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A NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE

As the New Year has begun, I would like to thank all of the USTF Instructors, students and friends for the support in continuing General Choi Hong Hi and Sr. Grand Master Charles Sereff's legacy. We have experienced a successful 2019 and the New Year 2020 shows

no sign of slowing down. Congratulations to all for a job well done! We are looking forward to a very busy New Year and the opportunities it brings. Teaching generation after generation really is the key to success!

Grand Master Renee' Sereff.

USTF Administrator

On November 19th Grand Master **Stan Martin** and students conducted their 4th highway clean up, honoring Choi, Hong Hi's precept of community service. Pictured left to right are **Dustin Neal-Devyn Neal-Duy Huynh-Adrian Garcia-William Blair- Kayla Huynh - Riley Paris- Coulter Paris - Mr. Simon- SophiYates- Alishia Good- Rick Binks- Andraya Conchola- Mrs. Phillips** and GM Martin. Thank you, GM Martin, for sharing this reminder.



Maestas Taekwon-Do held its 33rd Black Belt Testing on November 24. Ms. **Clare Johnson** achieved Sixth Degree and Mr. **Craig Meyers** Fourth Degree. Mr. **Jackson Wright** was the 71st person under age 18 to achieve his First Degree. Pictured from left to right are Grand Master **Renee Sereff**, Master **Robert Martin**, Mr. **Dave Martin** (testing director), Master **Robert Pettijohn**, Ms. Clare Johnson, Mr. Craig Meyers, Mr. Jackson Wright, Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**, Mr. **Scott Honas**, and Mr. **Paul Voris**. Additional pictures begin on page 5.



ABOUT THIS ISSUE

The **TKD Flash** begins its 32nd year of publication (not, alas, as many with the USTF for which we now proudly publish) with its annual Images issue, normally containing the very best photos of 2019 and the Image of the Year. They begin at page 7. The award is not to the individual depicted, the photographer or the school, but for that image which best represents the spirit of our Art. Because of the large quantity of excellent images from 2019, we have carried over a number of them

to the February issue as well as the announcement of the winner. Nevertheless, along with many of these superb images for this issue we have selected and will reveal here an incredibly strong Runner-Up, an unprecedented “first” for us. We know you have awaited the nomination of the “Stringer of the Year” and the “Best Prose Submission by a non-Stringer.” These later awards will at the unanimous decision of the editorial staff, be deferred. The superabundance of quality materials makes the argument for USTF that this is the place to be.

UPCOMING EVENTS

A USTF Referee Seminar will be taught by Master **Denise Moormeier** at Richmond Hill, Georgia, on January 18. The Promoter is Mr. **Omar Welch**.

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.

On January 25 Wyoming Taekwon-Do Schools will hold a Black Belt testing to be presided over by GM **Stan Martin**.

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



Sir:

December 7th was our last test of the year at **Fairbanks Taekwon-Do**, Alaska. This test consisted of color belts and one Black belt candidate. Those in the front row left to right are: **Sophia Chythlook** 7th gup, her sister **Nina Chythlook** 7th gup, **Jaxon Browning** 1st gup, and at the end, our latest I Dan black belt, **Carson Lundquist**. All of these students in the front row are honorable mention or runner up in the TKD Flash Youth Art Contest. Congrats to them all. In the second row are: Master Williams VII, **Trevor Stagdon** 7th gup, and accompanying me on the test board are Mrs. **Arlene Slocum** III dan, and Mrs. **Susan Hicks** IV dan.

We wish everyone a great year in 2020.

Master Guy Williams, D.F.S.

On Wednesday 12/11 Mrs. **Kerri McDill**, Fifth Dan, had her semester PE course color belt testing for 9 students at Casper College. The pic shows Mrs. McDill, Grand Master Stan Martin who attended, and her students after the test was over.



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. Everyone YHE knows who has attended has raved about the experience.

On September 26 there will be a USTF Ground Tactics course at Harrisburg, Missouri.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

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.

Mexico TKD, Columbia TKD, and Harrisburg TKD, Missouri joined together for a Black Belt test December 11. Perhaps we can find out the who, when, where in the next issue.

And other November and December events too numerous to mention.

AND

Appoint a Stringer & help your school!



On Sunday 17th of November- Mr. and Mrs. Connell and family hosted their annual pheasant hunting event in Sheridan, Wyoming. Sr. Master **Robin Johnson** and Grand Master **Stan Martin** joined in.



Some pics from the November 24 Maestas Taekwon-Do Black Belt test: at 11:00 o'clock, Mr. Jackson Wright does semi-free with his mom, Ms. Marsha Wright; at 4:00 o'clock, a mean chokehold takedown by Ms. Clare Johnson on Ms. Wright, and, at 5:00 o'clock, Mr. Craig Meyers with a mii-air two-direction kick. Thanks to Marsha Wright, F.S., for her excellent reporting.



On December 7 **Sereff Taekwon-Do** held a color belt test and its annual Christmas



Cheer event.. At the end of the year, all the students are thinking about when they can get out of school for holidays, are we going to have another snow day and all about their family holiday traditions! From a December 1951 Children’s Play Mate, a favorite magazine of boys and girls, it seems that kids of today are not that much different from 1951! Christmas carols were led by Mrs. Tillery and Garrett. Cookies, fudge and spiced apple juice were served by Wendy Klob and Cameo Zugschwert after the color belt test. A magic show from Peter Daniell helped make our day a success.

The high test scores for the test were **Peter Daniell** and **Austin Ogletree**. The test board consisted of Grand Master **Renee’ Sereff**, Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**, Mrs. **Lorie Ruby**, VI Dan, Ms. **Caitlyn Fitch**, IV Dan, plus Ms. **Cameo Zugschwert**, VI Dan, to run the test. Special thank you to Mr. **Rose**, Mr. **Griswold**, and Mr. **Sievert** for helping students with step sparring and breaking! The support of all the Black Belts in the audience, makes all the color belts feel pretty good! Of course the show can’t go on without the clean up crew, Mr. **Gahlen**

Bell! Now on to new patterns and techniques for the Happy New Year of 2020!

[The photos: the test group, above, and the Fitch Family, Mrs. **Kelly Fitch**, Ms. **Caitlyn Fitch**, IV Dan, and Mr. **Devin Fitch**, IV Dan, plus Mr. **Dan Fitch**, VI Dan pose with a friend Mr. Nutcracker (a suite character).]



— *Grand Master Renee’ Sereff, D.T.S.*

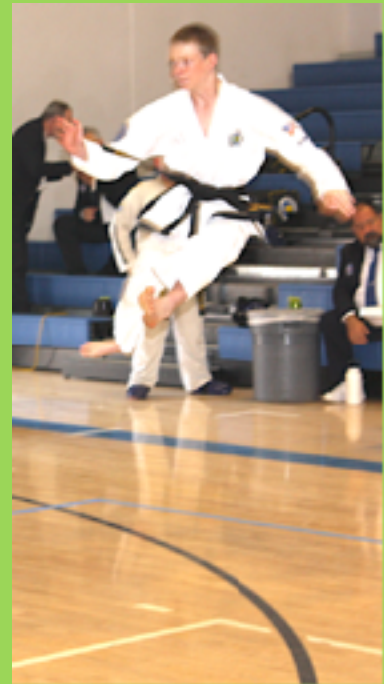


Some of the Great
Images
of
2019





Some More





Yet More,
and to be
continued in
the next issue

First Runner Up for Image of the Year



2019