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UPCOMING EVENTS

The **12th Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament** will be held on April 6 at Bellevue, Nebraska. Tournament Director: Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**; Chief Referee, Mr. **James Roston**, Tournament Promoter, Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**. For more information contact: Sr. Master Ricky Todd at ustfneb@cox.net or Master Kevin Bushor at kbushor@cox.net

Concord School of Taekwon-Do will host a USTF Referee Course on April 7. The instructor will be Grand Master **Louis Reyes**.

Snowy Range Taekwon-Do travels to **Rock Springs Taekwon-Do** for a Black Belt testing to be presided over by Grand Master **Stan Martin** on April 20.

New 8th Dans!



From left, Sr. Grand Master Charles El Sereff, Grand Masters Mike Winegar and Renee' Sereff and new Senior Master 8th Dans Vicki Winegar, David Mason and Robin Johnson, Grand Masters Stan Martin and Kirk Steadman. The new Senior Masters were named March 9. Story on page 6.

On April 27 there will be a Step Sparring seminar, hosted by Sr. Masters Cope and Winn at Harrisburg, Missouri to be instructed by Master **Kevin Bushor**.

The **AAMA Spring Classic Tournament** for 2019 will be held at Grafton, Wisconsin, on May 4. Promoter is the **Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton**. Tournament Director is Mr **Jim Pals**, to be assisted by Fourth Dan **Chris Langlois**. Chief Referee is Master **Rick Bauman**,

Grand Master **Bill Stephenson** will host the Ground Tactics Seminar in Kirksville, Missouri on the 4th of May, 2019.

A Black Belt test will be held at **The Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts** on May 11. The Promoter is USTF State Director **Jacqueline Karpinsky**.

On May 18 **Marquette Taekwon-Do**, truly one of the most venerable clubs in North America, will hold a Black Belt test.

On June 1, there will be a Black Belt test at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**.

There will be a combined gup level and Black Belt test at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on June 8.

On June 22 there is a step sparring seminar at Sereff Taekwon-Do in Broomfield to be instructed by Masters Robert **Pettijohn** and **Kevin Bushor**.

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

The annual Sereff Taekwon-Do **Workout in the Park** will take place August 3.



A busy weekend for us up here at **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do**. Our first test for 2019 was held Saturday, March 9th. From each test we get a look at what can be improved in our students and within our teaching. This group starts left to right front row: **Sophia Chythlook** 9th gup, **Jaxon Browning** 3rd gup, and **Nina Cythlook** 9th gup, and, back row: Master **Guy Williams** VII Dan, **Kiel Couch** 6th gup, **Trevor Stagdon** 9th gup, **Susan Hicks** IV Dan, **Arlene Slocum** III Dan.

Master Guy Williams, D.F.S.



Esi Kwonke and Natalie Johnson, students at the Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls, heartily engage the Splits Club challenge in both modes. Picture credit to Fourth Dan **Caren Johnson**.

On August 24 a USTF Tournament will be held at Kirksville, Missouri, Promoter Grand Master Stephenson, Tournament Director Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Chief Referee Sr. Master **Dustin Stephenson**.

A Black Belt test will be held at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on September 7.

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

A **USTF Referee Course** will be conducted at Broomfield, Colorado on October 19.

A Junior Ho Sin Sool Course will be at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on November 9.

On December 7 Sereff Taekwon-Do will conduct its last Black Belt test of 2019.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On February 1, a Dan testing may have been held at Senatobia Taekwon-Do, Senatobia, Mississippi. The promoter is Mr. **Jeremy Bennett**. Hopefully, some information as to this event will be forthcoming in the next Flash.

A Black Belt Test was held at **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do** in Sequim, Washington on February 2. Master **David Mason** presided. Hopefully, some information as to this event will be forthcoming in the next Flash.

A USTF Referee Course was conducted at Rock Springs, Wyoming, March 2. We'll look forward to an article on this even tin the next Flash.

The **2019 Maestas Team Challenge** took place March 23, 2019 at the Apex Center in Arvada.



On Thursday, February 28th, 2019, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Seventeen students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through Red 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**, 6th Dan. Mrs. **Elizabeth Chamberlin**, 2nd Dan, served as the testing director.

The following students were promoted to gup ranks: Red Belt Black Stripe: **Allison Loftus**. Red Belt: **Tyler Jensen** and **Leilani Param**. Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Andrew Callison**. Green Belt: **Hudson Baird**, **Olivia Baird**, and **Sara Baird**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Lexie Collins**, **Izzie Collins** and **Caroline Reeves**. Yellow Belt: **Joshua Alexander**, **Haylie Lewis**, **Marcus May**, **Jordan Pope**, and **Ellie Collins**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Kevin Gleason** and **Joseph Gleason**.



