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UPCOMING EVENTS

Moutain View Martial Arts & Fitness will host a USTF Black Belt testing on March 20. The promoter and principle presider will be Sr. Master **David Mason**.

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

De Baca TaeKwon-Do will hold a multi-level Black Belt Test in Englewood, Colorado, on March 27.

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.

On April 4 **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do Academy** of Sequim, Washington, will host a USTF Basic Ho Sin Sool course to be taught by Master **Brandon Stoppani**.

Marquette Taekwon-Do will hold a Black Belt test on April 6 at Marquette, Michigan, in the U.P. U.P. State Director Mr. **Charles B. Giotto** is the Promoter.

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



Presented challenge coins on January 25 for Special Recognition in the Spirit of Taekwon-Do were Mrs. **Susan Phillips**, Mr. **Rick Binks**, **Nicolae Saine** and **Adrian Garcia** (the latter not pictured) . More information concerning the day's events on page 2.

On January 25 in Wyoming thirty-seven students tested from 10th Gup to 1st Gup, five candidates tested for 1st Dan, and two for 2nd Dan. In attendance were Grand Master **Stan Martin** (Martin's Taekwon-Do), Sr. Master **Robin Johnson** (Sheridan Taekwon-Do, Master) Master **Jerry Sisco** (Rec Center Taekwon-Do), Mr. **Tony Giese** (Steel Dragon Taekwon-Do), Mr. **Roland Flynn** (Rock Springs Taekwon-Do), Ms. **Amy Willcox** (St Anthony Taekwon-Do), Ms. **Kerri McDill** (Casper College Taekwon-Do), and Mr. **Jordan McDill** (Snowy Range Taekwon-Do). Pictured here the attendees, more pics page 4.



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

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

On May 21 Axe Taekwon-Do at Bellevue, Nebraska, will host a combined Black Belt and Color Belt test.

On June 20 a Black Belt Testing will be held as Des Plaines, 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.

The **USTF Technical Course** will be held in the Denver area on August 8. It will be taught by USTF Technical Director Grand Master **Mike Winegar**. Your Humble Editor can assure you that based upon the assigned instructor this is a "Don't Miss"

On August 27 there will be a combined Black Belt and Color Belt Testing at **Axe Taekwon-Do**, Bellevue, Nebraska.

August 29, the **6th Annual Kirksville Taekwon-Do Tournament** in Kirksville, Missouri. The Tournament Director will be Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**.

September 19, a USTF Step Sparring seminar at Mountain View Taekwon-Do & Fitness, Washington State, Promoter Sr. Master **David Mason**.



At the **Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts** in Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin, April 17 was a day of concentration on stances included drills, reps, discussion, practice and some innovative techniques for self-measurement. Pic at left. Thanks to Mrs. **Caren Johnson**, Fifth Dan, for these materials.

The 21st Annual Wyoming Invitational Tournament will be held on September 19, Promoter Master **Gerald Sisco**. Chief Referee will be Mrs. **Dee Dee Connell**.

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

Also on September 26, there will be a Black Belt test at **Big Dog Taekwon-Do** in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

A Black Belt test will be held at **Mountain View Taekwon-Do and Fitness**, at which candidates will participate from Mountain View and also **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do** and

Rainier View Taekwon-Do on October 10. Promoter, Sr. Master **David Mason**.

On November 19 there will be a Black and Color Belt Testing at **Axe Taekwon-Do**.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

At **Community of Grace TaeKwon-Do** on February 29 the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** held a USTF Step Sparring seminar. Hopefully on the next Flash!



From the January 25 Wyoming Tests: Black Belt rank candidates excepting Mr. Ron Cummings (top left); High Test score winners for the color belts **Jacob Koubtz** (Ho Sin Sol), **Kim Chavez** (Break), and **Jael Smith** (Pattern), mid right;



Black Belt High Test score winners **Rick Binks** (Ho Sin Sol) **Joshua Haid** (Break) **Maddox Nicol** (Pattern) mid left. Bottom right, Grand Master Martin and female First Dan candidates, just because the Editor thinks the picture is pretty cool.

