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IT's THAT TIME

As the TKD Flash enters its 30th year of publication (am I really getting **that** old?) we both celebrate the past and look forward to future service. In this issue our stellar News Department once again points with pride to a “**Stringer of the Year**” (pg. 4). Our contests for **Best Image of**

2017 and **Best Text Submission by a Non-Stringer** (pg. 3), having been adjudicated, also yield outstanding results.

We are grateful to our contributors, for without them there would be no publication, and to our readers, without whom those contributions would have no purpose.



Utah Chang Han Taekwon-Do Association wishes to congratulate Mrs. **Sara Hill** on her successful testing for 5th Dan! As the only student testing on November 18th, she definitely felt the pressure, but did not disappoint! As her 4 year old daughter Riley put it: “Mommy was so awesome!” We couldn't agree more!

Corinne Sroykum, Stringer

GM **Louis Reyes** presided over the **New England/New York Regional Black Belt** on Sunday, November 19th, held at the Concord School of TaeKwon-Do. Mr. **Oliver Fox** tested successfully for IV Dan and Dr. **Hiroshi Mashimo** for III Dan, both of Concord TKD. Testing for II Dan were Ms. **Jessica Cohen**, Mr. **Neal Longe** and Ms. **Chloe Fox**. Candidates for I Dan included Ms. **Abby Che**, Mr. **Eli Holmes**, Mr. **Maxwell Kim**, Ms. **Anna Pak**, Mr. **Joshua Pak**, Mr. **Andrew Pak**, Ms. **Amelia Pillar**, Ms. **Riya Shah**, and Mr. **Paul Sorrenti** of Concord TKD and Mr. **Ethan Tse**, Ms. **Jennifer Perloff**, Mr. **David Waddill**, and Mr. **David Gionosio** of **Giorgio's Academy of TaeKwon-Do**. Congrats to all on a great test!

[Group photo: Front Row: Mr. Robert Giorgio V Dan, Master John Murphy, GM Reyes, Mr. Tom Gibbons IV Dan, Second Row left to right: Mr. Oliver Fox, Dr. Hiroshi Mashimo, Mr. Neal Longe, Ms. Chloe Fox, Ms. Abby Che, Ms. Amelia Pillar, Ms. Anna Pak, Ms. Riya Shah, Mr. Ethan Tse; Third Row left to right: Mr. David Waddill, Mr. David Gionosio, Ms. Jennifer Perloff, Ms. Jessica Cohen, Mr. Paul Sorrenti, Mr. Eli Holmes, Mr. Maxwell Kim, Mr. Andrew Pak, Mr. Joshua Pak, and Mr. Karl Huffman V Dan. Other photos on following page.]

Roselyn Ramberg, D.F.P.



UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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

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

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.

Mexico, Missouri will be the site of a USTF Referee Course on March 17 hosted by Master **Kenny Fairchild** and taught by Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman**.

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

Christmas Quiz results: the little girl is GM Renee' Sereff. Thanks for playing. Nicely.

A Black Belt testing was held at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**, Arvada. Nov. 18.

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

Congratulations are in order for **Mr. Daniel Fitch**, winner of **Best Text Submission for a Non-Stringer for 2018**. Mr. Fitch's text was published in the October issue and describes in accurate, and clear prose test results from an August testing at Thornton Taekwon-Do.



November 19 Concord Taekwon-Do picture medley.



Master Guy Williams Stringer of the Year



At the Annual Executive Christmas Gala held in the plush Penthouse suite atop the downtown Manhattan TKD Flash Building, Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke addressed top management from the News, Circulation, Plant, Human Resources and Administration Departments and several available representatives of our Fulitzer Prize Winning news staff.

“I know you’re all on pins and needles, so I’ll cut to the chase: Stringer of the Year for 2017 is awarded to Master Guy Williams. Master Williams has been a consistent reporter of events in Alaska. He does what a good Stringer does, he looks at every test, every level, every event as an opportunity to report doings in Fairbanks, sharing the successes of his club and enhancing its prestige and the prestige of our Art.”

“This is a guy whose unflinching love of his students comes through on every level. Their successes are his successes. And his willingness to give them a boost boosts us. We couldn’t be prouder.” [A sample of Master Williams’s work is on this very page.]

Master Williams joins Mrs. Roselyn Romberg, Sr. Master Ricky Todd, and Grand Master Renee’ Sereff in bearing his new title, “Distinguished Flash Stringer.”



As for the color belt test held on December 9th it was a success as that all were promoted to the next gup level. This will be our last test for the year. We here at **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** wish a MERRY CHRISTMAS to everyone and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. May it be what you make of it.

The testing board Master **G. Williams**, Mrs. **Susan Hicks IV**, and Mrs. **Arleen Slocum**. The tessees: front row are **Lucas Naber** 5th gup, **Jaxon Browning** 8th gup, **Treygon Wallace** 8 gup. At the back **Mark Boswell** 6th gup, and his brother **Noah Boswell** 6th gup. *Master Guy Williams, D.F.S.*

Congratulations to Mr. Fitch on a job well done!!!

So here we are, at the completion of another year of publishing, in search of the **Image of the Year**. We caution, as we always do, that the award is for the image, not for the person depicted or for the photographer no matter how great their personal contribution to the final product. Rather,

the image, among many great images, has been selected after a painstaking deliberation as that best representing our Art and its indomitable spirit. And, as always, this issue contains the many finalists we considered, a year in photographic review. Thank you all for your contributions; and now we get to enjoy them once again.













And, of course, how (?!?) can one with any ease at all select the Very Best, but here it is ...



The TKD Flash 2017 Image of the Year