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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Then on March 10 there will be a Fourth Dan and above test at Sereff Taekwon-Do. These events are always eye-openers with respect to skill, power and physical courage.



A new format was approved for the USTF Knife and Weapons Defense course by Sr. Grand Master **Charles Sereff**. This innovative course was held at Sereff Taekwon-Do on February 24. The course instructor was Mr. **Anthony Giese**, Wyoming State Director. We had 56 instructors and students join us from Nebraska, Colorado, Hawaii, Utah, and Wyoming for this course. Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Mr. Giese's instructor, helped get this course ready for introduction. Special thank you to the instructors and students that traveled to Colorado in a small storm! [Editor: Left, Mr. Geise about to hand Mr. Rick Spann a wrench.]

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





A few photos from the weapons seminar February 24 at Broomfield, Colorado. Left, Sr. Master **Randy Casco** of Hawaii and Mr. **Don Chandler** of Colorado. Right and below, Mrs. **Deb Ragone** and Ms. **Lynne MacCaffrey** bring to mind the ancient question of the value of clubs for women. (“Yes, but not with spikes in them....”)

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**.

Be sure to plan for the **Maestas Taekwon-Do Annual Tournament** March 24, 2018, in Arvada, Colorado, at the Apex Recreation Center. Promoter Master **Robert Martin**. Contact www.maestastkd.com Added this year are team breaking and team pattern events. Always fairly officiated, well-supervised and fun.

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. Should be an awesome event.

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

On May 20 the **Maestas Taekwon-Do Spring Black Belt Test** will be held at Arvada, Colorado. Students will be testing for Sixth, Fifth, and Second Dan.

A combined Black Belt and Gup testing will be held at Axe Taekwon-Do, Bellevue, Nebraska, on May 24.

Sereff World Camp 2018 will be held at Snow Mountain Ranch, Granby, Colorado June 24-29. It will feature World Class Instructors, fun, and the Great Outdoors. Camp T-shirts and Hoodies available. Bring a picture of your dog if

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On February 24 the Grafton Academy of Martial Arts hosted a mini-tournament (gup levels only) at Grafton, Wisconsin. Present to work on and teach hands-on officiating skills in various capacities were Master **Rick Bauman**, Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, Mr. **James Pals**, Mr. **Matthew Thur**, Miss **Alyssa Jankowski**, Mr. **Patrick Jankowski**, Miss **Valerie Locklair**, Mr. **Steve Betchner**, Miss **Alessandra Betchner**, **Matthew Betchner**, **Yash Jha**, **Gabe Peters**, and Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke. Mr. Matthew Thur was Tournament Organizer and Co-Director, Master Bauman Chief Referee, and Sr. Master Van Hecke assisted.

Winners follow.

White/Yellow Division Patterns, 1st **Connor Maehl**, 2nd **Patrick Kaye**, 3rd **Andy Gieschen**; Sparring, 1st **Andy Gieschen**, 2nd **Vish Selvakumar**, 3rd **Connor Maehl**.



Yellow/Green Division Patterns, 1st **Matilda Van Hecke**, 2nd **Sophie Wall**, 3rd **Brandon Kelley**; Sparring, 1st **Sophie Wall**, 2nd **Matilda Van Hecke**, 3rd **Brandon Kelley**.



Green/Blue Division Patterns, 1st **Gabe Peters**, 2nd **Zachary Kelley**, 3rd **Aniela Van Hecke**; Sparring, 1st **Aniela Van Hecke**, 2nd **Zachary Kelley**, 3rd **Gabriel Peters**.

Advanced/Adult Division Patterns 1st **Yash Jha**, 2nd **Matthew Betchner**, 3rd **Eric Wall**; Sparring, 1st **Matthew Betchner**, 2nd **Yash Jha**, 3rd **Eric Wall**.



The mini-tournament was a tune-up for the AAMA Fall Classic to be held on May 5. Some photos on page four.

you have one! (The PICTURE of the dog, that is, they're celebrating the Year of the Dog.) Contact USTF Headquarters, (303) 466-4963 if interested.

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

Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** will conduct a USTF Breaking seminar at **Big Dog Taekwon-Do** in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on August 4.

A combined Black Belt and Gup testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Bellevue, Nebraska, on August 16.

On August 25 a Taekwon-Do Tournament will be held at Kirksville, Missouri. Sr. Master **William**

Stephenson is the Promotor, Tournament Director Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Chief Referee Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**.

A combined Black Belt and Gup testing will be held at **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Bellevue, Nebraska, on November 15.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

A combined Black Belt and Gup testing was held at **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Bellevue, Nebraska, on February 15.

On February 23 **Hannon Taekwon-Do** had a Black Belt testing in Leavenworth, Kansas.



Some photos from the mini-tournament held at Grafton, Wisconsin on February 24. Above left, from left, Corner Judge **Allesandra Betchner** oversees **Zach Kelley** and **Aniela Van Hecke** with Center Referee **Valerie Locklair**. Above right, fourth-generation TKD student **Gabe Peters** and Kelley. Left more proximate, Locklair declares a winner.

Profile

Rachel Turkington has been a dedicated student at **Concord School of TaeKwon-Do** since elementary school. Never one of the more boisterous youngsters, Rachel nevertheless makes her mark. She consistently blows through boards at the breaking machine and enjoys a reputation as one quick to bring One Steps partners to their knees. Last May, Rachel tested for I Dan, under the attentive eyes of Grand Masters **Renee' Sereff** and **Louis Reyes**. The next day she was back on the floor to start learning her new patterns.



By day, Rachel attends middle school and studies hard. She also participates in a statewide community service program in Massachusetts called Project 351. The program involves mentoring, one-on-one coaching, and team-building activities as the young

"ambassadors" lead community service activities in the state. Recently Rachel and a group of middle schoolers painted the interior of a school in an economically disadvantaged area of Boston. Rachel embodies Indomitable Spirit, having the courage to stand up for what you believe in, and we are proud of her promotion to I Dan. [Editor's Note: Great Ponytail!]

Roselyn Ramberg, D.F.P.

On February 4, heavy snow notwithstanding, the hardy venturers at the **Grafton Academy of Martial Arts** held its annual Women's Basketball Outing at the Al McGuire Center, Milwaukee. In attendance were Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, Mr. **Jim Pals**, Mr. **Paul Hebein**, Mr. **Matthew Thur**, Miss **Alyssa Jankowski**, Miss **Valerie Locklair**, **Aniela Van Hecke**, **Zachary Kelley**, **Gabriel Peters**, **Brandon Kelley**, **Matilda Van Hecke**, and **Tyler Hebein**. And Sr. Master Van Hecke.



But don't ask us why this girl on the left has pink hair.

**You're Invited
to the
Maestas TKD
SCHOOL
Challenge
18
with a couple of new things!**

The logo for Maestas Taekwon-Do Colorado is a circular emblem. It features a central figure in a dynamic pose, possibly a Taekwon-Do practitioner. The text "MAESTAS TAEKWON-DO" is written along the top inner edge of the circle, and "COLORADO" is written along the bottom inner edge. The numbers "19" and "81" are positioned on the left and right sides of the circle, respectively.

**March 24, 2018
Arvada, Colorado**