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IN THIS ISSUE

In the January issue, the **TKD Flash** exhibited some of the best images published in the year 2019 and designated one outstanding image as the 2019 Runner-Up. In this issue, we display the remainder of those notable images and the Image of the Year for 2019. Our thanks to all contributors.

Your Humble Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

At **Community of Grace TaeKwon-Do** 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.

Maestas TaeKwon-Do held their 11th annual in house patterns competition on December 19. Our



competition is unique because all students regardless of rank are all bracketed together. This makes for a fun evening where black belts and colored belts come together for some friendly competition! The prize... the coveted Bob Cup to carry with you for the year! This year's winner was Ms. **Clare Johnson**, 6th degree, who also won the event the first time it was held in 2009! Here's the ceremonial "Awarding of the Bob." Pics of some of the competitions on page 3.

January 18th was an epic Taekwon-Do day in Utah! With the guidance of the amazing Mr. **Anthony Giese** (VI), students from Wyoming and Utah came together to shrimp, lock, sweep, and throw each around for the day. In this Basic Ho-Sin-



Sul seminar, everyone from white belt all the way to Grand Master came away with their brains full. From grabs to being choked on the ground we not only learned life-saving techniques but also how to effectively teach it to others. And don't forget to stand up correctly! Thank you Mr. Giese for plowing through the snow to teach this seminar! Thank you Mr. **Jordan McDill** of Wyoming, for sacrificing your body for our edification! And finally, many thanks to Master **Rob Riley** of **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance**, for hosting this event at his school Community of Grace Taekwon-Do. [Photo of group, and more pics on page 4.]

Corinne Sroykum, Stringer

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**. YHE will be in attendance.

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

The **AAMA Spring Classic** Tournament will be held at Grafton, Wisconsin on April 25. Approval pending.

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

On June 20 a Black Belt Testing will be held as DeePlaines, Illinois. The principle Presider and promoter is Grand Master **Earl Weiss**.

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.

There will be a USTF Ground Tactics Course at Harrisburg Taekwon-Do, Harrisburg, Missouri, on September 26.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

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

On January 25 Wyoming Taekwon-Do schools held a Black Belt testing presided over by GM **Stan Martin**.



Photos of some fierce “Bob” competition. Thanks to Ms. **Marsha Wright**, F.S. for her reporting and Mr. **Cary Gulsby**, F.S. for these excellent photos.



Top, Master **Robert Pettijohn**, 7th degree versus Mr. **Jeffery Moore**, Green belt. Right center, Mr. **Carson Meyers**, 2nd degree versus Mr. **Gabriel Bettis**, High White belt. Below, a little sibling rivalry between Mr. **Joel Bettis**, 1st Degree versus Ms. **Brianna Bettis**, 1st degree.



From the UCHTKD Ho Sin Sool seminar:
Left, Mr. Grant Bradbury reminding Mr. Paul Williams to stand up correctly

Right, Mr. Giese demonstrates a gooseneck comealong on Mr. McDill.



Above. Grand Master Martin helps out some students.



SPECIAL EVENT

What a great way to spend a Saturday morning in Colorado! On January 25 the annual Invitational Jr. tournament and Chili Cookoff with **Thornton Taekwon Do**, **Maestas Taekwon Do**, **New Life Taekwon Do**, **Sereff Taekwon Do** and **Tao of Taekwon Do** had 45 competitors and 12 Chili entries! Sr. Grand Master **C.E. Sereff**, our special guest, really enjoyed the juniors competing and loved the chili tasting! Sr. Master **Ed Lubow**, our

Tournament Director, and Ms. **Lisa Winkler**, the Chief of Referees, made a difference in running a safe tournament! Dr. **Shevaun Duiker** only had one call to a ring with a minor injury (the fighter could continue). Some great competition with **Riley Bauder**, green belt, **Austin Ogletree**, blue belt, **Erin McGovern**, red belt, and **Bill Griswold**, Black Belt, going for Grand Champion.

Billy Griswold took the Grand Champion this year.

Thank you to all the black belts for your support. Mrs. **Louise Fox** did an excellent job in running the table, rings and judges!

We had some pretty intense judges for the chili this year: Sr. Master **Ikuko Lubow**, Mr. **Jason Girffis**, Mr. **Craig Meyers**, M. **Val Christe**, and Ms. **Amy Ogletree**. The winners: First place, the **Sievert Family**, 2nd place, **Dan Cleveland**, 3rd place, **Mikaela** and **Matthew Johnson**. [Some photos, this page: Red belt girls

fighting— **Erin McGovern** and **Ambria Martinez**; Jr. Boys Black Belt sparring **Caron Meyers**, **Gilly Griswold**, **Tyler Griffis** and **Kai Yu Sievert**; Sr. GM Sereff with invited school principles Master **Paul White**, Master **Robert Pettijohn**, Grand Master **Renee' Sereff**, Mr. **Dan Fitch**, taken while Mr. **Jason Taylor**, (not pictured) was working a ring.]

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





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