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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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

A Black Belt test will be held at **Big Dog Taekwon-Do** in Grand Rapids, Michigan on July 28.

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

The **Utah Chang-Hun TKD Alliance** will hold its **Summer Weekend TKD Camp** at East Canyon State Park in Morgan, Utah August 2 through 4.

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**.



**Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** had its second color belt test, June 8th, for the year 2019. Many things go on during the summer in Alaska as it does where ever you live. Although the summers here are somewhat short. We try to put, as much as possible, into the time we get. Have a great summer everyone. You see in the photo I am in dobok for this test.

With the black belts and senior color belts not able to be here I called corner and stepped in to be the step sparring partner for the 2nd gup candidate. From left to right: myself, **Jaxon Browning** 2nd gup, **Haoran Zhang** 6th gup, **Trevor Stagdon** 8th gup, **Nina Chythlook** 8th gup, and her sister **Sophia Chythlook** 8th gup.

*Master Guy Williams, D.F.S.*

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. Contact: Master Sisco, [jerrysisco@bresnan.net](mailto:jerrysisco@bresnan.net).

On September 21 GM **Kirk Steadman** will instruct a U.S.T.F. Umpire Course at the **Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts** in Sheboygan

Falls, Wisconsin. For information on contact Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke, Assistant to the Promoter, [fmvh1@mac.com](mailto:fmvh1@mac.com)

Also on September 21 **Columbia Academy of Taekwon-Do**, Columbia, Missouri, will host a USTF Step Sparring seminar.

A **USTF Referee Course** will be conducted at **Axe Taekwon-Do** on October 19.

Grand Master **Louis Reyes** presided over the Spring Black Belt test on Sunday, May 19th, held at **Concord School of Taekwon-Do**. Mr. **Ramón Cólón** tested for VI Dan, and Ms. **Abigail Che** achieved II Dan rank. Testing for I Dan were Ms. **Joy D'Souza**, Mr. **Eric Haller**, Mr. **Austin Kim**, and Ms. **Allison Maloney**. Congratulations, all, on a superb test! [Photo: Front Row: Mr. Eric Vining, IV Dan, Head Instructor, New England Taekwon-Do; Ms.



Joanne Haley, V Dan, MA State Director, New England Taekwon-Do; GM Louis Reyes, IX Dan, and Master John Murphy, New England Regional Director, Concord Taekwon-Do. Second Row: Mr. Karl Huffman, VI Dan, Concord Taekwon-Do; Mr. Eric Haller, I Dan, Concord Taekwon-Do; Mr. Ramón Cólón, VI Dan, Concord Taekwon-Do; Mr. Austin Kim, I Dan, Concord Taekwon-Do; Ms. Abigail Che, II Dan, Concord Taekwon-Do; Ms. Allison Maloney, I Dan, New England Taekwon-Do; and Ms. Joy D'Souza, I Dan, New England Taekwon-Do.]

*Roselyn Romberg, M.D.F.P.*

On Thursday, May 30th, 2019, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Twenty-Four students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through 3<sup>rd</sup> degree black belt. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**



8th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, Master **Kevin Bushor**, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director, and Ms. **April Bowing**, 6<sup>th</sup> Dan. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 4<sup>th</sup> Dan served as the testing director.

The following students were promoted to the following black belt ranks: 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Black Belt: Ms. **Ashleigh Ragone**. 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Black Belt: Mr. **Anthony Garber**, Ms. **Elizabeth Linder**, and Mr. **Kiel Matos**.

The following students were promoted to the following color belt ranks: Red Belt Black Stripe: **Dameon Garber**, **Alysia Garber**, **Tyler Jensen**, and **Leilani Param**. Red Belt: **Andrew Callison**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Hudson Baird**, **Olivia Baird**, **Sara Baird**, and **Hope McDermott**. Green Belt: **Lexie Collins**, **Izzie Collins** and **Caroline Reeves**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Joshua Alexander**, **Alexis Herndon**, **Haylie Lewis**, **Jordan Pope**, and **Ellie Collins**. Yellow Belt: **Kevin Gleason** and **Joseph Gleason**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Fozzie Collins**. The group is pictured above; some pictures, next page.