These students were tested on all physical and mental aspects of Taekwon-Do in accordance with the USTF testing syllabus. Since 1988, Taekwon-Do and the USTF has been taught to both military and non-military students at the Offutt Air Force Base Youth Center. We welcome any USTF member travelling through our area to stop in and train! Please ensure you clear any visit to our school with your instructor. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.axetkd.com> or facebook at AXE Taekwon-Do. More information on our website. Photos: above, the Bairds, right, Tyler Jensen, below, the Group photo.

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





Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff**, Grand Master **Mike Winegar**, Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**, Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** and Ms. **Cameo Zugschwert** were the test board at the March 9 Broomfield, Colorado, USTF Black Belt Testing! How would you like to test for I Dan under this board? We are excited to announce the VIIIth Dan promotions of Masters **Vicki Winegar**, Colorado, **David Mason**, Washington, and **Robin Johnson**, Wyoming, at this event! Along with this group we had two test for VI Dan, **Dan Fitch** of Colorado and **Grand Bradbury** of Utah, one test for II Dan, **Jessica Velez-DiLaura**, Colorado, and two for I Dan, **Shelli Tillery** and **Bryce Bennett** of Colorado. High test score honors went to Bryce Bennett for Patterns, and Shelli Tillery and partner **Jason Griffis** for Best Ho Sin Sul. Unfortunately, Sr. Master **Bill Dubbeld** was unable to attend the test of his student Mr. Bradbury due to snow in the vicinity of Rawlins, Wyoming. Whether you are on a Safari under the Southern Cross or participating in your I Dan Black Belt test, only you can reach your goals! Congratulations to all the candidates and partners for the hard work and to the families who have given up lots of family time for your passion! (Photos: lower, Sr. Grand Master with Best Test and Best Ho Sin Sool, and *uke* Mr. Tillis on right; above, group photo.)



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



On March 16, Wisconsin USTF State Director **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, V Dan, hosted a USTF Basic Ho Sin Sul Seminar at **The Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts** taught by Sixth Dan **Tony Giese**. Attendees were from **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do** (Neenah), **Marquette Taekwon-Do** (the U.P.), the **Grafton Academy of Martial Arts**, and Sheboygan Falls. Pictured in the photo sequence above is Mr. Geise and Fourth Dan **Kevin Friede**. In the group photo, first row from left, are **Kewku IKorankye**, **Jimena Madoz**, **Austin Reenders**, **Noah Friberg**, **Connor Maehl**, **Natalie Johnson**, **Gabe Pals**, **F.M. Van Hecke**. VIII Dan, **Mr. Giese**, **Master Rick Bauman**, **Yash Jha**, **Zach Warnke**, and **Kevin Rauch**, in the back, **Mr. Mark Johnson**, IV Dan, **Mr. Jacob Scholten**, I Dan, **Mrs. Danielle Spiessl**, IV Dan, **Mr. Dan Kelly**, III Dan, **Mrs. Caren Johnson**, V Dan, **Mr. Jim Pals**, V Dan, **Dr. John Butitta**, V Dan, **Ms. Barbara Hilija Spiessl**, V Dan, **Mrs. Mary Lubner**, V Dan, **Miss Rosalia Johnson**, I Dan, **Mr. Kevin Friede**, IV Dan, **Mrs. Karpinsky**, and **Mr. Noah Jacoby**, I Dan.



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Needless to say, the intrepid pioneers of Splits Club at **Concord Taekwon-Do** aren't giving quarter. **Kayla Seo** and **Hannah Seo** in the back, **Wen Xi Wang** in front. Thanks to DFS Ros Romber for this pic.



Prose for the Sake of Prose, contributed by YHE

Mma Ramotswe let her mind wander, which was what it always wanted to do when she was out in the bush—her beloved Botswana bush. She thought, *This is where I am happiest—here on the earth of the land that I love so much, and always will, always.* And she thought of her father, and of where she imagined he might be. She was not entirely sure—who could ever be completely certain about such a thing?—but she thought he would be in the place to which late (Ed: deceased) people went, just above this Botswana, that other Botswana which is the place of those who are late, where there would be green grass, rich and abundant, and water, and all the other things which people need. And because he was who he was, Obed Ramotswe, fine judge of cattle, he would be helping to look after the cattle in heaven, which were special cattle, broad of back and shoulder, with sweet-smelling breath, and wide brown eyes. And the late children would be riding on the backs of those cattle, those white cattle, and the other cattle too, as there were cattle of all colors in that place, gentle cattle, who knew that they were loved and who loved their keepers in return. For that was a very special sort of love, she realized—love given back to one who loved you; that love was like the first rain, the longed-for rain, which washed away the pain and sadness of the world so that you forgot that those things had ever been there.

—From The Colors of All the Cattle, by Alexander McCall Smith