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2019 KIDS' ART CONTEST

The winners are determined, the results having been tallied by a jury of distinguished art critics and curators from around the world! The winning entries are **in this issue**. Congratulations!

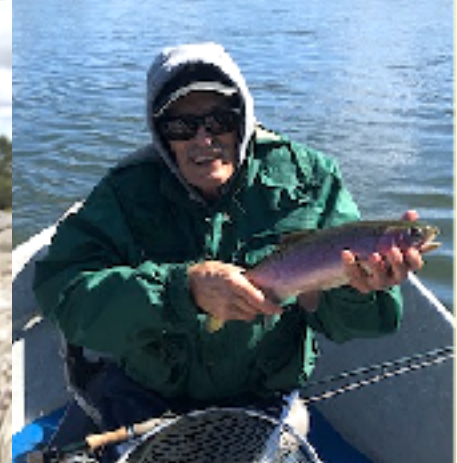
Adventures with the USTF, Adventures Around the World Cooking for Kicks cookbook

has been completed and is available for your order. Chock full of excellent recipes, enough to fuel your TKD activities for years to come! \$10.00, and a bargain at the price. Proceeds will be used to pay for scholarships for needy and deserving students to Sereff World Camp, 2020. Contact HQ at 303-466-4963 to reserve your own copy. Something to consider for the Holidays to come.



On September 20, students of Grand Master **Stan Martin**, had the good fortune of a visit from Sr. Grand Master **Charles E. Sereff**, always a positive experience and a window to Taekwon-Do history.

On a fishing trip on the Platte, from left, Mr. **Chris Riskov**, Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff**, Grand Master **Stan Martin**. We did not catch the name of that humongous fish Sr. GM has in hand.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Senatobia Takeown-Do hosts a tournament AND a Black Belt test in Senatobia, Mississippi on November 1.

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 to be taught by Master **Kevin Bushor**. Promoter, Mrs. **Marianne Armstrong**, Region 3 Regional Director.

And in Missouri, **Kirksville Taekwon-Do** will hold a Black Belt test November 2.

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

On November 16 Sr. Master **David Mason** will preside at a Black Belt test at **Mountain Valley Taekwon-Do**, Battle Ground,

Washington. Clubs participating other than the host school will be **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do** and **Mr. Rainier View Taekwon-Do**.

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.

Maestas Taekwon-Do will hold its Fall Black Belt test on November 24.

On December 7 **Sereff Taekwon-Do** will conduct a color belt and its annual Christmas Cheer event..

Mexico TKD, **Columbia TKD**, and **Harrisburg TKD**, Missouri will join together for a Black Belt test December 11.

The **Maestas Challenge Tournament 2020** will be held on March 21, at Arvada, Colorado.

On March 28, **National Taekwon-Do** of Skokie, Illinois will hold a Black Belt test. The Promoter is Grand Master **Earl Weiss**. YHE will be in attendance

Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** will conduct a USTF Umpire Course in Columbia, Missouri, on May 2.

Sereff World Camp 2020 is scheduled for June 21-26. Something to look forward to, certainly. Everyone YHE knows who has attended has raved about the experience.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On October 23 a Black Belt test was held at **Sheridan Taekwon-Do**. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

Hannon Taekwon-Do conducted a Black Belt test on October 25. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

On October 26 a USTF Referee Course was held at **Mountain View Taekwon-Do**, Washington. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

Also on October 26, a gup level test was held at **Steel Dragon Taekwon-Do**, Wyoming. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.



Sr. Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** taught at USTF Referee Course hosted by **Sereff Taekwon-Do** with a newer format the 19th of October at Sereff Taekwon Do. Grand Master **Stan Martin**, Master **Robin Johnson** and Master **Jerry Sisco** brought students from Wyoming. We were happy to see many of our juniors in attendance along with 19 certified referees just wanting the knowledge. Although retired, Sr. Grand Master **Charles**



Sereff joined us around lunch time to welcome everyone to Sereff Taekwon Do! His valuable input always brings smiles to all participants! We are all proud to continue his legacy. Above, Mr. Binks reviews scorecards under the watchful eye of GM Steadman.

