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COMING EVENTS

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** will conduct a Dan testing on December 10 at Sandy, Utah. Schools testing will be

Dubbeld Taekwon-Do, Jeontong Taekwon-Do, and Community of Grace Taekwon-Do. The test applicants are students of Sr. Master **William Dubbeld**, Sr. Master **Robert Riley**, and Mr. **Paul Williams**. Good luck to all!



December 8, 2022 marks the first annual **Senior Grand Master Sereff Remembrance Day**, marking the birthday of our beloved late leader and mentor. Have your dojang stand silent for a moment, put up memorials posters give to a charity of your choice, celebrate any way you choose, but remember who helped us all get where we are.



Martin's Casper Taekwon-Do had its Fall Highway Cleanup Day, students and instructors participating in community service. 2 miles of highway 20/26 . We had a great turnout, the weather was awesome 65 degrees and no wind. Pictured from left to right- Mr. **Alex Bennett III** Dan, Mrs. **Susan Phillips III** Dan, **Shilo Saldivar** 3rdup, G Mrs. **Lori Paris III** Dan, **Sarai Saldivar** 2 Gup, Mrs. **Kerri McDill IV** Dan, **Emma Brummer** 3rd Gup, **William Saldivar** 3rd Gup and Mr. **Blake Nichols III** Dan.

—Submitted by Grand Master Stan Martin

Kirksville Taekwon-Do will kick off the new year by holding a Black Belt testing on January 14 under the auspices of Grand Master Stephenson

And on January 21 there will be a USTF Breaking Seminar at **Senatobia Taekwon-Do**, Senatobia, Mississippi. We'll look forward to a lot of lumber being used.

Also, a Black Belt test will be held for **Fairchild Taekwon-Do** and **Harrisburg Taekwon-Do** March 4 under the leadership of Mr. **Kenny Fairchild**, with special guests Grand Master **Larry Winn** and **Tom Cope**.

The **T.K.D. Flash** will publish its annual Image of the Year Contest for 2022 in the next issue. Already the Graphics Committee Annual Contest Subcommittee is meeting with an eye to finding a winner.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

On July 30 a Black Belt test was held at **Columbia Academy of Taekwon-Do**, Columbia, Missouri. We'll look forward, perhaps, to pics and a write-up in the next issue.

The **Seventh Annual Kirksville Invitational** was held in Kirksville, Missouri on August 27. We'll look forward, perhaps, to pics and a write-up in the next issue.

On October 1 Master **Faren Lindsey** conducted a Black Belt Test at Shelbyville, Missouri. We'll look forward, perhaps, to pics and a write-up in the next issue.

On October 22 the Academy of Martial Arts, Sheboygan Falls, held an invitational (non-sanctioned) tournament at Sheboygan

Falls, Wisconsin. The Tournament Promoter was Wisconsin USTF State Director Fifth Dan **Jacqueline Karpinsky**, while serving as Tournament Director was Fifth Dan **Marc Mikkelson**.

A USTF Ground Tactics Course was sponsored by Grand Master **Stan Martin** at Martin's Taekwon-Do, in Casper, Wyoming, on November 5. Story p. 12.

There was a Black Belt test on November 12 at the **Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton**. Participating schools are the Academy and **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do**, Dr. **John Butitta**, 7th Dan, Head Instructor. Grand Master F.M. Van Hecke presided along with Dr. Butitta, Master **Steve Osborn** of Cadillac, Michigan, Mrs. **Mary Lubner**, . and Fourth Dan **Aaron Prohuska**. At the Corner was Fifth Dan **Caren**

Johnson of Sheboygan Falls. Testing to First Dan were Mr. **Zachary Zimmer** of Neenah, Wisconsin and Mr. **Shambav Ashwinkumar**. Testing to Second Dan was Mr. **Gabriel Peters**, a fourth generation practitioner at the Academy of Martial Arts. Article follows on and following page 7.

On November 13 Master **Rick Bauman** taught a USTF Referee Course at Grafton, Wisconsin. Participating schools were **Big Dog Taekwon-Do**, Grand Rapids, Michigan, **Fox Valley Taekwon-Do**, Neenah, Wisconsin, the **Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton**, and the **Sheboygan Falls Academy of Martial Arts**.

On November 12 there was a combined gup level and black belt testing at Bellevue, Nebraska. See the article and photos on pages 10 and 11.



