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UPCOMING EVENTS

On April 7 a color belt test will be held at Broomfield, Colorado.

On April 8 **Concord School of Taekwon-Do** will host a USTF Referee Course, Grand Master **Louis Reyes** to instruct.



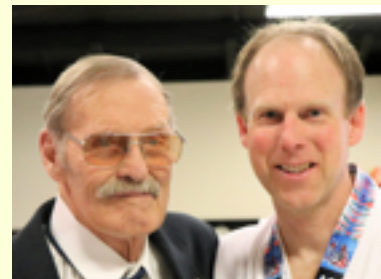
Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff**, Grand Master **Renee Sereff**, Sr. Master **Kirk Steadman**, Master **Jim Smith**, Mr. **Jason Rose**, Ms. **Lisa Winkler** and Ms. **Kathleen Lynch** were the test board for a Black Belt test on March 3 at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**. Normally we combine all levels for a Dan testing, but with the oversized test for March 10th, we felt these three students needed more attention and could get it with the smaller group.

Mr. **Michael Bennett** tested for II Dan after taking a break of 15 years since he last tested. Graduating college, getting married and having a family took precedence over Taekwon

Do at that time. After almost two years of renewed training along with bringing his son, now a high blue belt, to class, he was ready for the next level. Mr. Bennett was awarded High Test Score. (Picture at right)

Mrs. **Jane Shiao** and her sons **Ren-Yi** and **Kai-Yu** started class after Mr. **Bryan Sievert**, another “prodigal,” returned to class after an almost 25 year break. As a red belt, 11 years old, he left and returned with his family. As a family affair, they have trained and been a great support for Sereff Taekwon Do.

Congratulations to all!



Grand Master Renee Sereff, D.F.S.



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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 April 28 there will be a Black and Color Belt Testing at one of USTF’s most venerable clubs. Mr. **Chuck Giotto**, U.P. State Director, will host the test to be held in Marquette, Michigan, at **Marquette Taekwon-Do**.

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 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**.

On Sept. 18, the **19th Annual Wyoming Invitational Tournament** at Casper, Wyoming. Mr. **Anthony Giese**, Promoter.

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

AROUND THE COUNTRY

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



Celebrating the new Grand Masters! Appointed March 10 at Broomfield, Colorado. Top photo from left, Grand Master **Dennis Swan**, Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff**, Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**. Below left, Grand Master Swan and family, right, Grand Master Steadman and family.



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

The **Maestas Taekwon-Do Annual Tournament** March 24, 2018, in Arvada, Colorado, was promoted by Master **Robert Martin**.



On Thursday, February 22nd, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Fourteen students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through Third Degree Black Belt. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** 8th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, Master **Kevin Bushor**, 7th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director

and Ms. **April Bowling**, 5th Dan. Ms. **Brianna Grant**, 2nd Dan served as the testing director.

The following students were promoted to the indicated black belt ranks: 3rd degree black belt: Ms. **Staci Chamberlin**.

The following gups were promoted: Red Belt: **Lizzy Linder**. Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Anthony Garber**. Blue Belt: **Alysia Garber** and **Allison Loftus**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Tami Grgas**, **Gryphon Colon**, **William Fleming**, **Noah Moore**, and **Micah Moore**. Green Belt: **Andrew Callison**, **Leilani Param**, and **Tyler Jensen**. Yellow Belt: **Amaury Slade**.

[Left: Ms. Chamberlin mashes six boards. Another photo on next page.]

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



Ms. Staci Chamberlin at her Third Dan Test on February 22.



Oliver Fox and **Chloe Fox** tested for IV Dan and II Dan respectively at **Concord School of Taekwon-Do** this past November. Oliver, 23 and a pre-school teacher, has been a mentor to his younger sister and, at times, her foil, to the delight of those who train regularly with them. The two siblings regularly egg each other on in sparring and breaking competitions, as so many students with "family tae" will do! For this most recent promotion, Chloe chose her older brother to help her prepare. Oliver worked on her One Steps for weeks, as his bruised arms attested, and then submitted to Chloe's critical eye as he practiced his own patterns for IV Dan.

Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.



As Instructors we always want our students to stay and not venture out, but like SGM **Charles Sereff** stated, “All Black Belts come Home!” This was the case at the Black Belt test held in Broomfield, Colorado on March 10th, 2018. SGM Sereff promoted two of his Taekwon-Do Sons to Grand Master at this test, Grand Master **Dennis Swan** and Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**.

Grand Master Swan was responsible for bringing USTF Taekwon-Do to the State of Washington and Oregon a few years ago. Some of his original students attended the testing: Master **David Mason**, Mr. **Jon Ragsdale** along with Master **Ed Newcomer** who followed in Grand Master Swan’s footsteps.

