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UPCOMING EVENTS

The AAMA Spring Classic Tournament will be held on May 6 at Grafton, Wisconsin. Fifth Dan **James Pals** and Fourth Dan **Christen Langlois** are Co-Directors, Sixth Dan **Rick Bauman** Chief Referee. Inquiries to SM Van Hecke at fmvh1@mac.com

On May 13 there will be a combined Black Belt and Gup testing at **Axe Taekwon-Do**.

Also on May 13 up in **Fairbanks**, Master **Guy Williams** will be presiding at a substantial Black Belt testing for many ranks. Good luck to all participants.



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The **Concord School of TKD** hosted an **Interschool Tournament** for the Northeast Region on Sunday, March 19th. These fun competitions are structured to teach new competitors ages 5 through 12, and their families, about tournament rules and etiquette. New Class C Referees have a chance to practice keeping time,

scorekeeping, and cornering, and more experienced Judges gain experience centering and bracketing. Thank you to all who participated!

Roselyn Romberg, D.F.P.



And, sometimes in Taekwon-Do, in spite of all our other foci, we actually have to learn stuff, perhaps--shudder--even from books and lectures, as this group of 41 aspiring USTF referees for the New York and New England Regions are learning here April 2, to the obvious sympathy of their instructor Grand Master **Louis Reyes**.



On May 14 **Concord Taekwon-Do** will host a class on Fifth and Sixth Dan Patterns to be led by GM Louis Reyes.

May 20, a USTF Breaking Seminar will be conducted by Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** at **Mountain View Martial Arts & Fitness**, Master **David Mason**, Promoter.

Also on May 20 the **2017 Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance Annual Utah Cup Tournament** will take place in Salt Lake City. Information, contact Mr. Chris Waddium, cwadium@yahoo.com

On May 20th there will be a black belt test at **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** in Alaska. From Fairbanks one candidate for 4th Dan, and 4 first

Dan candidates. From **Nenana**, Alaska one first Dan candidate.

On June 3 the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** will conduct its Spring Black Belt Test.

Maestas Taekwon-Do will have a Black Belt test on June 3. One student will test for Sixth Dan, two for Fourth Dan, and one for Third Dan.

USTF NATIONALS will be held June 24 and 25, 2017, in Broomfield, Colorado. Deadline for Black Belt registration June 1.

On July 29 there will be a USTF Referee Course at **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do**, Sequim, Washington, Mr. **Brandon Stoppani**, Promoter.

The 2017 USTF Technical Course will be taught by Grand Master **Mike Winegar** at Thornton, Colorado.

The 29th **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** will hold its summer week end Taekwon-Do Camp at East Canyon State Park, Morgan, Utah, on August 4 through 6.

On August 19 there will be a weapons self-defense course at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**. Also, a Belt and Color Belt test at **Axe Takeown-Do**.

On August 26 a Taekwon-Do Tournament will be held at Kirksville, Missouri. Sr. Master **William Stephenson** is the Promoter. Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** will be Tournament Director and Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**, Chief Referee. This popular tournament just keeps growing every year and is ably managed. For information contact mdustinstephenson@gmail.com

On September 9 there will be a Black Belt test at Broomfield, Colorado.

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On February 18th **The Academy of Martial Arts Sheboygan Falls**, Wisconsin, held a gup test. In the group picture --Front Row Left to Right: Mr. **Mark Johnson IV** Dan, Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky V** Dan and USTF Wisconsin State Director, Mrs. **Caren Johnson IV** Dan, and Mr. **Dan Kelly II** Dan -- 2nd Row: **Nikkalai Hanson**, **Noah Bauer**, **Brayden Aschenbach**, **Kwesi Korankye** and **Jacob Taylor** -- 3rd Row: **Trinity Curia**, **Austin Reenders**, **Samuel Kuhlow** and **Jenna Reenders** -- 4th Row Gup 1 Students: **Jacob Scholten**, **Rosalia Johnson** and **Noah Jacoby** who assisted as corners for the test. The test was a success with three decided test scores awarded, brother and sister **Austin** and **Jenna Reenders** were two of the decided scores along with **Trinity Curia**.



Respectfully Submitted,
 Jacqueline Karpinsky, USTF WI Director



Concord TaeKwon-Do III Dan Mr. **Oliver Fox**, age 22, is a regular figure at New England tournaments and advanced seminars. By day, Oliver is a teacher at a pre-school, and is a favorite with the 4- and 5-year old crowd. In his off hours, Oliver can often be found in his family kitchen, mixing up batches of chow chow, pickling garden and farmers market vegetables, and canning. Fellow martial artists can attest to his tasty treats! Photo: Mr. Fox in his kitchen with a recent batch of pickled okra.

On September 16, the **18th Annual Wyoming Invitational USTF TKD Tournament** in Casper, Wyoming.

On that same September 16 date Grand Master **Earl Weiss** will preside over a major Black Belt testing event at the **Academy of Martial Arts**, Grafton, Wisconsin. Test candidates will participate from Wisconsin and Illinois, including two Seventh Dan aspirants.

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

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

A Black Belt testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do** on November 18.

Also the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-do Alliance** will hold its 2017 Fall Black Belt Testing on November 18.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On March 18 there was a Black Belt test at **Senatobia Taekwon-Do**, Senatobia, Mississippi.

On March 25 at Arvada, Colorado: **The Maestas TKD Challenge 17.**

Burning Phoenix Taekwon-Do hosted a Black Belt test on April 9 in Salt Lake City.

On April 23 Grand Master **Louis Reyes** conducted a class on Third and Fourth Dan patterns at Concord Taekwon-Do.