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

Grand Master **Stan Martin** hosts a BlackBelt /Red belt class every month unless it conflicts with other USTF events or holidays. The October 6 class was attended by 37 Red and Black Belts. 7 schools attended: Martin's Taekwon-Do, Sheridan Taekwon-Do (Sr. Master Robin Johnson), Rec. Center TKD (Master Sisco), Steel Dragon TKD (Mr. Tony Giese), Rock Springs TKD (Mr. Roland Flynn), Laramie TKD (Mr. Jordan McDill), Casper College TKD (Mrs. McDill) The group is pictured. Next class will be November 3.



WANTED, BADLY

People who care about the good news of Taekwon-Do, class by class, day to day, town by town, school by school. This is your chance to help tell the story of the people and the efforts that make this all happen.

Stringer positions are open now, with prospect of generous salaries, incredible benefit packages, glamor, excitement and world-wide fame and approbation. Well, that's a bit tongue-in-cheek, but YHE stands by everything in the preceding paragraph.

Why waste time watching re-runs of "Friends or on Facebook talking about your political views and meat loaf recipes or crocheting when you, too, could put on YOUR Taekwon-Do resume' or college application the high status of Flash Stringer?

Every club should have one. Every club needs one. Why allow YOUR club, your instructors, your events to sink into the murk of obscurity when transnational glory, universal notice and rapt admiration for the great things done is their true destiny?

What???! You held a Black Belt test and after years of hard training Cecilia succeeded beyond her wildest dreams and her picture and her story remain locked away without being shared?

What???! Little Johnny got his Blue Belt along with five other kids being promoted and the excellent work of Instructor Smith's Church Basement Taekwon-Do of Selsun Falls in bringing these kids along goes totally without notice?

What???! Your school raised \$279.62 in its Kickathon Against Childhood Cancer and it goes on *Facebook* [Editor's

Note: Yuck!], where about 13 people will ever learn about it?

Isn't your school, your instructor, your life in Taekwon-Do worth sharing with the world?

Hey, we understand: Will it be hard work (like the *Editor* lifts a finger?)? Do I need to have a degree in journalism (like your *Editor* doesn't), will people criticize my prose (what the heck do you thing the *Editor's for?*), do I have to send something in every month (like who does?), these are all worries which are as chimerical as Batman and Robin.

Instructors: give your students the gift of notice, enhance the image of your school and the standing of our Art. **Tell your students and community of your national recognition.** Appoint a Stringer.

Students: tell the ongoing story of your school and the many reasons for your pride. Now is your chance to roll out that trumpet.

Contact: The TKD Flash, Flash Tower Manhattan—8th Floor, Human Resources Department, fmvh1@mac.com, today for the opportunity of a lifetime. You'll be glad you did.



On Saturday, October 19th, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted the USTF Referee Seminar. The seminar was taught by Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, 8th dan. A total of 32 students attended from Nebraska, Kansas, and Iowa. We have 19 new USTF referees and 13 completely updated referees that were previously certified.

The following students attended for initial certification: Ms. **Amy Buckley**, 2nd dan, Class B Referee. For Class C Referee: Mr. **David Wrigley**, 4th dan (Hannon TKD), Ms. **Kayla Matos**, 3rd dan, Mr. **Luke Blasey**, 2nd dan, Mr. **Nicholas George**, 1st dan (Hannon TKD), Mr. **Paul Grgas**, 1st dan, Mr. **Anthony Garber**, 1st dan, Ms. **Elizabeth Linder**, 1st dan, Mr. **Kiel Matos**, 1st dan, Mr. **Jack Blasey**, 1st dan, **Tyler Jensen**, 1st gup, **Allison Loftus**, 1st gup, **Daemon Garber**, 1st gup, **Alysia Garber**, 1st gup, **Keenan Matos**, 1st gup, **Leilani Param**, 1st gup, **Andrew Callison**, 1st gup, **James Grgas**, 2nd gup and **Hope McDermott**, 3rd gup.