Grand Master Kirk Steadman, Head of the USTF Referee Program had the distinction of attending, teaching or participating in 90 events since his last test to 8th Dan.

Masters **Ed Lubow**, **Ikuko Lubow**, **William Dubbeld** and **Ed Newcomer** were promoted to VIII Dan.

Sr. Master Dubbeld brought some students from Utah including Mr. **Chris Wadium** who graded to VII Dan, Mrs. **Corinne Sroykum** who graded to V Dan, and Mr. **Dustin Ochoa** who graded to IV Dan.

Sr. Masters Lubow both started at Sereff Taekwon Do and continue to teach. Sr. Master Ed Newcomer originally started at the Downtown Denver YMCA, taught at Sereff Taekwon Do and now comes to us from South Africa. Mr. **Pete Rouse** of Kansas graded to VI Dan along with Mr. **Jason Taylor**, (who is back after 10 years break) Ms. **Elizabeth Graham** and Mr. **Gregory Shain**, all of Colorado.

Ms. **Caitlyn Fitch** of Colorado graded to IV Dan and received the honor of High Test Score. She started with Sereff Taekwon do when she was 5 years old and is now 23. She is currently going to school, teaching at Thornton Rec Center and Sereff Taekwon Do.



Sr. Grand Master Sereff could not have been prouder at the preparation level of those grading!

The Test Board consisted of Grand Masters **Renee’ Sereff**, **Paul DeBaca**, and **Stan Martin**, Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** and Master **Denise Moormeier**. USTF Technical Director Grand Master **Mike Winegar** was an honored guest.

[Above, the group. Below left, Ms. Fitch, high score and Mr. Rouse, best breaking, with SGM Sereff.. More photos follow.]



Denver as a kid and now he tested for VI Dan! Mr. Newcomer had watched her Son Ed several times and you could see the smile that not only reached her mouth but her eyes and heart too! Mrs. Rouse watched her son Peter with such intensity and she let me know



that he pulled his hamstring during the test and was worried about him breaking. Special Thanks to our families for this great support in allowing us to participate in Taekwon-Do! [Top photo, Ms. Caitlyn Fitch and family with Sr.GM C.E. Sereff. Middle, Sr. Master Newcomer, family, and “the Boss.” Bottom, the SGM with Mr. Shain’s family and his original instructor from the YMCA Mr. Kent Smith.]

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



40 years of USTF Taekwon-Do? Guilty! We have photographic proof. Above, Sr. Master Newcomer, Mr. Shain, Sr. Master **David Ott**. On left, with another, their younger selves at the "Y."



At the March 10 test, SGM Sereff was excited to introduced two of the members of the USA Team at the 1st ITF World Championship in Montreal that took GOLD! [Photo on left.] GM Mike Winegar and Mr. **Craig Maul** were at this test! Mr. Maul is training with Grand Master **Dale Burkhart** at **Foothills Taekwon-Do**. Below, ITF world Championship Montreal, GM Winegar 2nd from left and Craig Maul on knees with glasses, Scott Sereff next to him.





Concord School of TaeKwon-DO hosted Grand Master **Louis Reyes** on Sunday, March 11th for a I Dan Patterns Advanced Training Session. GM Reyes took participants through Kwang-Gae, Po-Eun, and Ge-Baek step-by-step. For four hours he made adjustments to stances and techniques, explained the origins of specific moves, and helped attendees refine their patterns for greater accuracy and smoothness. Thank you, GM Reyes, for another intense and engaging session! [Pics: a row of 9s; GM Reyes watches as Ms. Chloe Fox, II Dan, Mr. Ramon Colon, V Dan, and Mr. Karl Huffman, VI Dan,



perform Kwang-Gae; making adjustments to Sonny Wan, I Dan.]

Roselyn Romberg, D.F.S.

Here in Alaska, on March 10, we had our first testing of the year. In our group photo: Front row left to right: Mrs. **Arlene Slocum** II dan, **Andrew Boswell** 6th gup, **Tristan Wallace** 8th gup, **Aiden Couch** 9th gup, **Jaxon Browning** 7th gup, and **Carson Lundquist** 3rd gup. Back row: Miss **Dana**



Woolery I dan, test caller, behind his certificate **Peter Boswell** 6th gup, **Noah Boswell**, Hol-Sin-Sul partner for his brother, Mark next to him, **Mark Boswell** 5th gup (best test), then **Treygon (TK) Wallace** 7th gup, next is Mrs. FORTITUDE **Susan Hicks** IV dan, (two days earlier she went thru knee surgery) , and Master **Guy Williams** VII dan. A big congrats to them all. Hopefully next year some new Black Belts and Dan growth.

Master Guy Williams, D.F.S.