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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**The January Issue** is our photographic issue and will feature the great images published throughout the previous year. Along with the inevitable trip down memory lane featuring Taekwon-Do action and fun, A distinguished panel will choose the **Image of the Year, 2019**. Something to look forward to.



**Kincade Naus**, on his way to his First Dan Black Belt on October 23 in Sheridan, Wyoming, can make his victims grin. More on the next page.



**Kincade Naus**, first page, left, and on the right with Sr. Master **Robin Johnson** tested for his First Dan Black Belt at Sheridan, Wyoming, on October 23 before Sr. Master Johnson and Grand Master **Stan Martin**.

Thanks to Grand Master Martin for this submission.



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

Also on December 7 **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do** will hold a combined Black Belt and colored belt test.

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

A Basic Ho Sin Sool seminar will be conducted January 18 sponsored by the Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance at **Community of Grace Taekwon-Do**, Sandy, Utah.

Also at Community of Grace TKD on February 29 the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** will hold a USTF Step Sparring seminar.

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 and Principal Presider is Grand Master **Earl Weiss**. Your Humble Editor will be in attendance.

The **13th Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Invitational Tournament** will be held at Bellevue, Nebraska on April 18.

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.

**AROUND THE COUNTRY**

**Hannon Taekwon-Do** conducted a Black Belt test on October 25. Photos, results, hopefully, by 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.

**Senatobia Takeown-Do** had a tournament AND a Black Belt test in Senatobia, Mississippi on November 1. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

On November 2 the 2019 **UCHTA State Championship Tournament** was held at Salt

Lake City. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

And in Missouri, **Kirkville Taekwon-Do** held a Black Belt test November 2. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

On November 16 Sr. Master **David Mason** presided at a Black Belt test at **Mountain Valley Taekwon-Do**, Battle Ground, Washington. Clubs participating other than the host school were **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do**



Wyoming conducted our quarterly color belt testing on Oct 26<sup>th</sup> in Casper, Wyoming . Mr. **Anthony Giese** and **Steel Dragon Taekwon-Do** hosted the testing at the National Guard Armory. 38 students were promoted to different levels of color belt. High test score winners were (left to right) **Troy Wellmaker** – Best Ho Sin Sol, **Adrian Garcia** – Best Break , and **Michelle Brazfield** – Best Pattern. The test board included our senior instructors with 8 schools represented with head instructors. Thank you, Grand Master Stan Martin, for this submission.







On November 9 at Sereff Taekwon-Do Grand Master **Renee' Sereff** instructed an invitational Junior Ho Sin Sool class along with Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**, Master **Robert Pettijohn** and many Black belts. Schools participating were Maestas Taekwon Do,

Thornton Taekwon Do, and Sereff Taekwon Do. The course featured a ten attack program that everyone learned, even white belt juniors! Thank you to Mssrs. **Devin Fitch** and **Daniel James** for demonstrating each sequence. We had a Black Belt for every two students working on the attacks and defenses and rotated the Black Belts and partners. Congratulations to all who participated! The group photo is above. On the right, Zane and Malik working under the direction of Mr. Daniel James. Photo credits, Mr. Cary Gulsky, E.S.



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

and **Mr. Rainier View Taekwon-Do**. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

November 16 SM F.M. Van Hecke was guest instructor at **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do**, Neenah. Dr. **John Butitta** promoted the event.

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance Fall Black Belt Testing** was held on November 23. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

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

Director Mr. **Robert Perkins**, Chief Referee Mr. **Billy Colley**, was November 23. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

**Maestas Taekwon-Do** held its Fall Black Belt test on November 24. Photos, results, hopefully, in the next issue.

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On October 26 a Black Belt test was held at the Academy of Martial Arts in Grafton, Wisconsin. Pictured above are, back row from left, **Kevin Rauch**, Gup Two, Mrs. **Caren Johnson**, V Dan, new Fifth Dan Mr. **Mark Johnson**, new Second Dan Miss **Rosalia Johnson**, new First Dan Mr. **Shaunak Chaudhuri**, Fifth Dan **Marc Mikkelson**, new First Dan Miss **Juhi Jha**, Fifth Dan Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, who served at Corner, Third Dan Miss **Alyssa Jankowski**, Third Dan Miss **Valerie Locklair**, and Second Dan Mr. **Shantanu Chaudhuri**, and front row, seated, Board Members, from left Master **Mike Van Pietersom**, Sr. Master F.M. Van Hecke, Master **Rick Bauman**, and UTF Wisconsin State Director Mrs. **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, Fifth Dan. Below, some Ho Sin Sool “ourches” from Mr. Johnson, Miss Johnson 2 on 1, an undersized Mr. Chaudhuri, and Miss Jha (note right foot).