Attending for refresher certification: Master **Kevin Bushor**, Class A, Mr. **Dale Woods**, 6th dan (Woods TKD), Class A, Mr. **Pete Rouse**, 6th dan (Hannon TKD), Class A, Ms. **April Bowling**, 6th dan, Class A, Mrs. **Deborah Ragone**, 4th dan, Class A, Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 4th dan, Class A, Mrs. **Sharon Buckley**, 3rd dan, Class A, Mr. **Keith Buckley**, 3rd dan, Class A, Ms. **Staci Chamberlin**, 3rd dan, Class B, Mr. **Zach Ostrander**, 2nd dan, Class B, Mrs. **Sheila Duralia**, 2nd dan, Class B, Mrs. **Lizzie Chamberlin**, 2nd dan, Class B and Ms. **Brianna Grant**, 2nd dan, Class B. All students listed without a school by their name are from Axe Taekwon-Do.

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



On September 21, The **Columbia Academy of Taekwon-Do** and Senior Master **Larry Winn** hosted the USTF Step Sparring Seminar and the course instructor Master **Kevin Bushor** in Columbia, Missouri. Twenty-six participants from Missouri, Nebraska, and Illinois asked many questions and received a deeper understanding of the recently updated USTF Step Sparring Syllabus.



Front row from left to right: Mr Fairchild VI, Master Bushor; Sr Master Winn; Mr. Givens III; Mr Pingelton IV.



Superheroes, princesses, witches, ninjas, firemen, martial artists, pirates and clowns, and Fairy Godfather Master **Robert Pettijohn**, *Oh My (!)* gather on October 26 for a Halloween Party and TKD Training at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**.

The Panel in Deliberation:

This year the **TKD Kids' Art Contest** assembled a distinguished panel of critics from around the world to evaluate all 873 entries. From among the deluge of entries, only a few of the very finest, the veritable *creme de la creme*, are displayed in this issue.

Numerous carafes of latte's, accompanied by the finest in varietals and *bors d'oeuvres* and Domino's Pizza (the 2-for-1 Cheesy Crust Deal) were consumed during the 92 hour marathon session in conference room 17E of the Flash Building in downtown Manhattan. Determining the few Honorable Mentions, in particular, sparked vigorous debate over many hours. Deliberations were held under tight security (sort of like U.S. House of Representatives Intelligence Committee's meetings).

In the photo, front row right to left, **Horst Koehler**, Arts Section Editor of *Der Deutsche Zeitung*, **Amanda Reckenwith**, Curator of the Zlingbluther Collection at the Town of Furple Art Museum, **Cecile Shoily Branton-Forstcase** of Devonshire's Razzmattazz Artisans' Collective and, second row, **Ramon Eduardo Fernando Menudo**, Director Ejecutivo, Museo del Pradorado, express their contempt for St. Master F.M. Van Hecke, Chairman *pro tem* of the Arts & Graphics Evaluation Subcommittee of the Representations Department of the TKD Flash (at podium).

Upon completion of the meeting, Madame Cecile was heard to remark: *Je pense que nous avons tous ressenti ce groupe d'idiots n'en viendra jamais à une conclusion aussi longtemps que le vin fusent*. In a hearty accord, Senor Menudo responded, 론,바로 지금 나는 그래서 술 취하는 방법은 없습니다. The Flash extends its gratitude to these titans of the artistic world for their input and will send bills soon.





