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On October 7 a USTF multi-level testing was held in Georgia. Pictured from left are Mr. **Omar Welch**, Georgia State Director, and Senior Master **Denise Moormeier**, Regional Director, with new Black Belt Mr. **Adam Welch**. On the next page find a somewhat prophetic photo of Mr. Welch taken 10 years, 9 months and 2 days prior.

So much for predicting the future!
More photos from the October 7
testing, next page.



COMING EVENTS

The **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance** will sponsor a Black Belt Testing on December 9 at Sandy, Utah. Testing will be candidates, including one Third Dan candidate and numerous First Dan candidates, will be from **Dubbeld Taekwon-Do, Community of Grace Taekwon-Do, Ohdoilkwan Taekwon-Do, and Jeontong Taekwon-Do.**

On March 16 a USTF Weapons Defense Seminar will be held at Sandy, Utah, promoted by the **Utah Chang Hun Taekwon-Do Alliance.**

The Maestas TKD School Challenge will be held on March 23 at Arvada, Colorado. Ms. **Clare Johnson**, Tournament Director.

SEREFF WORLD CAMP: set for June 16 through 21. Contact USTF Headquarters, 303-466-4963.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

Fairchild Taekwon-Do conducted a Black Belt test on August 7 at Mexico, Missouri. Hopefully an article and pictures to be shared in the next issue.



From the Georgia testing: looking forward to the action. Left to right: Mr. Omar Welch, Sr. Master

Mooremeier, Mr. **Christopher Huang**
 Mr. **Adam Welch**, Mr. **Jonathan Wu**,
 Ms. **Jasmine Welch**, Mrs. **Fong Huang**,
 Dr. **Izabela Welch**, Ms. **Tabitha Daniels**,
 Ms. **Jillian Welch**.
 Right, some of the ladies duke it out.



A Black Belt Testing was held at **Las Vegas Taekwon-Do Studio** on August 19 under the able guidance of Sr. Master **Joe Bosse**. Hopefully an article and pictures to be shared in the next issue.

August 26, a tournament was held at Kirksville, Missouri. Promoter Grand Master **W. Stephenson**, Chief Referee Master **James Rolston**. The Eighth Annual rendition of this event. Hopefully an article and pictures to be shared in the next issue.

On October 7 the **Axe Taekwon-Do Tournament** was held in Bellevue, Nebraska. Tournament Director Grand Master **Kirk Steadman**, Chief Referee Ms. **April Bowling**.

A USTF Breaking Seminar was taught by Grand Master **Ricky Todd** at La Center, Washington on November 4.

Congratulations to **Joshua Vizanko**, **Vikranth Kallepu**, and **Pardhu Kallepu** on their promotions November 8 to Gup Nine Yellow Stripe at the **Academy of Martial Arts**, Grafton. Grand Master F.M. Van Hecke presided.

A USTF Referee Seminar was conducted November 11 at **Axe Taekwon-Do** in Bellevue, Nebraska.

Next issue: our “Best Image of 2023” Contest.

Grand Master **Kirk Steadman** was the instructor for the USTF Referee Seminar held October 21 at **Sereff Taekwon-Do**, Broomfield, Colorado. Ten days prior to instructing the course he had a complete knee replacement! Over 40 participants from Colorado and Wyoming attended the course and worked many rounds within the course to prepare for tournament competition. Reminders for all to have more complete resumes of their work and training. Over all training in the rings from judges to timekeepers helped everyone have a great introduction to the world of referees. Feedback from some of the attendees was as first time participants, it could be overwhelming but with help, they felt that they could contribute to a tournament in a positive way!



Maestas Taekwon-do had a little fun between classes, holding a Halloween class in costume on October 28th in Arvada, Colorado. Senior Master Pettijohn joined the Maestas Little Bear's Class and instructors for Halloween themed activities, including everything from dinosaurs to Waldo.

Erin McGovern, F. S.



On October 14, **Mountain View Martial Arts** conducted a Black Belt/Color Belt testing. Additional schools in attendance were **Valley View Taekwon-Do**, **Body Strong Taekwon-Do**, **Golden Tiger Taekwon-Do**. Over 40 color belts were tested to different levels along with 10 students to different Dan levels. The testing was presided over by Senior Master **David Mason**. The following students were tested to the new Dan levels: **Mr. Thomas Egan** 4th Dan, **Mr. Ethron Young** 4th Dan (High Test Score), **Mr. Adrian Golbeck** 3rd Dan, **Mr. John Ong** 2nd Dan (High Test Score), **Ms. Kamille Ong** 2nd Dan, **Mr. Wesley Sanders** 2nd Dan, **Ms. Cynthia Nall** 1st Dan, **Mr. Keith Walling** 1st Dan, **Mr. Quinn Steele** 1st Dan (High Test Score), and **Mr. Chase Nall** 1st Dan.

