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IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Your Humble Editor has been asked, in light of the Flash's new bi-monthly format, as to whether we will continue a number of features, such as the annual Image of the Year and the summer TKD Kids' Art Contest. The answer is that we do know about the former, don't know about the latter. The Executive Editorial Board has authorized the Image of the Year for 2020, to be published in the January-February issue. We'll

look forward to it. We appreciate your readership, distribution, and contributions.

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

The Flash is looking for a few good men and women to serve in its News Department as Flash Stringers. Here's the chance for you or one of your students with a hankering to use that Leica, that Journalism degree, or just that interest in communication to play a role in the



From Mr. **Omar Welch**, Georgia State Director for USTF: On November 8 there was a Gup test in Kennesaw, Georgia. Senior Master **Denise Moormeier** was in attendance. The location was the Ben Robertson Community Center. Here, the group picture. More, next page.



Left, Ms. **Aditi Kadam**, a purple belt in Karate testing to join the USTF in Kennesaw on November 8. Right, Sr. Master Moormeier and Ms. **Jillian Welch** enjoy the barbecue after the test with a friend. Left, below, Mrs. Huang and Dr. Welch, right, Mr. Schotte and Mr. We.



promulgation of the Art of Taekwon-Do and the glorification of your own school. Not only is the benefits package outstanding and the monetary compensation exceptional, the prestige is over the moon! Interested? Contact Your Humble Editor at fmvh1@mac.com. Your burdens will be light, your rewards oh-so-many.

COMING EVENTS

Grand Master **Ricky Todd** is Promoter for a Dan and Gup test at Axe Taekwon-Do to be held on the 2nd of December.

Per Sr. Master **Guy Williams**, there will be a black belt test December 3 at **Fairbanks Taekwon-do** Alaska. One student for 1st Dan and another student for 4th Dan. Good luck to all at one of our favorite clubs.

On December 5 there will be a Dan test at the **Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton** for Wisconsin students.

On December 19 a Black Belt test will be held at **New Life Taekwon-Do**, Arvada, Colorado, under the able leadership of Sr. Master **Paul White**.

The **Utah Chang Hun Alliance** will host a USTF Referee Seminar one January 29, 2022.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On August 29 there was a USTF sanctioned tournament at Kirksville, Missouri. Promoter Grand Master Bill Stephenson, Tournament Director Sr. Master **Ricky Todd**, Chief Referee Grand Master **Dustin Stephenson**. Hopefully, some photos and an article in the next Flash.



On October 16 Master **Anthony Giese** taught the USTF Ho Sin Sool course in Casper, Wyoming at **Steel Dragon Taekwon-Do** which meets at the National Guard Armory.

We had great support from our Wyoming Instructors and Students with 43 people attending. As usual Master Giese taught a very informational and professional seminar with excellent techniques and a lot of student participation. Most of us were pretty tired but way excited for the information. Mr. **Jordan McDill** and Mr. **Jeremiah Feser** were his main assistants and they did a great job.

[Photos: above, attendees; left, Master Giese.]

Grand Master Stan Martin



groups on the floor. "Bubble group" which were family members



On September 18, five schools in the Pacific Northwest came together for an awesome step sparring seminar taught by Senior Master **Robert Pettijohn** and hosted by **Mountain View Taekwon-Do**. Students from Mountain View, **Bodystrong**, **Golden Tiger**, **Valley View** and **Next Level Taekwon-Do** spent a full day learning the intricacies of step sparring starting at Beginning three step and ending at foot technique sparring. Also included was continuous 3 step sparring. Senior Master Pettijohn's interactive style kept us moving.

Social distancing and masks did not prevent us from learning the various foot placements and techniques. Our organization is so fortunate to have so many family members involved. This allowed us to have two



and able to be in close contact within their family and "Non Bubble Group" who maintained a minimum 6 foot distancing. All students expressed how much fun they had as well as learning A LOT! Seeing Taekwon-Do friends some of whom we have not seen for a while is always an added bonus. [Top, group; left top, Mr. & Ms. Golbeck; right, the "non-bubble group" under supervision; lower left, the instructor. Photos courtesy of Mrs Mason.]

Dr. Linda Allen, F.S.



A Bit of a Special Treat: One of the best natural sports photographers of our Art is Flash Stringer Corinne Sroykum. In the rush to get The Flash to bed for the last issue, we were unable to get much of her excellent product published. But we couldn't resist long...





Casper, Wyoming had a combined black belt and color belt testing on Oct 30th. It was hosted by Grand Master **Stan Martin** and Master **Tony Giese** at the Wyoming National Guard Armory. Special guests were Grand Master **Renee Sereff** and Master **Louise Fox**. We had 8 black belt candidates and 35 candidates for different levels of color belts. We had 2 test boards and calling our black belt board was Mrs. **Amy Willcox** and for the color belt board was Ms. **Maddox Nicol**. [Group photo above.]

Master **Gerald Sisco** was promoted to 8th Dan Senior Master and Mr. **Roland Flynn** to 7th Dan Master Instructor. [Photo top left, from left, Grand Master Sereff, Sr. Master Cisco, Master Flynn, Grand Master Martin.] [Photo below: Belt and Certificate presentation by the Board

to Black Belt candidates – Mrs. **Deedee Connell** – 6th Degree, Mr. **Alex Bennett**-3rd Degree, and Mr. **Mark Miller**, Ms. **Kim Chavez**, Mr. **Yuriel Chavez**, and Mr. **Adrian Garcia** to 1st Degree.] Photo from the Color Belt test, next page.



High test score winners for the Black Belt segment of the October 30th test at Casper Taekwon-Do were Mrs. Deedee Connell for pattern, Ms. Kim Chavez for break, and Mr. Alex Bennett for Ho Sin Sol, with a special recognition for **Dustin Neal** for Ho Sin Sol partner. All are pictured on the previous page. Here, Color belt high test score winners were **Hanna Tran** for pattern and **Evan Jennings** for break and **Lisette Carty** for Ho Sin Sool and also Ms. Carty's most excellent Ho Sin Sool partner **Kassandra Dutro**.



A USTF Referee Seminar held at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** was conducted in Broomfield, Colorado, on November 6. Grand Master **Renee'Sereff** hosted and Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** instructed this course. Special thanks to Master **Jeremy Bennett** from Mississippi for bringing his students! With COVID restricting our sparring and tournaments, we all needed the update and practice! As the 2021 year comes to an end, many students have not had the opportunity to attend many events and we were happy to be able to offer the course this year! We are all looking forward to 2022 where we can hopefully operate our courses without restriction!



After two years and two cancellations due to COVID and restricted travel, 14 out of 20 of our original travelers made their way to South Africa for the long-awaited USTF Mafigeni Safari. (The rest of the group opted to go in 2022 if the stars align.) Activities included the Elephant Sanctuary, Predator Ridge, Crocodiles, and two days in Kruger National Park. Look up Mafigeni Safari’s website and you will see the wonderful place we visited. The first USTF Safari, but we hope not the last! To the left top, the



safari poster, center right, the “Boma Boys” in native

dance, center left, the mandatory Taekwon-Do waterfall picture, and, below right, the group poses with two newly-recruited students.

Grand Master Pence’ Seoff, D.T.S.