Some more pics from the October 26 test at Grafton At 11:00, Mr. Chaudhuri says, "See how high I can get!" At 12:00, "I can even break this way, can you?" At 2:00, Miss Jha counters, "I can get just as high if you measure from my hair braid!" And at 9:00, the braid breaks, repeating the feat at 3:00. Perhaps the argument is definitively answered



with pony tail power by Miss Johnson at 6:00. Photos by Kathy Van Hecke.





On Tuesday and Thursday, November 19th and 21st, 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 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 Bowling**, 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 from Sereff Taekwon-Do, Mr. **Daniel James**, from Axe Taekwon-Do, Mrs. **Sheila Duralia**, Mrs. **Elizabeth Chamberlin** and Ms. **Brianna Grant**. 1st Degree Black Belt: Mr. **Dameon Garber**, Ms. **Allison Loftus**, Mr. **Tyler Jensen**, Ms. **Leilani Param**, Ms. **Alysia Garber**, and Mr. **Keenan Matos**.

The following students were promoted to the following color belt ranks: Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Hope McDermott**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Haylie Lewis**. Green Belt: **Collin May**, and **Marcus May**. Yellow Belt: **Makayla Jensen**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Kelly Marsaili**, and **Jonah Ponto**.

Sr. Grand Master Sereff has stated that when a student is promoted to black belt they owe their instructor a debt of bringing another student into Taekwon-Do and keeping them in the art until the new student reaches black belt. I am proud to state that I have gone over the 100 student mark during this testing for students reaching black belt. Mr. Tyler Jensen during this testing became my 100<sup>th</sup> first degree black belt!

[Photos: top, the colored belt group, and, below, the Black Belt group, More photos on the next page.]

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







Some more photos from the Axe test. Mrs Lizzie Chamberlin (6 Boards smashed) and Mrs. Sheila Duralia (4) cross a red line.



While below, SM Todd's 100th Black Belt Mr. Tyler Jensen seems to cross the skyline.







There was a Gup level test at the Academy of Martial Arts in Grafton, Wisconsin, on November 21. Thanks to Mr. **James Pals**, Vth Dan, Mr. **Paul Hebein**, Vth Dan, Mr. **Aaron Prohuska**, IV Dan, Mr. **Matthew Thur**, III Dan, Mr. **Nick Moralez**, III Dan, Miss **Alyssa Jankowski**, III Dan,

Mr. **Yash Jha**, I Dan, and Miss **Juhi Jha**, I Dan for presiding or assisting. The Jhas did “double duty,” supervising the Corners and cornering themselves for the advanced tests. Student Corners were **Noah Friberg** and **Gabriel Peters**. A total of 16 students tested.

Tested successfully to Gup One Black Stripe was **Benjamin Lorenz**. Testing for Gup Three Red Stripe were **Tyler Hebein**, **Patrick Kaye**, **Connor Maehl**, and **Vyshanth Selvakumar**. **Ryan Hebein** and **Liam Wall** tested successfully for Gup Four Blue Belt. **Jacob Post** was promoted to Gup Five Blue Stripe. **Rebecca Ramirez**, **Roshan Selvakumar**, and **Shambav Ashwinkumar** tested for Gup Six Green Belt. **Cylis Zirtzlaff** tested to Gup Seven Green Stripe and **Daymien Perkins** to Gup Eight Yellow Belt. **Eden Elmendorf**, **Mason Volkman**, and **Jacob Sarbacker** tested to Gup Nine Yellow Stripe. Above, a motley crew; below, Cylis Zirtzlaff break while Mr. Yash Jha holds under the gaze of Mr. Nicholas Moralez.





On November 4 Yidan **Patrick Jankowski**, pictured standing in back, right, hung up his spurs and retired from an illustrious teaching career at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, where he served as Associate Instructor. From left, on floor, Matilda Van Hecke, Noah Friberg, Aniela Van Hecke (stretching), Ben Lorenz, Connor Maehl, and Sophie Wall congratulate him after class and before hitting the streets. Standing next to him is Assistant Instructor Alyssa Jankowski, now 18 and sure to carry on a family tradition of excellence and sterling character.



On November 3 Grand Master **Stan Martin** held his November Black/Red belt class, attended by nine head instructors and schools represented. 15 Red and High Red belts participated.



Certificates were presented to new referees Mr. **Rick Binks** and **Joshua Haid** (Class B) and **Andraya Conchola**, **Alishia Good** and **Blake Nichols** (Class C). Master **Jerry Sisco** presented **Adrian Garcia** with a tournament tee shirt.

