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## UPCOMING EVENTS

On December 16 there will be a color belt test at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**.

On January 13, at Rock Springs, Wyoming, there will be a USTF Referee Course .

On January 24 there will be a weapons self-defense course at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

On January 27 they'll hold the annual **Sereff Taekwon-Do Chili Cookoff** combined with a Junior Competition Event.



practices getting out of Abby Che's grip; right, Mr. Glasby breaks free from Mr. Huffman's attack as GM Reyes and Mr. Gibbons instruct.

Mr. **Tom Gibbons**, IV Dan and head of **Victory TaeKwon-Do** of Albany NY, led a Ho Sin Sul Refresher for the New England region on Sunday, October 22nd. The session emphasized efficient and effective techniques for getting out of sticky situations. The group practiced releases from grabs and holds, advanced blocking techniques, and disabling counterstrikes. Grand Master **Louis Reyes** participated and kept a watchful eye on several candidates for I Dan and II Dan who will be testing in November. Thank you, Mr. Gibbons, for an excellent workshop! Photos:





A USTF Referee Seminar was conducted at **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do**, Neenah, Wisconsin on November 11. The instructor was Grand Master **Earl Weiss**, the Promoter Dr. **John Butitta**, 5th Dan. Above, the photographer’s nightmare that ultimately resolved for a proper photo of the participants, below.



On March 3 there will be a Dan test at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**, First through Third Dans.

On March 10 there will be a Fourth Dan and above test at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

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

On April 7, you can expect a color belt test at Broomfield, Colorado.



The **11th Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament** will be held at Axe Taekwon-Do, Bellevue, Nebraska, on April 21.

On May 19 Sr. Master **Frank Hannon** will teach a USTF Ground Fighting Course at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

**Sereff World Camp 2018** will be held at Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colorado June 24-29 .

On July 19 there will be a gup level test at Sereff Taekwon-Do.

## AROUND THE COUNTRY

On October 28 there was a Black Belt test at Big Dog Taekwon-Do in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Hopefully, pictures and an article in the next Flash.

Also on October 28, a Black Belt test was conducted at **Wyoming Taekwon-Do in the Armory**. **GM Stan Martin** presided. Hopefully, pictures and an article in the next Flash.



Over 40 eager USTF Red and Black Belts from Utah, Wyoming and Colorado gathered at Sereff Taekwon Do to be Guinea Pigs for a new format for the USTF Referee Seminar on November 11. In 2018 the new format will be implemented within all the USTF Referee programs. Instructors and Students had some hands on learning about bracketing, judging pattern competition and sparring. Sr. Master Kirk Steadman, who taught the course, will be sending the agenda to all USTF Referee Instructors selected in late December 2017. Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Master **Robin Johnson**, Master **Robert Pettijohn**, Master **Gerald Sisco** and Master **Jim Smith** attended this event for a refresher course along with several instructors in the Region 1 area. All were given their 8 hour continuing education credit, many already have 32 hours of continuing education for just this year! Sr. Grand Master Charles Sereff made a surprise visit during the course and thank all of us for continuing his legacy!

*Grand Master Renee Sereff, D.T.S.*



**Concord Taekwon-Do** hosted its annual New England regional tournament, the Concord Invitational, on Sunday, October 29th. This popular tournament serves as a referee "refresher" in conjunction with GM Louis Reyes's fall USTF Referee course in addition to providing lively competition for schools in Massachusetts, New York, and surrounding states. This year's event proved to be the first tournament for over a quarter of the competitors. The nervous jitters were evident in the oh-so-serious patterns

competition but by the sparring rounds, all competitors had found their "sea legs" and were having a great time. The tournament finished up with a half-dozen rounds of "Pick Your Own Black Belt," one minute in the ring for competitors under 8 years of age with any I Dan or up of their choosing. These fun rounds can make for challenging Centering when Black Belts decide to "go rogue"! Thank you, Master Murphy, for a great event! The Tournament Director was Mr. **Karl Huffman**, Chief Referee Grand Master **Louis Reyes**. Photos: Abby Chen and Amelia Pillar in the ring; Chloe Fox and Kevin O'Neil.

*Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.*



The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance Championships** for 2017 was held in Salt Lake City on November 4. Hopefully, pictures and an article in the next Flash.

On November 11, Master **David Mason** presided at a Black Belt Testing at Sequim, Washington. Hopefully, pictures and an article in the next Flash.





On Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Twenty-nine students tested for various ranks from 9<sup>th</sup> gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through Second Degree Black Belt. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** 8<sup>th</sup> Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, Master **Kevin Bushor**, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director and Ms. **April Bowling**, 5<sup>th</sup> Dan. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 4<sup>th</sup> Dan served as the testing director.