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

On November 2 the 2019 **UCHTA State Championship Tournament** will be held at Salt Lake City.

Also on November 2 **Big Dog Taekwon-Do** in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will host a USTF Step Sparring seminar.

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

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance Fall Black Belt Testing** will be held on November 23.

The **Battle of the Belts** tournament, Promoter Mr. **Kenny Fairchild**, Tournament

Director Mr. **Robert Perkins**, Chief Referee Mr. **Billy Colley**, will be held on November 23.

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

### AROUND THE COUNTRY

On June 1 the **UCHTA Spirng Black Belt test** was held at Salt Lake City.

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



A couple of photos from the **Axe Taekwon-Do** test on May 30. Mr. **Anthony Garber** and Ms. **Ashleigh Ragone**.



Mrs. **Kathy Lynch**, Fourth Dan, currently is a teacher at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**. She's pictured here with Pat Lynch in 2015 testing (note the distinguished testing board behind her) and running with sons Ryan and Joe.. She competed once again in the **BOLDERBoulder Run** on Memorial Day, her twelfth. What makes this year's competition different? Earlier this year she underwent a liver transplant. Yet another evidence of Indomitable Spirit in its essence.





On May 30 a cup test was held at the **Academy of Martial Arts** in Grafton, Wisconsin. Presided were Fifth Dans **Mary Lubner** and **Paul Hebein**, First Dan **Yash Jha**, and Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke. At the Corner were Gup Ones **Shaunak Chaudhuri** and **Juhi Jha**.

Successful tested students and ranks tested to were: Gup One Black Stripe—**Gabriel Pals**, **Noah Friberg**, Gup Two Red Belt—**Ben Lorenz**, **Jason Huang**, and **Ivan Huang**, Gup Three Red Stripe—**Sophie Wall**, Gup Five Blue Stripes—**Liam Wall**, **Connor Maehl**, **Patrick Kaye**, and **Tyler**

**Hebein**. Also, Gup Seven Green Stripe—**Rebecca Ramirez**, **Shambav Ashwinkumar**, **Marley Tetley**, and **Melody Pals**, and Gup Nine Yellow Stripe—**Cylis Zirtzlaff**. Above, goofing off for parents after the test. Right, below, Ivan Huang makes his break. Left, below, in a blur of speed, Ben Lorenz makes his.





The USTF accepted the invitation to attend the Fall **Bai Rui** Black Stripe and Black Belt Camp held outside of **B r i s b a n e** , Queensland ,Australia. It was a pleasure to join our sister organization for this event. **Mrs. Margaret Birch** and **Mr. Lance Birch** made sure the USTF group got to train prior to the camp at the Bai Rui Gup class. **Mrs. Kristy Povey** held the class.. **Mr. Jason Rose** helped run the class with Masters **Denise Moormeier**, **Robert Pettijohn**, **Mrs. Gayna Kuhl**, **Ms. Lisa**

**Winkler** training. Grand Master **Renee' Sereff** and Grand Master **Stan Martin** were not training but observing! The few days prior to camp Bai Rui kept us all busy! **Mr. James Richards** and **Mr. Neal** accompanied the USTF contingency to the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary via the Brisbane river and then **Mr. John Bradley** and family, **Mr. and Mrs. Povey**, **Mr. Richards** and **Mr. Neal** lead us on to the Australian Zoo prior to arriving at the camp! Crocodile and Bird show plus the standing room only Tiger show kept us very busy between Koalas and Kangaroos!

From 6:00 am warm ups both Saturday and Sunday to great classes throughout the day, the Bai Rui camp was rated an A+! Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**, Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Master **Donal Byrne**, Master **Robert Taylor**, Master **Denise Moormeier**, Master **Robert Pettijohn**, **Mr. John Bates**, **Mr. Lance Birch**, **Mr. John Bradley**, **Mr. Scott Lawrence**, **Mr. Tallentyre**, **Ms. Lisa Winkler**, **Mr. Jason Rose** were some of the outstanding instructors that helped make this camp a success! The beach warm ups on Sunday at 6:00 am were one of the highlights of this camp! A special Thank you to all that made our stay memorable including providing us with warm blankets (**Mrs. Lauren Broom**)!