Thank you to Alaska, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming students who attended the USTF Referee Course in Colorado, taught by Grand Master **Ricky Todd** on October 15. Over 47 attendees with many going for the refresher course information. Grand Master Todd worked with all students on bracketing as well as judging patterns, sparring and breaking. Special focus was on the students upgrading to Class A and Class B. Many questions were answered by Dr. **Shevaun Duiker** and the nurses we had attending. Number one concern was if the medical staff says you are done, that is the final answer. Don't be swayed by the eager competitor who wants to continue if not approved. Safety is the number one priority!

On October 22nd the USTF schools in the Northwest Region had a practice run tournament. Schools in attendance were **Bodystrong Taekwon-Do**, **Mountain View Taekwon-Do**, **Valley View Taekwon-Do**, **Next Level Taekwon-Do** and **Golden Tiger Taekwon-Do**. Approximately



50 plus competitors participated plus officials. This was a much-needed event here in the Northwest, to be able to come together and compete as well as practice our centering, judging, bracketing, and all the facets of what is involved in having a tournament. And a very important part of it is the fellowship with other TKD students! It was a lot of fun reacquainting with old friends as well as watching the younger students develop friendships with their competitors of the other schools. A big shout out to Master **Brandon Stoppani** who helped organize this event with the help of Mr. **Larry Muckley** who graciously let us use his own school for the event. This was Mr. Muckley's first event as a head instructor. Senior Master **David Mason** and Master Stoppani are very excited and encouraging to the younger head instructors that run their own schools now. Mr. **Thomas Egan**, 3rd Dan Golden Tiger, Mr. **Ethron Young**, 3rd Dan Valley View and Mr. Muckley 3rd Dan Next Level. They both feel very confident in the new head instructors of the Northwest USTF carrying on the legacy of the USTF! [Group photo, more next page.]

— Submitted by Mrs. Lynette Mason, IV Dan

There was a Black Belt testing on November 20 at **Maestas Taekwon-Do**, Sr. Master **Robert Pettijohn**, Promoter.



More from the Northwest
Region on October 22.





Sereff Taekwon-Do hosted the Sereff Championship on October 16 after a two-year hiatus (due to the pandemic) at Broomfield High School. A special thank you to Alaska, Colorado, Nebraska and Wyoming for their support! The events included sparring,

patterns and 5 man breaking teams Junior and Adult. Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** served as Tournament Director and Grand Master **Ricky Todd** was the Chief of Referees with special guest Grand Master **Mike Winegar**. We determine our Grand Champions for those that participate in both pattern and sparring. The Junior Grand Champion color belt was **Kaitlyn Gomez**, Junior Grand Champion red/black belt was **Montana Lang**, Adult Grand champion color belt was **Monja Ludwig**, Adult Black Belt Grand Champion was **Staci Chamberlin**. Congratulations to all! Junior breaking Teams where result are: 1st place Maestas Minnies, 2nd place Thornton Fists, 3rd place was Sereff Tiger Cubs. The results for the adult breaking team competition was



1st place, Totally Axesome, 2nd place was Sereff Tigers, 3rd place was Maestas Heavy Hitters. Dr. **Shevaun Duiker** and colleague were our medical staff and we happy to report no injuries! Thank you to all the USTF Referees that helped make this event a success. Above, left, adult breaking teams, right, Grand Master Renee' Sereff and Adult Black Belt Grand Champion Staci Chamberlin.

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

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More on the Sereff Championship Tournament on October 16 Jr. Red/Black Belt Grand Champion Monica Lang, left, with Tournament Director Grand Master Kirk Steadman. A special presentation of the **Larry D. Jones Award** was announced at the Tournament to the **Keith Buckley Family** for going above and beyond by helping Mrs. Arlene Slocum get to Kansas for a family emergency while at World Camp this summer. [Mr. Larry Jones, father of Deborah Ragone, was the USTF's biggest fan, taking pictures at every tournament he attended!] Congratulations to the Keith Buckley Family; receiving the award on behalf of the family were Keith, Sharon and Amy Buckley.

On November 12 a Black Belt test was held at the Academy of Martial Arts at Grafton, Wisconsin. Presiding were: Master **Steve Osborn** (VII), Mrs. **Mary Lubner** (VI) Mr. **Aaron Prohuska** (IV), Dr. **John Butitta** (V) and Grand Master F.M. Van Hecke (IX). Mrs. **Caren Johnson** (V) served at the Corner. Students testing and ranks achieved were: Mr. **Zachary Zimmer** of Neenah, Wisconsin, Fox Valley Taekwon-Do, for First Dan, Mr. **Shambav Ashwinkumar** of Grafton for First Dan, and Mr. **Gabriel Peters**, Port Washington, for Second Dan. [Photo: Shambav Ashwinkumar nails his First Dan. Also, more photographs on next page.]