The following students were promoted to the indicated black belt ranks: 2<sup>nd</sup> degree black belt: Mr. **Daniel James**, Mrs. **Sheila Duralia**, Ms. **Brianna Grant** and Mrs. **Elizabeth Chamberlin**. To 1<sup>st</sup> degree belt: Mr. **Luke**

**Blasey**, Ms. **Melanie Ostrander** and Ms. **Melody Param**.

The following gups were promoted-- Red Belt Black Stripe: **Jack Blasey**, **Paul Grgas** and **Cassy Kribel**. Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Keenan Matos** and **Kiel Mato**. Blue Belt: **Anthony Garber**, **Dameon Garber**, **James Grgas** and **Anniyah Simone**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Alysia Garber** and **Allison Loftus**. Green Belt: **Gryphon Colon**, **William Fleming**, **Noah Moore**, and **Micah Moore**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Andrew Callison**, **Leilani Param**, **Naomi Patino** and **Tyler Jensen**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Amaury Slade**, **Jon**



**Goff, Jr.** and **Kavan Goff**.

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. More information on our website. Photos of breaks: above left, Ms. Grant; right, Mr. James, lower left, Mr. Blasey. More, next two pages.

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

A Black Belt testing was held at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**, Arvada. Nov. 18. Hopefully, pictures and an article in the next Flash.

Also the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** held its 2017 Fall Black Belt Testing on November 18. We'll have a picture and a brief article in the January issue.

### REMINDER

**Best Text Submission by a Non-Stringer** and **Best Image of 2017** will be featured in the January 2018 issue. As always, the early competition is fierce, and we can look forward to an outstanding crop this year.

### LETTER TO OUR READERS

Dear Readers:

You are respectfully reminded that the Flash is only as good as its content. As long as you are attending/promoting a USTF event, and reporting it on Facebook for your school, why not send us a picture/write-up? It takes so little time for you and can mean so much to your students, their parents, and your standing in our community of scholars and practitioners.

With our sincere thanks for your readership through the year,

Your Humble Editor

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Above, left, Elizabeth Chamberlin powers through five at **Axe** on her way to her Second Degree. And Melody Param is the picture of concentration, right.



Shiela Duralia continues the concrete destruction at Axe Taekwon-Do. As does Daniel James, below.



**Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do** celebrated their 4th anniversary in their commercial school location in North Salt Lake, Utah, on November 4th. Students and their families got together for a big party at the school, and enjoyed an evening of food, conversation, and fun. The photo depicts the potluck feast. This year, as before, there was a ton of food and no one walked away hungry! This event also marks the school's annual dance party, where children and adults alike wore themselves out dancing for over 2 hours, having a great time.



Ms. Melanie Bunch, Flash Stringer

**Harrisburg Taekwon-Do** and **Mexico Taekwon-Do** had a blackbelt testing November 4, 2017 and were fortunate enough to have Grandmaster **Renee’ Sereff** there. The picture shows from left to right, in the very front, Grandmaster Sereff with Ms. **Katsaros** testing for 2nd Dan and had the best test. The next row Sr. Master **Tom Cope**, Mr. **Fairchild** from Mexico TKD testing for VI Dan, Mr. **Colley** from Harrisburg TKD, Mr. **Williams**, Mexico TKD, Mr. **Perkins**, Mrs. **Susan Dierker** from Harrisburg TKD all testing for V Dan, Sr. Master **Winn**, Harrisburg TKD, Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Region 2 Director, and Missouri State Director, Mr. **Ralston**. Respectfully submitted,

Susan Dierker



**Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do** held a Black Belt Testing on November 18th. There were 5 testing candidates. Testing to II Dan were Mr. **Taylor Bolton**, Mr. **Michael Deeringer**, Mr. **Spencer Petersen**, and Ms. **Abigail Friese**. Testing to I Dan was Mr. **Bryant Forman**. All of the testing candidates made their instructors proud.

The testing was attended by students and family members, many of whom also attended a celebratory dinner afterwards. Burning Phoenix thanks all who attended for showing their support, and gives extra thanks to those students who also sacrificed their time (and bodies) as Ho Sin Sul partners. Watching everyone helping each other to achieve their goals makes us proud to be a part of our school! Photo on this page of Mr. Dieringer’s Ho Sin Sool (with two happy co-participants); more photos, next page.







Photos from the Burning Phoenix November 18 test. Left, Mr. Bolton and four concrete tiles. Immediately below, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Deeringer, and Ms. Friese: "All together now." Bottom, Mr. Peterson rocks back his holder Mr. **Preston Haynes** (note front foot).





CHRISTMAS QUIZ: A free lifetime subscription to the TKD Flash for the reader who can identify the person (on the right) in search of a definition for “nice.” Results in the next issue.



*Enjoy Your Holidays*

*--The TKD Flash Staff*