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AROUND THE COUNTRY

On May 27, Axe Taekwon-Do will have a test for Black Belt and colored belt ranks. Sr. Master **Ricky Todd** sponsors a combined gup and dan testing at Bellevue, Nebraska, on August 26.

Sir:

Fairbanks Taekwon-Do's second gup test of the year was March 5th. In the front row are from left to right **Regan Tumbloo** 9th gup, **Felix Chythlook** 9th gup, **Desmond O' Connor** 9th gup, **Payton**



Tumbloo 9th gup, **Emrys Sanchez** 9th gup, **Landon Colette** 9th gup. The three on the wall are **Sophia Chythlook** 3rd gup, her sister **Nina Chythlook** 3rd gup, and **Johnathan Gallemore** 9th gup.

On the test board were Mrs. **Arlene Slocum** 3rd Dan, **Carson Lundquist** 1st Dan, 1st gup **Jaxon Browning**, and myself.

Fairbanks would like to congratulate all the men and women that were promoted at HQ to

their respective ranks on Saturday March 13th.

Sr. Master Guy Williams, D.F.S.



On March 13 , 2021 Mr. **Tony Giese** tested to Master Instructor along with 3 other candidates. Mr. **Dustin Neal** for 3rd dan, Mr. **Selmer Waddy** for 2nd dan, and Mr. **Troy Wellmaker** for 1st dan. We also included 27 color belts in the event with over 100 people in attendance.

Master Giese did an outstanding job performing 5 patterns and advanced step sparring and breaking. Social distancing and masks were observed when needed. Selmer Waddy received Best Test for the black belts. For the color belt Best Break was **Mark Miller**, Best Ho Sin Sul was

Adrian Garcia and Best Pattern was **Lailonii Smith** for Best Pattern.

This was a very proud day for me, Wyoming and the USTF- as always we keep a kickin and USTF strong. (Above, the group; below, high test scores; more photos next page.)



GM Stan Martin



Master Giese during the March 13 test, Wyoming.





Sir.,

Mother Nature and COVID 19 tried their best to dampen the Taekwon Do Spirit in Colorado but to no avail on March 13 in Broomfield, at Sereff Taekwon-Do. Our snow totals in the area were 27 inches and roads were impassable!

Sr. Grand Master **Charles Sereff**, USTF Founder, started our Black Belt test with well-received words of wisdom. Grand Masters **Renee' Sereff** and **Kirk Steadman** and Sr. Master **Robert Pettijohn** were the test board with Master **Jim Smith** ran the floor. **Michael Bennett** and **Bryce Bennett** worked the breaking with **Hannah Rose** and **Emily Rose** being board monkeys to clear the broken wood.

The agenda of Patterns, social distance step-sparring, free sparring and breaking were completed with masks on and social distanced. Masters **Lawrence Greene Jr.**, and **Craig Craddock** were promoted to 8th Dan Sr. Master, VI Dans **Tom Ruby**, **Louise Fox**, **Freddie Cowns**, **Cameo Zugschwert** and **Jeremy Bennett** were promoted to 7th Dan Master, Mr. **Jason Rose** was promoted to VI Dan and **Gray Stewart** was promoted to V Dan. Master Bennett and Gray Stewart traveled to Colorado from Mississippi and had a few extra days to visit due to flights being cancelled with the storm.

Traditionally, Masters test at STKD includes presenting of swords and roses. The Rose girls presented each candidate with a rose including their father Jason Rose! Grand Master Renee' Sereff presented the Sr. Masters and Masters a sterling silver lapel pin with their rank in Roman Numerals. With social distancing and restrictions we could not have cake or celebrate so instead we handed out little Bundt cakes and a fork as we all left the gym. Celebration continued at Three Margaritas for lunch! All held a glass to the North to celebrate Master Anthony Giese's test the same day! Congratulations to all candidates for their great loyalty, support and sacrifice!

(Above, All candidates with certificates, belts, etc. Sr. Master Lawrence Greene, Sr. Master Craig Craddock, Master David Martin, Master Cameo Zugschwert, Master Louise Fox, Master Freddie Cowns, Master Jeremy Bennett, and, back row, Jason Rose and Gray Stewart. More pics, next page.)

Grand Master Renee' Sereff, D.T.S.



March 13 in Broomfield, and continued next page.





More from the March 13 testing at Broomfield, where building materials kept doubling in units as if by magic: on previous page, clockwise from 11:00: Bennett, D. Martin, Ruby, and Bennett, and, on this page, Stewart. Below, in a picture no editor could resist, Hannah Rose and Emily Rose present a rose to Jason Rose.



Sir:

Due to COVID-19 protocols, we were forced to conduct our promotion testing on two different dates. On February 25th, 2021, **Axe Taekwon-Do** in Bellevue, Nebraska conducted a black belt



promotion testing. Five students tested for various ranks from 1st degree through 4th 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**, 5th Dan served as the testing director.

The following black belts were promoted. Ms. **Staci Chamberlin** and Mr. **William Palmer, IV** were promoted to 4th Degree Black Belt. Mr. **Andrew Callison**, Mr. **James Grgas**, and Ms. **Hope McDermott** were promoted to 1st Degree Black Belt.

And on March 2nd, 2021, Axe Taekwon-Do conducted a color belt promotion testing. Five students tested for various ranks from Yellow Belt Green Stripe through Red 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, 5th Dan served as the testing director.

The following color belt students were promoted: Red Belt: **Haylie Lewis**. Blue Belt Red Stripe: **Tami Grgas** and **Collin May**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Marsaili Kelly**. Green Belt: **Ryleigh Lavine**.

[Above, participants in the February 25 testing. More pics, next pages.]

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



Ms. Staci Chamberlin at the February 25 Axe Taekwon-Do testing. A ton of wood or a bunch of concrete, what's the difference?

