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EDITOR'S NOTE

We are saddened to report that Mr. Mario Manera has resigned from the News Department and will no longer serve, as he has previously done so admirably, as a Stringer for this publication. Mr. Manera was an enjoyable and thoughtful personality and we will miss him. But we do thank him for his many previous contributions and wish him well.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Likely on February 1, a Dan testing at Senatobia Taekwon-Do, Senatobia, Mississippi. The promoter is Mr. **Jeremy Bennett**.

There will be a USTF Technical Seminar at Broomfield to be taught by Grand Master **Mike Winegar** on February 23. YHE has attended numerous seminars taught by GM



Rising to the challenge issued by Aniela and Matilda Van Hecke in previous issues, the Splits Club of Concord Taekwon-Do covers eyes. Of course, YHE can attest that this is easy for those of us who have achieved high rank....

Winegar; they have all been informative, excellent and pleasurable.

On February 23 the Academy of Martial Arts, USTF Basic Ho Sin Sool Course. The Promoter is Grafton, will participate in the annual Grafton USTF State Director **Jacqueline Karpinsky**. Opportunity Fair.

On February 24 its annual Women's Collegiate scheduled for March 23, 2019 at the Apex Center in Basketball Outing will be held by the Academy of Arvada. Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin.

A USTF Referee Course will be conducted at **Maestas Taekwon-Do. USTF** Rock Springs, Wyoming, March 2.

On March 16, **Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts**, Sheboygan, Wisconsin, will host a

The **2019 Maestas Team Challenge** is

On June 1, there will be a Black Belt test at



Concord TaeKwon-Do closed out 2018 with its traditional holiday family party following the last Gup test of the year on Saturday, December 22nd. Testing that day were **Adam Dallas** and **Hari Raman** for Gup 9 Yellow Stripe. **William Bakster**, **Colin Walters**, **Fiona Brown**, **Wen Xi Wang**, and **Jiaren Han** tested for Gup 8 Yellow Belt. **Saanvi Terala** completed requirements for Gup 7 Green Stripe, as did **Erick Blankenship** and **Elizabeth Fieroz** for Gup 6 Green Belt. Gup 5 Blue Stripe belts were awarded to **Megan Kim** and **Elena Usache**, and **Emma Kelly** received her Gup 4 Blue Belt. Testing for Gup 4 Red Stripe were **Advay Goel**, **Alexander Koh**, **Tesu Ham**, **Alan Zhou**, and **Jacob Healy**. And **Austin Kim**, **Faya Larochelle**, **Erick Haller**, and **Iffah Liyakath** joined the ranks of Gup 1 Black Stripe students, eagerly looking forward to (and dreading!) their next big test. Congratulations to all! Picture of the party, above.

Roselun Rombera, D.F.P.

USTF Nationals for 2019, will be July 20th and 21st in Broomfield, Colorado.

On September 14, the **20th Annual Wyoming Invitational** will be held at Casper, Wyoming.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

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

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

STRINGER OF THE YEAR

The Editorial Board of the **TKD Flash** is pleased to designate Distinguished Flash Stringer **Roselyn Romberg** as the **Stringer of the Year for 2018**. So we guess we'll have to refer to her as Most Distinguished in future. Mrs. Romberg submitted at least one article for every event in her Region and had a surprising number of finalists in the Image of the Year competition. Congratulations, M.D.F.S. Romberg!



On January 26 the **Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls**, held a tournament. Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, USTF Wisconsin State Director, was the Promoter; Mr. **Marc Mikkelson**, Fifth Dan, Served as Tournament Director. Fourth Dan **Mark Johnson**, served as Chief Referee. Pictures above and following starting on page 5. Caption above: "Hey, what does this guy see that referee Alessandra Betchner doesn't?"



January 26 was a good day for the **Sereff Taekwon Do Annual Invitational Jr. Tournament and Chili Cookoff**. Together for the fun were Thornton TKD, New Life TKD, Maestas TKD and Sereff TKD! We only ran two rings and allowed the parents to sit on the floor right next to the competition!

There were 45 competitors and lots of chili to enjoy after! Master **Jim Smith** was the tournament director and Mr. **Craig Meyers** our Chief of Referees. Ms. **Louise Fox** ran the table and Dr. Shevaun Duiker was our medical personnel with only one bumped nose!

Grand Champion was **Bryce Bennett** and runners up were **Allison Burkholder**, **Sylus Gulsby**, and **Tara Miraskandari**. (Picture top left.) We were honored that Sr. Grand

Master **C.E. Sereff** joined us for the event. Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**,

Grand Master **Kirk Steadman, Sr.** Masters **Ed Lubow** and **Ikuko Lubow**, Master **Robert Martin**, Master **Robert Pettijohn**, and Master **Paul White** attended. The Chili cookoff was a success with 1st place going to Bryan and Jane



Sievert from Sereff TKD, 2nd place going to Mark Steadman from Sereff Taekwon Do and 3rd place going to Cleveland from New Life TKD. (Pictured right with Sr. Grand Master Sereff.) The final event "Kicking the Pinata" was run by Mr. **Jason Rose** and of course he had as much fun as the kids! Pictured, left, Ms. Emily Bettis slams into the pinata, anchored by Mr. Rose.

Grand Master Renee' Sereff, D.T.S.



“Maybe I could try U-shaped Punch, but come to think of it, that’s over my level.”



“I know, the fearsome grimace should back him off...”



“May I brush that fly from your nose?”



“Who’s leading here?”





Innovative Methods of Placating the Opponent Practiced by Both Fighters: Above, "Please, please?" Left, "Now, can we talk about this?"



Above right: "Here it comes!!!"

Top left: "Hey, I know I said to get behind me, but...."

Below: "It says right on page 20 I get an extra point this way, right?"



“The Winnah!” said Master Rick Bauman.



Buds: Rosh Selvakumar, Vish Selvakumar, Shaunak Chaudhuri, Patrick Kaye, Connor Maehl, Liam Wall, Sophie Wall.