On April 30 a Black Belt Test was conducted at the **Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts**, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin. High noon. The Promoter was Wisconsin USTF Director Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky**. Details in the next issue.



On Saturday, April 22nd, Axe Taekwon-Do at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted the **10th Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament**, which is a USTF sanctioned tournament. The event featured over 80 competitors this year and began at 1030am and was finished at 530pm. It was a day of intense competition conducted under the rules and regulations of the USTF. Students from Colorado Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska Wyoming, Iowa and Louisiana participated. Students were competing in team patterns, individual patterns, sparring and breaking competition.

There were numerous distinguished USTF officials in attendance. Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**, USTF Headquarters, Sereff TKD, CO; Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Martin's Casper TKD, WY; Sr. Master **Bill Stephenson**, Kirksville TKID, MO; Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman**, USTF Region 1 Director, Sereff TKD, CO; Sr. Master **Larry Winn**, Harrisburg TKD, MO; Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**, Kirksville TKD, MO; Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, USTF Region 2 Director; Sr. Master **Frank Hannon**, USTF Kansas State Director, Hannon TKD, KS; Master **Lenard Graham**, White Oak TKD, MO; Master **Robert Pettijohn**, Maestas TKD, CO; Master **Paul Byrne**, Louisiana; Mr. **Kevin Bushor**, 6th dan, USTF Nebraska State Director, Axe TKD, NE; Mr. **Anthony Giese**, 6th dan, USTF Wyoming State Director, Wyoming TKD and Mr. **Dale Woods**, 5th dan, USTF Iowa State Director, Woods TKD. The Tournament Director was Sr. Master Stephenson, D. Chief Referee Sr. Master Steadman. Tournament Promoter – Sr. Master Todd.

Opening the tournament, Mrs. **Deborah Ragone**, 4th dan and Ms. **Ashleigh Ragone**, 2nd dan sang the National Anthem. Competition started with individual patterns, sparring and team breaking divisions. There were too many individual winners to list in the newsletter, but pictures have been posted on the Axe Taekwon-Do Facebook page and the winners for every division will be listed on the Axe Taekwon-Do webpage.

After the individual patterns and sparring competition, points were tabulated for an overall Grand Champion of the tournament. The Black Belt division winner was Mr. **Matthew Matheny**, 4th Dan from Kirksville TKD. The Color Belt division winner was Ms. **Greenly Rigby** also from Kirksville, TKD.

Individual schools represented were: **Sereff Taekwon-Do, Martin's Casper Taekwon-Do, Kirksville Taekwon-Do, Axe Taekwon-Do, Hannon Taekwon-Do, Wyoming Taekwon-Do, Casper Recreation Center Taekwon-Do, Casper College Taekwon-Do, Snowy Range Taekwon-Do, Harrisburg Taekwon-Do, CAT Taekwon-Do, Woods Taekwon-Do and Maestas Taekwon-Do**. I want to thank all instructors and students who helped make this a great event! Pics here and on next page.

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



Images from the Axe TKD Tournament April 22. Starting at nine o'clock, Mrs. Rodgers from Maestas TKD squares off with Mrs. Duralia from Axe TKD under the watchful eye of Center Mr. Giese; eleven o'clock, medals; three o'clock, Black Belt Grand Champion Matt Matheny, Kirksville TKD; six o'clock, the group.



Aniela Van Hecke, age 8, a Gup Five student at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, has an artistic bent as illustrated by the images furnished here.



“Fox”



Mr. **Tom Gibbons**, IV Dan and Regional Director for New York, conducted a Patterns Refresher at Concord TKD on Saturday, March 25th. In preparation for the upcoming regional Black Belt test in May, focus was on Toi-Gye, Hwa-Rang, and Choong-Moo. Thank you, Mr. Gibbons, for an excellent class!

Roselyn Romberg, D.F.P.

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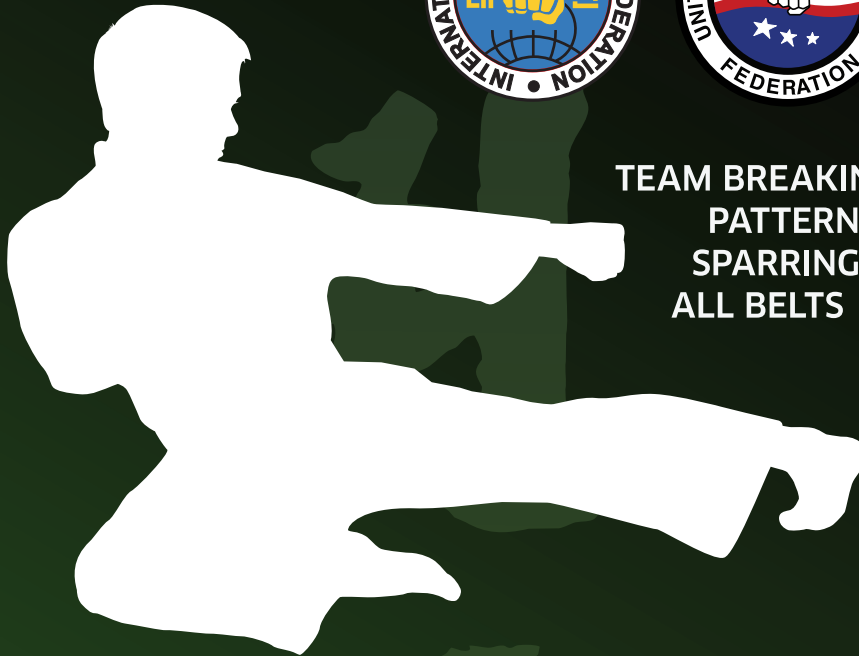
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