We look forward to returning the wonderful treatment to all of Bai Rui when they visit the USA! Many have said they will join us in 2020 at the Sereff World Camp. Above left., **Mr. Rose**, Grand Master **Martin**, Grand Master **Sereff**, Master **Pettijohn**, Master **Mooremeier**, **Mrs. Kukhl** in Brisbane. Right, **Mr. Rose** makes a point. Pics on following page.

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



On left, Grand Master Martin demonstrates twisting kick. Below, on the shore of the South Pacific. Pictures continue on next page.







Among classes taught by USTF and Ba Rui instructors at the Ba Rui Camp.



**Sereff Taekwon-Do** hosted a color belt test along with testing 3 candidates for I Dan on June 8. These students went above and beyond the requirements to be ready for their grading.



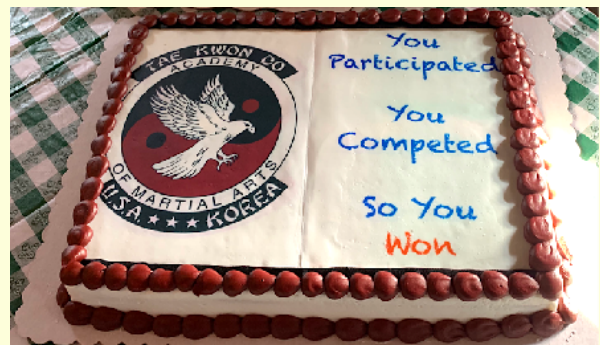
The test Board was Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**, Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** with guest Senior Grand Master **Charles Sereff**.

The I Dan candidates were **Jason Griffis**, his son **Tyler Griffis** and **Billy Griswold**. The color belts grading were **Garrett Tillery** for 3<sup>rd</sup> gup high Blue, **Basia Piasecki** and **Peter Daniell** for 4<sup>th</sup> gup Blue and **Montana Lang** for 8<sup>th</sup> gup Yellow. Required classes plus volunteer service and overall support of the school was completed by all students.

Jason Griffis and Peter Daniell received the high test scores for this grading. No event would be complete without root beer floats and lemon pistachio cupcakes! Photos are of Billy Griswold and family and of Jason and Tyler Griffis.



**The Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton**, held its Spring Awards Banquet on June 2. What some lack in some areas they make up with cake design.



Miss **Melissa Ludvig** of the University of Aberdeen Taekwon-Do Club, Scotland, was graciously shared by her instructor Miss Krammer, II Dan, with Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke and the **Grafton Academy of the Martial Arts** during her Ph.D. internship in Psychology in Wisconsin. It's been fun working with her.





On June 22 **Sereff Taekwon Do** and Grand Master **Renee' Sereff** hosted the Inaugural USTF Step Sparring Seminar in Broomfield Colorado with Wyoming, Nebraska, Utah, Oregon and Colorado participants. The USTF Step Sparring manual was used with plans for some clarifications coming in the updated version by the end of the year. Master **Robert Pettijon** and Master **Kevin Bushor** had done their homework from The General's encyclopedia and presented a very informative and thorough program. The first row of the

training included, Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**, Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Sr. Master **Dan Griffin**, Sr. Master **Bill Dubbeld**, Sr. Master **Robin Johnson**, Master **Jerry Sisco**, and Master **Craig Craddock!** The information was not new, however many questions were answered and more clarification was necessary in order to continue to work toward uniformity within all schools in the USTF.

There are two more scheduled later in the year. Sr. Grand Master **Charles Sereff** joined the Masters for lunch and gave the students a message of appreciation for everyone keeping his legacy going! We want to thank all of the students and instructors for supporting the USTF. Above: the Brass; middle, M4s. Debo4qh Ragonc retaliates against Ms. April Bowling; below, the group.

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