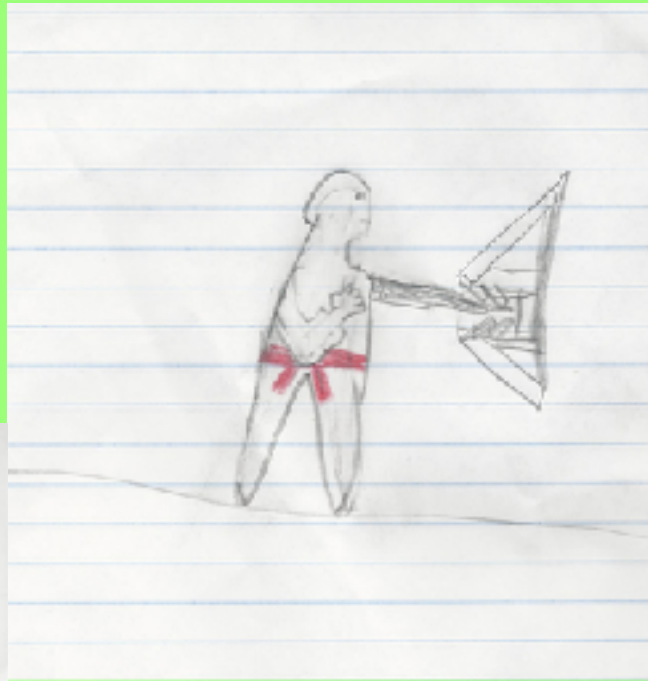
Carson Lundquist, Age 11, Cup One at Fairbanks Taekwondo, bring his pencil to attack the balletic elements of our art, abstractly upon a field of our flag and the Tenets which guide us. An Honorable Mention.

Shaunak Chaudhuri, Age 10, Gup One, Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton. The sun sets over a halcyon village, in a landscape providing both sensitive coloration and precision. First Runner-Up.



Sophia Chythlook, Age 8 and Gup Eight, a student of Master Guy Williams, provides an action-packed vigorous exposition of her skills and provides a poetic description to boot. Second Runner-Up.

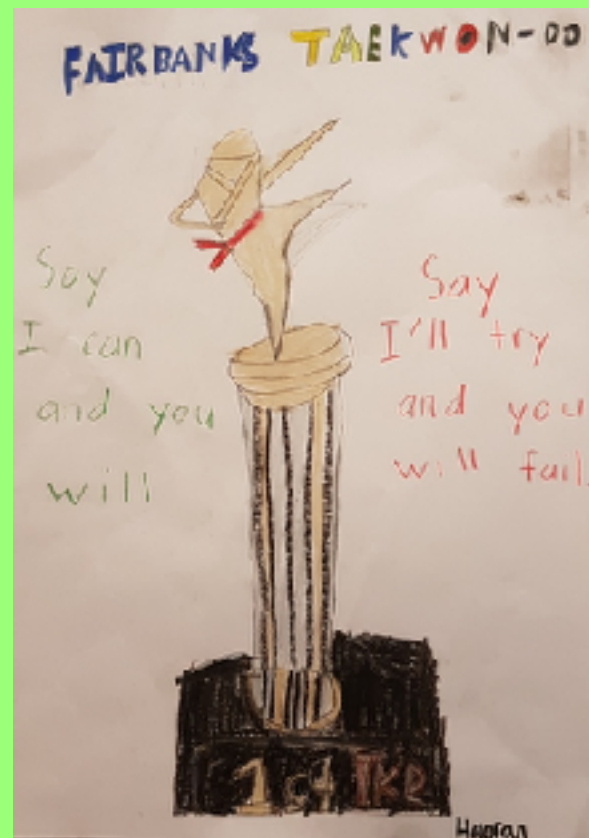
Jaxon Browning, Age 10, Gup Two. The young Alaskan shows, in his stark "Front Punch," a pride in his rank and accomplishments. Honorable Mention.



Below left, **Haoran Zhang**, Age 10, Gup Six, stacks belts and realizes the journey. Another entry of Fairbanks Takewon-Do. Honorable Mention.



Lola Martin, Age 7 and a precocious White Belt, borrows the striking imagery of classmate Carson Lundquist to present both a lesson and a trophy. She is Third Runner-Up. Way to go, Lola!



Nina Chythlook, Age 10, Gup Eight contributes yet another entry from Fairbanks Taekwon-Do, the unquestioned *L'Ecole Des Beaux-Artes* of the North. Nina cleverly analogizes the growth of the Taekwon-Do Tree and the meanings of belt colors with the product, the student, at its core. High Honorable Mention.



Elizabeth Linder, Age 13, Dan I, Axe Taekwon-Do, exhibits the maturity of her representational skills in this still life to capture First Prize. The best among many, many fine entries.

