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IMAGE OF THE YEAR

It's that time again. The 2023 Image of the Year Contest has come to a conclusion. After extensive and sometimes heated discussion, the Contest Subcommittee of the Pictorial and Graphic Committee of the News Department has arrived at winners from among the many entries

submitted. You are reminded that the award is not to a photographer or any individual depicted in the image, but rather to the image itself as exemplifying the spirit of Taekwon-Do. The Flash extends its gratitude to its 2023 contributors for furnishing so many fine photos. AND, due to space considerations, we'll hold over the very top choices to the next issue as in past years.



On December 2nd we had our monthly Black Belt/Red Belt class. Mrs. **Amy Willcox** hosted the class at St. Anthony Parish TKD school. We had 27 participants in attendance. Mrs. **Gayna Kuhl**, Mrs. **Deedee Connell**, Mrs. Willcox, Mrs. **Kerri McDill** and Mr. **Jordan McDill**, our 6th Dans, taught the class. What a great job by all!

I am proud of them all and what great teachers they have become. (Pics next page.)

Grand Master Stan Martin



Mr. McDill illustrates and Mrs. Kuhl explains at the Dec. 2 Wyoming Black Belt/ Red Belt class.



ERRATA

In our last issue we noted that we would be culling our e-mail lists for the new year and requested those receiving the Flash under “Name Requested” or similar non-identifying monikers affirmatively indicate their desire to receive this publication in future and also convey their proper identities so we might address them respectfully as a matter of courtesy. Not that we in the Circulation Department ever make mistakes, BUT somehow we requested this be done by a date prior to the request. The date should have been December 31, 2023, so we will allow more response time: let’s hear from you by February 28.

COMING EVENTS

Sr. Master **Paul White** will host a Black Belt testing on February 8 at **New Life Taekwon-Do**, Arvada, Colorado.

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.

On April 20, the **Axe Taekwon-Do Invitational**. (See poster this issue.)

The **Academy of Martial Arts** of Grafton, Wisconsin, held a gup level testing on January 25. Presiding were Sixth Dans **James Pals** and **Mary Lubner**, and Ninth Dan F.M. Van Hecke, who were assisted by the recruitment of First Dans **Eric Williams** and Dr. **Karl Krogman**. Working at Corner were **Rosh Selvakuman, Josh Rupert, and Alex Rupert**.

The following tested to the following grades: to Gup 9 Yellow Stripe, **Lilly Alvarez**; to Gup 8 Yellow Belt, **Josh Vizanko, Cora Vizanko, Vikranth Kallepu, Pardhu Kallepu, and Disha Tagalapu**; to Gup 6 Green Belt **Erin Williams, Gwen Williams, Kate Williams, and Ari**



Krogman; to Gup Four Blue Belt **Saija Modak, Trishan Ghosh, Miles Krogman, Saina Balaji, Pranay Balaji, S a s h w a t h Suriyaraj, and Saina Modak**; to Gup Two Red Belt **Daniel Le, Khoi Le, Thai Le, and Vinh Le**. Dr. Le also tested to Gup One Black Stripe.

On May 4 the **2024 USTF Technical Seminar** will be held at Apex Recreation Center in Arvada, Colorado. Contact Headquarters to enroll.

SEREFF WORLD CAMP: is set for June 16 through 21 in the beautiful Rocky Mountains. Camping, hiking, entertainment, courses, workouts, and lots of fun. Contact USTF Headquarters, 303-466-4963.

AROUND THE COUNTRY

A USTF Referee Seminar was conducted November 11 at **Axe Taekwon-Do** in Bellevue, Nebraska. Hopefully some copy and photos soon.

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**. Hopefully some copy and photos soon.

LVTKD and **Stone Taekwon-Do** joined in a Black Belt testing in Henderson, Nevada, on December 16. Promoter: Sr. Master **Joe Bosse**. Hopefully some copy and photos soon.



USTF Referee Seminar

On Saturday, November 18th, 2023, **Axe Taekwon-Do** at Offutt Air Force Base in Bellevue, Nebraska hosted the USTF Referee Seminar. The seminar was taught by Grand Master **Ricky Todd**, 9th dan. A total of 20 students attended from Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana, and Iowa. We have 10 new USTF referees and 10 completely updated referees that were previously certified.