More photos from November 12 test at Grafton. Top, group; bottom left, Gabe Pals airborne; middle right, Zach Zimmer takes on two; bottom right, Shambav Ashwinkumar stretches out Cylis Zirtzloff.





Casper Taekwon-Do had its quarterly color belt testing on Saturday Oct 22nd . A total of 27 students tested this day. Mr. **Alex Bennett** called the testing and did an excellent job-(far right front). High test score winners were from left to right were. Mr.**Joseph Loughmun** from Casper Rec Center (Best Break) Mr. **Matthew Clark** from Steel Dragon (Best Ho Sin Sol) and Mr. **Logan Miller** from Sheridan TKD (Best Pattern). Thank you to all instructors for preparing these students.

Attending the testing and test board were from left to right were Mrs. **Susan Phillips III**, (Mr. **Blake Nichols I**, and Mr. **Mark Miller**. ran the breaking). Mrs. **Gayna Kuhl VI**, Head Instructors we're Mrs. **DeeDee**

Connell - Sheridan, VI, Master **Roland Flynn** - Rock Springs, Sr. Master **Robin Johnson**- Sheridan, Grand Master **Stan Martin** - Wyoming, Sr. Master **Gerald Sisco**- Casper, Master **Tony Giese**-Casper, Mrs. **Amy Willcox VI**, Casper, Mrs **Kerri McDill V**, Casper.

Our white belt to the far left Mr. Opec we celebrated his 9 th birthday by singing happy birthday to him.

—Submitted by Grand Master Stan Martin





On November 12th, 2022, **Axe Taekwon-Do** in Bellevue, Nebraska conducted a color belt and black belt promotion testing. Students tested for various ranks from white belt yellow stripe through 4th degree black belt. The testing board was composed of Grand Master **Ricky Todd** 9th Dan, USTF Region 2 Director, Master **Kevin Bushor**, 7th Dan, USTF Nebraska State Director, and Mrs. **April Bowing**, 6th Dan. Mr. **Sean Toppi**, 5th Dan served

as the testing director.

The following color belt students were promoted: Red Belt Black Stripe: **Collin May**. Red Belt: **Marcus May**, **Willie Johnson**, and **Jaxon Johnson**. Blue Belt: **Jillian House**, Mrs. **Kelly**, and **James House**. Green Belt Blue Stripe: **Elizabeth House**. Yellow Belt: **Brittany Rowe** and Mr. **Parnell**. White Belt Yellow Stripe: **Aiden Rowe**.

The following students were promoted to black belt ranks: 4th Degree Black Belt: Ms. **Ashleigh Ragone**, Mrs. **Sheila Duralia**, Mrs. **Elizabeth Chamberlin**, and Ms. **Brianna Grant**. 3rd Degree Black Belt: Mr. **Anthony Garber** and Mr. **Kiel Matos**. 2nd Degree Black Belt: Ms. **Hope McDermott**. 1st Degree Black Belt: Ms. **M. Kelly**.

[Photos: Lower right, Ms. Ashleigh Ragone side piercing on 7 boards, testing for 4th dan Above left, New USTF 4th dans, Ms. Brianna Grant, Mrs. Sheila Duralia, Ms. Ashleigh Ragone and Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlin. Additional photos, next page.]

Grand Master Ricky J. Todd,





Additional photos from the October 22 test at Axe Taekwon-Do: Above, Mr. Kiel Matos demonstrating self defense on Mr. Tyler Jensen, Matos testing for 3rd dan; below, Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlin knife hand 3 tiles, testing for 4th dan.



On Saturday 11/5 22 Master **Tony Giese** conducted the USTF Ground Tactics course in Casper, Wyoming. Over 60 attendees participated in this course. Master Giese's assistance people were Mr. **Jordan McDill** 5th Dan and **Benjamin Jacobs** 3rd Dan. We had Mr. **Peter Rouse** from Kansas , Mr. **Gary Stewart** from Mississippi that traveled the most distance.. Other guests were from Colorado, Utah and Wyoming. What a great course and knowledge that was shared by Master Giese.

—Submitted by Grand Master Stan Martin