Senior Master Mason was quoted. “It was an awesome day and a special one to see all the students testing.” Two of his students tested to 4th Dan the same day as they promoted their first 1st Dan’s from their own schools.

Pictured above are Black Belt candidates, helpers and Board. Front Row: Master Brandon Stoppani, Senior Master Mason; Second Row: Mrs. Lynette Mason, Mr. Andrew Dean, Mr. Thomas Egan, Mr. Quinn Steele, Ms. Cynthia Nall, Mr. Wesley Sanders, Ms. Kamille Ong, Mr. Keith Walling, Mr. Ethron Young, Mr. Jon Ragsdale, Dr. Linda Allen; Third Row: Mr. Randy Shroy, Mr. Adrian Golbeck, Mr. John Ong. Below, Mr. Thomas Egan settles a dispute with a lumber company. More pics, next page.





Also from the test at Mountain View on October 14: Above, Gup level participants. Right, High Test Scores with Sr. Master Mason and Master Stoppani. And, below, Mr. Ethron Young.



On November 1, at the Academy of Martial Arts, Grafton, Wisconsin, before a panel consisting of Master **Mike Van Pietersom**, Master **Rick Bauman**, Master **Steve Osborn**, Mrs. Mary Lubner, Sixth Dan, and F.M. Van Hecke, a Black Belt test was conducted. Mr. **James Pals**, Sixth Dan, was at the Corner. Testing successfully for First Dan was Mr. **Myles Kelch**, Fox Valley Taekwon-Do. Mr. **Marc Mikkelson** and Mrs. **Caren Johnson** of the **Academy of Martial Arts**, Sheboygan Falls, Wisconsin tested successfully for Sixth Dan. Pictured seated are, left to right, are Mrs. Lubner, Master Van Pietersom, Grand Master Van Hecke, Master Bauman, and Master Osborn, and standing are Mr. Mark Johnson, Mr. Mikkelson, Mr. Dan Kelly, Mr. Pals, Mr. Kelch, Mr. Scholten, and Mrs. Johnson. See next page, pic-wise.



On October 28th Casper, Wyoming, had its combined Black Belt and Color Belt testing at the National Guard Armory hosted by Master **Tony Giese**. Special guest was Grand Master **Renee Sereff**. 11 candidates for Black Belt and 23 candidates for different levels of color belts attended the testing with all head instructors present. What a great day for the USTF and Wyoming! See two pages down for more pics.

Submitted by Grand Master Stan Martin





Mrs. Caren Johnson makes short work of a pile of lumber on November 11 at Grafton. Needless to say, enough to make your hair stand on end!



From the October 28 test in Wyoming: At top: left to right - BB Candidates-- Kendal Jacobs - Ami Jacobs 1st Dan; Kerri McDill and Jordan McDill - 6th Dan- Kassandra Dutro, 1st Dan- Susan Phillips 4th Dan and Kim Chavez 2nd Dan, Sarai and Shilo Saldivar -Emma Brummer and William Saldivar 1st Dan. Additionally, distinguished Board Members. Thanks to Grand Master Stan Martin for these photos.



Color Belt high test score candidates are left to right at bottom with proud instructors - Savannah Miller- Break- Lisette Carty - Pattern and Darton Damoe- Ho Sin Sol.

Mr **Thomas Egan** 4th Dan head instructor of **Golden Tiger Taekwon-Do** hosted what was once again an excellent breaking seminar. Grand Master **Ricky Todd** along with 5 of his students



traveled to the Pacific Northwest on November 4th. A total of 40 students representing 8 schools participated in the USTF course. For 20 students, it was their first breaking seminar. We were kept busy for the entire day working on hand and foot breaks.



Grand Master Todd's attention to describing the finer details of each technique as well as his unique communication skills kept all of us engaged and entertained the entire day. The day consisted of numerous techniques ranging from front snap kick to suspended hand techniques! For many, including myself, the afternoon brought high flying excitement when several students demonstrated some Special techniques including who could jump the highest for a flying high twin front snap kick (Thank you Sixth Dan **April Bowing** for holding—see photo where Mr. John Ong is either practicing flying twin front snap kick or doing the highest briefcase recovery in human history.). Finally, Grand Master Todd demonstrated a 5 board side piercing kick...no preparation, no measurement, pure power... effortless!!! No doubt everyone woke up the next morning a little stiffer than the morning before but with a lot more knowledge and hopefully inspiration for breaking.

Dr. Linda Allen, F.S.