The following students attended for initial certification: **Class A Referee**, Mrs. Elizabeth Chamberlin, 4th dan and Mr. Johannes Schul, 3rd dan. **Class B Referee**, Mr. Anthony Garber, 3rd dan, Mrs. Sara Bush, 2nd dan, and Ms. Emily Garth, 2nd dan. **Class C Referee**, Melanie Ostrander, 3rd dan Mr. Jonathan Klass 1st dan, Ms. Julie Gastler, 1st gup, Ms. Ella Long, 1st dan, Mr. Avery Colegrove, 1st gup.

Attending for refresher certification: **Class A Referee**, Master Kevin Bushor, Master Pete Rouse, Mr. Dale Woods, 6th dan, Mr. Sean Toppi, 5th dan, Mrs. Sharon Buckley, 4th dan, Mr. Keith Buckley, 4th dan, and Ms. Brianna Grant, 4th dan. **Class B Referee**, Mr. David Wrigley, 4th dan, Ms. Sheila Duralia, 4th dan, and Ms. Amy Buckley, 3rd dan.

The students covered all aspects of the new (2018) USTF Rules and Regulations book. The seminar covered the practical application of judging patterns, sparring, and breaking. The format allowed for more practice in a tournament scenario instead of the book knowledge required to pass a written test. All black belts in attendance will be credited with 8 hours of continuing education for 2019, as required by the USTF.

Maestas Taekwon-do held a black belt test Sunday, November 19th, at the Apex Recreation Center in Arvada Colorado. Mr. **Matt Shifferly** was promoted to 6th Dan, and Mrs. **Marsha Wright**, Ms. **Brianna Bettis**, and Ms. **Emily Bettis** were promoted to 3rd Dan. Photos: Mr. Matt Shifferly, Ms. Marsh Wright, Ms. Brianna Bettis, and Ms. Emily Bettis sync up on pattern Won-Hyo.; Mr. Matt Shifferly demonstrates an advanced one step sparring routine with take-down with his partner, Mr. Silas Gulsby.



On January 27 the **Academy of Martial Arts**, Grafton, held its 14th annual Women’s Basketball Outing at The AI. The Marquette Women’s team beat Butler. Present (in no particular order) were Mrs. Mary Lubner, Mr. James Pals, Mr. Gabe Pals, Mr. Eric Williams, Dr. Karl Krogman, Pranay an Saina Balaji, parents and grandma, Kate Williams, Erin Williams, Gwen Williams, Dr. Daniel Le, Khoi, Khai, and Vinh Le, spouses, and Iggy the Golden Eagle..



15th Annual Axe Taekwon-Do Invitational
USTF Taekwon-Do Tournament

Sanctioned by the United States Taekwon-Do Federation (USTF). Axe Taekwon-Do invites all USTF-affiliated schools and their students to this tournament. This event will include individual patterns, sparring, and team breaking. All divisions will be created on the day of the event at the discretion of the Chief Bracketeer.

The competition will be in accordance with USTF rules. Sparring gear including hand and foot pads, mouthpiece, headgear, and protective cup for male competitors will be required. Headgear is mandatory for all ranks. All referees and judges must be certified by the USTF and dressed properly in the official dress code established by the USTF.

Saturday, April 20th, 2024
Offutt Youth Center Bldg. 5085
25th Street & Hruska Blvd
Bellevue, Nebraska 68123

Registration Starts: 8:00 am ***pre-registration suggested by **April 16th, 2024**
Black Belt Meeting: 8:30 am
Tournament Starts: 9:00 am

Preregistered Cost: \$45.00 – Fighting/Patterns/Team Breaking
(Team Breaking – 3 breakers per team, must be a green stripe or above, downward punch (knife hand for Peewees), side piercing kick (can be modified), and mid-air 180 back piercing kick (Blue Stripes and below can perform back piercing kick to D with rear leg). The hand breaks will use the UMAB (green-black) plastic boards. The foot breaking will use the PNP (tan/white/black) plastic boards.

Spectators: Free

*****Registration is \$55.00 at the door*****

Contact: Grand Master Todd (402) 650-4399

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<i>Tournament Director:</i>	<i>Grand Master Stephenson</i>	<i>9th Degree</i>
<i>Chief Referee:</i>	<i>Mrs. Bowling</i>	<i>6th Degree</i>
<i>Tournament Promoter:</i>	<i>Grand Master Todd</i>	<i>9th Degree</i>



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