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UPCOMING EVENTS

On December 1 a Black Belt test will be held at **Fox Valley Takeown-Do**, Neenah, Wisconsin. Dr. **John Butitta** is the Promoter.

A USTF REFEREE SEMINAR will be held at Sereff Taekwon-Do on December 1. Grand Master Kirk Steadman will undoubtedly do his usual outstanding job.

On January 26 the **Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls**, will hold a tournament. Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky** is the Promoter; Mr. **Marc Mikkelson** will be the Director.

During December or January Mr. **Faren Lindsey** is Promoter of a Black Belt test for **Quincy Taekwon-Do**.



Sr. Master **Larry Winn** hosted a multi school Saturday Workout on Oct,20th. School attending were, **Harrisburg Taekwon-do**, **Mexico Taekwon-Do** and **Columbia Taekwon-Do**, all in Missouri. Pictured are Sr. Master Winn. Mr. **Kenny Fairchild** 6th Dan. Mr. **Robert Perkins** 5th Dan and Mr. **Dan Pingelton** 4th dan.





Mr. **Tom Gibbons** conducted a Gup test at **Victory TaeKwon-Do** in November. Promoting to Gup 1 Black Stripe were brother and sister **Noah Longe** and **Maria Longe**. **Justin Soroko** tested successfully for Gup 3 Red Stripe. Successful Gup 6 Green Belt candidates included **Jonathan Horn** and **Lucas Barkman**. **Adam Djoubani** tested successfully for Gup 7 Green Stripe along with brother and sister **Samuel Garno** and **Maria Garno**. Congratulations, all, on a successful day!

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On October 3 **Marley Tetley-Wescott** and **Melody Pals** tested successfully for Gup Eight Yellow Belt before Fifth Dan **James Pals** at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin. **Juhi Jha**, Gup One, acted as Corner. Congratulations, Ladies!

On October 27, a Wyoming Black Belt testing was held in Casper, Wyoming, Promoter Master Sisco, attending Grand Master Stan Martin. Hopefully, info and photos by the January issue.

On November 3, the **UCHTA Championship Tournament** was held at Salt Lake City. Hopefully, info and photos by the January issue.

Also on November 3 Mr. **Tony Giese** taught a USTF Weapons Course in Wyoming. Hopefully, info and photos by the January issue.

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** held its 2018 Falss Black Belt Test on November 17.

Participants in the AAMA Mini-Tournament November 17, 2018 at Grafton, Wisconsin, were **Shambav Ashwinkumar**, **Noah Friberg**, **Eric Wall**, **Rebecca Ramirez**, **Sophie Wall**, **Liam Wall**, **Aniela Van Hecke**, **Matilda Van Hecke**, **Patrick Kaye**, **Connor Maehl**, **Vish Selvakumar**, **Rosh Selvakumar**, **Brandon Kelley**, **Zach Kelley**, **Mr. Matthew Thur**, **Ms. Valerie Locklair**, and **Master Rick Bauman**.



On Thursday, November 15th, 2018, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Twenty-five students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through Sixth Degree Black Belt. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** 8th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, and Master **Kevin Bushor**, 7th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 4th Dan served as the testing director.

Ms. **April Bowing** was promoted to 6th Degree Black Belt and displayed great breaking and step sparring ability. Ms. Bowing has been with Axe Taekwon-Do since she was seven years old and is now officially retired from tournament competition!

The following students were promoted to gup ranks: Red Belt Black Stripe: **Anthony Garber, Keenan Matos and Kiel Matos**. Red Belt: **William Fleming, Alysia Garber, Dameon Garber, James Grgas and Allison Loftus**. Blue Belt

Red Stripe: **Tyler Jensen and Leilani Param**. Blue Belt: **Andrew Callison**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Hudson Baird, Olivia Baird, and Sara Baird**. Yellow Belt: **Lexis Collins, Izzie Collins and Caroline Reeves**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Joshua Alexander, Alexis Herndon, Haylie Lewis, Marcus May, Collin May, Jordan Pope, and Ellie Collins**.

Photos: Jensen demonstrating scissor takedown on Param; group photo. More photos on the next page.

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





Ms. April Bowing demonstrates why she's Sixth Dan with a vengeance. Many will recall her consecutive eight board international grade board breaks at the last USTF Nationals, so why not break five boards on the opposite leg, above? And below, just to remind you that girls can pack a punch, how about totaling three tiles? Outstanding!