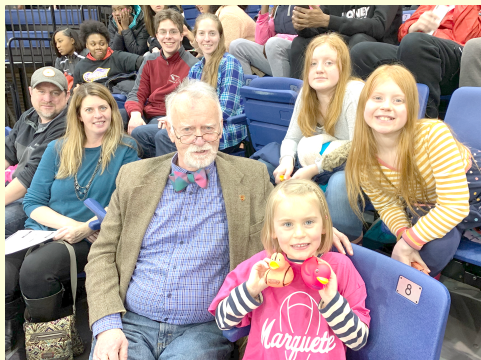




Master **Rick Bauman**, Mr. **James Pals**, V Dan, Mis **Valerie Locklair**, III Dan, Mr. **Shantanu Chaudhuri**, II Dan, Mr. **Shaunak Chaudhuri**, I Dan, and SM F.M. Van Hecke presided at a testing at the **Academy of Martial Arts**, Grafton, Wisconsin, on February 20. Assisting ably at Corner were **Noah Friberg** and **Gabe Pals**.

Sashwath Suriyaraj, **Joshua Rupert**, **Savannah Kelley** and **Alex Rupert** tested for Yellow

Stripe High White Belt. **Mason Volkman** and **Jacob Sarbacker** tested for Gup Eight Yellow Belt. **Daymien Perkins** tested for Gup Seven Green Stripe and **Cylis Zirtzlaff** for Gup Six Green Belt. **Shambav Ashwinkumar** and **Roshan Selvakumar** tested for Gup Five Blue Stripe. **Matilda Van Hecke** tested for Gup 3 Red Stripe. Testing for Gup Two Red Belt were **Patrick Kaye**, **Vyshanth Selvakumar**, **Aniela Van Hecke**, and **Connor Maehl**. Testing to Gup One Black Stripe were **Sophie Wall**, **Ivan Huang**, and **Jason Huang**. Above, those testing and the Corners. Below, cousins Aniela Van Hecke, Savannah Kelley, and Matilda Van Hecke pose for grandma after the test. Photo credit: Kathleen Van Hecke. More photos on page 6.



The **Grafton Academy of Martial Arts** held its Annual Women's Basketball Outing at Milwaukee, Wisconsin on February 17. A good time was had by all at the AI, where pink was the order of the day in support of women's cancer research and treatment. Marquette beat Butler in a Big East match-up, 76-54 In the photo **Savannah Kelley** displays two rubber ducks.



Photos from the 2/20 test at Grafton. At 11:00, Vish Selvakumar with downward kick, at 12:00 Connor Maehl powers through his elbow strike, at 1:00 Roshan Selvakumar with side piercing kick, at 4:00 Sophie Wall blasts through two. Shambav Ashwinkumar makes his break at 6:00, Jason Huang his at 7:00 and at 9:00 Matilda Van Hecke makes hers.





On February 27th, 2020, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted a quarterly promotion testing. Eleven students tested for various ranks from 9th gup, White Belt Yellow stripe through 2nd degree black belt. The testing board was composed of Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** 8th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, Master **Kevin Bushor**, 7th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director, and Ms. **April Bowling**, 6th Dan. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 4th Dan served as the testing director.

Ms. **Amy Buckley** was promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belt.

The following students were promoted to the following color belt ranks: Red Belt Black Stripe: **James Grgas**. Red Belt: **Hope McDermott**. Blue Belt: **Haylie Lewis**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Collin May**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Makayla Jensen**. Yellow Belt: **Marsaili Kelly**, and **Jonah Ponto**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Ryleigh Lavine**, **Alexx Paar**, and **Emily Seaman**.

After a great night of testing, the students and spectators all enjoyed the traditional Axe Taekwon-Do cake to celebrate the event. Since 1988, Taekwon-Do and the USTF have been taught to both military and non-military students at the Offutt Air Force Base Youth Center. Pic above: group photos. Pic below and to the right, Hope McDermott, in testing for her Red Belt, shows she has what it takes

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

