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IMAGE OF THE YEAR 2021

In the January-February issue, we published a number of contenders (and the two runners-up) for Image of the Year, 2021. Due to space considerations we have held over to this issue an additional page of excellent images which were considered (page 9) and, finally, to end the speculation on our final page, 2021's Image of the Year.

COMING EVENTS

A **USTF Technical Course** will be conducted at Thornton Community Center, 211 Eppinger Blvd., Thornton, Colorado on April 23. Contact rsereff@rmi.net for more information.

On April 30 **Martin's Taekwon-Do** will conduct a Black Belt test at Casper, Wyoming.



The Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, held its Twelfth Annual School Basketball Outing on February 27 as the Marquette Women's Team beat St. John's at The Al on the M.U. campus.

The candidates at Sereff Taekwon-Do's March 12 Black Belt test proved that all the hard work does pay off! Ms. **Caitlyn Fitch**, a student from the age of 4, not only made an impression at a young age but continued to thrive in every level. She is the reason we allow kids to come to camp, and taught class to the entire group years later at a very young age. She obtained her (academic) Master's Degree in Elementary Education this year. We are proud to announce she successfully graded to V Dan. Mr. **Billy Griswold** also started with us young, continued to work hard, attended World Camp, kept a 4 point grade average as a sophomore in high school, and served as a good example for all the new kids! His kindness and humility is admirable. His successful grading to III Dan makes us proud! Dr. **Basia Piasecki** and her son Mr. **Peter Daniell** have trained at the family class during this pandemic via Zoom along with in gym classes. Peter is one of the youngest II Dans we have ever graded. He really is ahead of his time and continues to amaze us with how serious he is in the Art. Success is measured not only by reward but by perseverance! More pics next page.

Grand Master Renee Sereff, D.T.S.



A joint convened Black Belt test will be held May 14 for **Harrisburg Taekwon-Do** and **Columbia Academy of Taekwon-Do**. Special guests and presiding officials include Grand Masters **Larry Winn**, **Tom Cope**, and **Ricky Todd**.

On May 1 a Black Belt test will be conducted in Grafton, Wisconsin at the **Academy of Martial Arts**.

Axe Taekwon-Do will hold a combined Gup and Dan testing under the leadership of Grand Master **Ricky Todd** on May 26.

Sereff Taekwon-Do World Camp will be June 19-24th at Snow Mountain Ranch. Contact rsereff@rmi.net for more information.

Wyoming Invitational USTF Taekwon-Do Tournament, Promoter Sr. Master **Gerald Sisco**, will be held on September 17. Well-officiated, safe, fair fun for all!

There will be a USTF Black Belt Test at **Sereff Taekwon-Do** on September 10.

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** will host a Black Belt testing on June 11 at The Adventure Church in Draper.

A USTF Ground Tactics Course will be sponsored by Grand Master **Stan Martin** at Martin's Taekwon-Do, in Casper, Wyoming, w on November 5. For more information, 307-234-2016.

November 17 will see a testing at Bellevue, Nebraska. Good luck to all prospective participants.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On December 19 a Black Belt test was held at **New Life Taekwon-Do**, Arvada, Colorado, under the able leadership of Sr. Master **Paul White**. Hopefully some news on that in the next issue.

On February 19 a USTF Referee Certification Course was conducted at Kirksville Taekwon-Do under Grand Master **Ricky Todd**.

On March 19 the **Maestas School Taekwon-Do Challenge** tournament took place at Arvada, Colorado. Hopefully some news on that in the next issue.



Some photos from the Black Belt test at Sereff Taekwon-Do March 12. Left, Dr. Basia Piasecki, partners **Dustin Lambert** and **Dean Rohr**, Best Ho Sin Sool. Right, Ms. Caitlynn Fitch High Test Score with Grand Master Renee' Sereff.



We are happy to announce the successful grading of color belts March 22 at at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**. Master **Cameo Zugschwert** ran the test with Grand Masters **Renee' Sereff** and **Kirk Steadman**, Masters **Lorie Ruby** and

Gahlen Bell plus **Jason Rose, Caitlyn Fitch, Devin Fitch** and **Bryan Sievert** grading on the board. The high test scores for this test were a father son **Rafal** and **David Prusinowski** and **Dan Pass**. Our supportive parents always make this an exciting day! Above, the group; right, the High Test Scores; left below, the talented **Criste family**.

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





January 29th was a special day here in Utah. UCHTA sponsored a Referee Seminar, hosted by Senior Master **Rob Riley**. Nearly 40 students braved the road from Utah and Wyoming to attend this seminar. Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** taught this seminar while masterfully weaving in important history, and funny stories. Thanks to his efforts, Utah is now better prepared to produce and train high quality tournament officials. We may have been masked, and "socially distant" but that didn't stop new friendships from being formed and old friendships re-kindled. We want to thank Grand Master Steadman for devoting his weekend to us, and our TKD brothers from Wyoming who made the long drive to support this event

Corinne Srogkum, Flash Stringer



On January 29, Master **Rob Riley**, was promoted by the USTF to 8th Dan. He is now the 2nd Senior Master in Utah. Presiding at the occasion in Utah were Grand Master **Stan Martin** and Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**. Senior Master Riley grew up in Riverton, Wyoming. He began his Taekwon-Do career there in 1974 with another organization and trained up to the rank of blue belt. Life happened and he got busy with college and family and stopped training. He moved to Utah and in 1991 he began training in the USTF along with his 7 year old son, Chris. In 1998 his instructor split to form a new organization, and Senior Master Riley chose to switch instructors to remain in the USTF. He began teaching as a 2nd Dan, and continues to be the head instructor at **Community of Grace Taekwon-Do**. Senior Master Riley is a rock in Utah, and has selflessly taught and given his time to promote and grow Taekwon-Do here in this state. Sr. Master Riley wishes to thank Grand Master Martin, who convinced him to stay with the USTF, Sr. Master **William Dubbeld** for being a dedicated instructor, his wife Sharon for putting up with his countless nights and weekends devoted to the art, his fellow blackbelts for their examples and friendship, and finally his young students who inspire him regularly to jump higher.

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On February 25th **Axe Taekwon-Do** in Bellevue, Nebraska conducted a black belt and color belt promotion testing. A total of 12 students tested for various ranks from White Belt Yellow Stripe through 3rd degree Black Belt. The testing board was composed of Grand Master **Ricky Todd** 9th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, and Master **Kevin Bushor**, 7th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 5th Dan served as the testing director.

The following black belts were promoted. Ms. **Amy Buckley** was promoted to 3rd Degree Black Belt. Mr. **Keenan Matos** was promoted to 2nd Degree Black Belt and Mrs. **Haylie Lewis** was promoted to 1st Degree Black Belt.

The following color belt students were promoted: Red Belt: **Marsaili Kelly**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Willie Johnson** and **Jaxon Johnson**. Yellow Belt Green Stripe: **Jillian House**, **Keezia Kelly**, **James House** and **Domenic Hurley**. Yellow Belt: **Elizabeth House** and **Hunter Kosiel**.

The students were tested on all physical and mental aspects of Taekwon-Do following the USTF testing syllabus. 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.

We welcome any USTF member traveling through our area to stop in and train, please ensure you clear this with your instructor before visiting. For further information, please visit our website at <http://www.axetkd.com> or Facebook at AXE Taekwon-Do. More information on our website.

Pictures: the test group, above, and, on the next page, students proudly displaying their promotion certificates, Dominic Hurley in a pattern, Ms. Amy Buckley throwing 2nd dan Mr. **Anthony Garber** during her ho sin sul.

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



Axe Taekwon-Do, February 25





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