New England TaeKwon-Do of Hanover, Massachusetts, allowed its youngest students to come to class on Halloween in costume. We suspect the bats of delivering amazing flying kicks that class! Thanks to Distinguished Stringer Roselyn Romberg for the news.

This last week Your Humble Editor was struck by a bit of a coincidence in the otherwise dingy recesses of the Black Belt dressing room at the Academy of Martial Arts in Grafton, Wisconsin.





Even Grand Masters are required to complete Community Service each year and while on vacation with friends we had the opportunity November 3 to visit the Holy Family Care Centre in Limpopo Province, South Africa, and brought some donations from USA. The volunteers that help this Centre were from several countries including Africa and Australia along with local

people. There are so many languages within Africa, they do not like to keep the children longer than 2 years because when they return home, they may not remember the language of their parents. Over the years children have come and gone, some have died and others have been re-united with extended family. Many of the children who come to the Centre are very malnourished, ill and traumatized. The Center strives to give them the holistic care they need, physical, emotional, psychological, educational and spiritual support. The children attend the local village school at Calais. Their greatest need is for compassionate love and care and this is the Center's vision and mission. **Eric Bogle, Song Writer. Louise Fox, Karen Rose, Craig Humphrey** and I had a great visit with the kids and believe me we could have taken them all home!

There was a saying outside that said, "An orphan's tears run inside", an African Proverb. If you need more information on how you can help, please contact me at headquarters. The government helps with about 70% of what is needed and the rest comes from donations. I've enclosed a group photo and one of a little girl who found friends in Craig and Leo.

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





Grand Master **Louis Reyes** presided over a Black Belt test at **Concord School of TaeKwon-Do** on Sunday, November 18th. The sole candidate was Mr. **Sunny Wan**, testing for II Dan. Mr. **Thomas Gibbons**, IV Dan, Ms. **Joanne Haley**, V Dan, Mr. **Karl Huffman**, VI Dan, and Master **John Murphy** made up the rest of the Test Board. Mr. Wan was assisted by Ho Sin Sul partners Mr. **Ed Chi**, II Dan, and Mr. **Kevin O'Neil**, I Dan. Mr. Wan performed patterns, kicks, and One Steps well, especially the slow-motion portion, and accredited himself well on his breaks. Thanks to all for a very respectable test! Photos: Sunny Wan executes a Twin Front Snap Kick break; Group photo (L to R): Ms. Haley, Mr. Huffman, GM Reyes, Mr. Wan, Master Murphy, Mr. Gibbons.

Roselyn Romberg, D.F.P.





On November 3rd **Mountain View Martial Arts** in Battle Ground, Washington, hosted the USTF Breaking Seminar conducted by Senior Master **Ricky Todd**. Senior Master Todd brought several of his students from Axe TKD. The seminar was well attended with Mountain View Martial Arts Head Instructor Master **David Mason** with (28) Students from Battle Ground. Bodystrong TaeKwon-Do Head Instructor Master **Brandon Stoppani** with (5) Students from Sequim, Washington, Golden Tiger Head Instructor Mr. **Thomas Egan** with (2) Students from Canby Oregon . We also had Dr. **Steve Osborn** from Cadillac, Michigan.

We were able to show the Axe personnel some of the sites around Washington state. First stop was at Crown Point in Oregon to see a beautiful view of the Columbia River followed by a trip to the Multnomah Falls followed by the fish hatchery. We finished off the evening before the seminar with a pizza feed and fire at our house with some of our students. As always, it was a great time and a wonderful seminar that each of us came out with new techniques and things to work on. Senior Master Todd regaled us all with great stories that fit perfectly with the situation of that particular Break we

were working on. His attention to details and teaching was highly informative and very inspiring. Senior Master spent time with each person some time during the seminar providing every student with some personal time training on a particular break.

Axe who came to assist him and take the course as well were also very helpful and insightful helpers.

One of the great things in taking the course besides the training was the bonding that happens between the different students of the different schools many new friendships were made and new bonds that makes being in the USTF such an awesome thing.

Photos: Group; casual get-together, from left to right: Jon Ragsdale, Bri Grant, Senior Master Todd, Dawson Ragone, Ashleigh Ragone, April Bowling, Lynette Mason, Master David Mason, Mrs. Deborah Ragone.

--Submitted by Mrs. Lynette Mason



Happy Holidays
from
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and
All Our Staff