston** Best Breaking, **Matthew Matheney** Best Pattern, posing with Sr. Grand Master C.E. Sereff.



It was a very emotional presentation for the students that graded to Master at the September 9 Black Belt test at Sereff Taekwon-Do. **Philip Ordonio**, Missouri, picture left top, **Kevin Bushor**, Nebraska, pictured right, **Brandon Stoppani**, Washington, pictured left below, and **James Smith**, Colorado, right, were presented with Belt and Swords by their Instructors, Sr. Master **William Stephenson**, Missouri, Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Nebraska, Master **David Mason**, Washington, and Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff**.



Grand Master Renee' Sereff, D.F.S.



[Editor's Note: Special thanks are in order to Grand Master **Renee' Sereff** for her efforts and contributions in this issue. Handling the logistics of a test of this magnitude in Broomfield is job enough, but to accurately report and do the lion's share of the work for our publication's coverage of this important event is nothing short of miraculous.]



Sr. GM Sereff promoted **Charlie Eberhart** in the early 70's and presented a Black Belt to him that he hand lettered. At the time Charlie was one of the best competitors and his first Black Belt. Recently, he contact SGM and wanted to give it back to him and wanted him to know how he had cherished this belt all these years. This special presentation was done at the testing with stories from SGM and from GM **Mike Winegar** who was a spectator at one of the tournaments and decided that he wanted to do TKD! Great memories!





On September 16, the **18th Annual Wyoming Invitational USTF TKD Tournament** was held in Casper, Wyoming. Above, the group, below, some winners, grand champions, and key officials.





Mr. **Shantanu Chaudhuri** demonstrates the good form that earned him “Best Test” honors in the Sheboygan Falls test on September 16. Dr. John Butitta, Fifth Dan, keeps the target from escaping the gym. All photo credits on this page, on page 1, and on all the following pages: Kathy Van Hecke.

Meanwhile, Miss **Valerie Locklair**, Second Dan, attempts to explain (without vocalization!) to Miss **Rachel LaPorte**, testing for her Second Dan, why Miss LaPorte ought to be both interested in disengagement and entirely satisfied with the results of her confrontation with Third Dan **Matthew Thur**, at center.





A bit more action from the September 16 test in Sheboygan Falls.





And a bit of the Sheboygan Falls deforestation program.

