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Referee Seminar Held in Middleton, WI

*September 26th, 2004—
Middleton, WI*

The American Martial Arts Center in Middleton, Wisconsin hosted the first United States TaeKwon-Do Federation sanctioned Referee course at its new facility.

The seminar was well attended with 13 people from four different schools and coming from two states!

The course is designed to help the students learn and put into practice the USTF rules governing competition. The course spends a great deal of time going through the rules governing continuous sparring, bracketed forms and breaking competition.

The intent is to provide trained and qualified referee's that understand the rules and can maintain the safety of the competitors and en-

sure fair competition.

In attendance were: Mr. Dishman from Byant Park TKD in Minnesota; Mr. Paul Schneider from the Sheboygan AMA; Mr. Jim Pals, Mr.

ing, Mr. Kirk Keller, Mr. Matt Dedrick, Mr. Mathiam Mbow, Ms. Becky Lamboley and Mr. John Hoskins from the American Martial Arts Center in Middleton.



Attendees of the first Wisconsin USTF Referee's Course

Everyone enjoyed the role playing and sparring exercises and Mr. Harley Pals showed great skill at controlling competitors as Center. Everyone passed their written exams. We now have 10 Class C, 3 Class B and 2 Class A referees in the state of Wisconsin.

Reminder: Since this class was not offered locally in the past the requirement was waived. Now that we have a local instructor available this requirement will no longer be waived. There will be another Referee seminar on February 12th at Mr. Miller's school in Crystal Lake, IL.!

Aaron Prohuska, Mr. Harley Pals and Ms. Valerie Pals from Grafton AMA and Mr. Mike Love, Mr. Aric Broek-

2nd Annual AAMA Fall Classic Held in Neenah, WI

Neenah WI

Dr. Butitta, IV Dan USTF held his second annual Association of Academies of Martial Arts tournament in Neenah again this October. Dr. Butitta has worked hard to bring USTF styled TaeKwon-Do tournaments to Wisconsin.

As with his tournament in 2003, this years was well ran and officiated. There were some great sparring matches, a great display of grace and power during forms and

the teams participating in the team patterns competition did a truly amazing job with their routines.

A great deal of work goes into these tournaments and it is a great opportunity to meet and network with your fellow TKD students in the region.

I would love to see more people participate!

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Black Belt Testing Held in Grafton, WI

Grafton, WI-

November 2004 saw another dazzling display of TaeKwon-Do skills as eight first dan candidates and two second dan candidates demonstrated their skills for promotion.

Presiding on the testing board were: Mr. Van Hecke, VI Dan; Mr. Miller, VI Dan; Mr. McDaniel, V Dan; Mr. Van Pietersom, IV Dan; Dr. Bauman IV Dan.

Testing for first dan were: Valerie Pals, Roc Bauman, Harley Pals, Ed Girdukas, Becky Lambole, Mathiam Mbow, Jordan Wagner and Hasan AbuLughod.

Testing for second dan were Mr. Jim Pals and Mr. Paul Hebein.

Best test went to Hasan AbuLughod as did best Self-Defense routine. Congratulations Sir!

It was a great testament to Mr. Van Hecke that so many people from so many different schools were able to test together and look good doing it!

It was truly inspiring to see Mr. Harley Pals perform his board breaks. After the test a person from my school stated they were impressed that a 65 year old could perform TaeKwon-Do so well. They were really impressed when I told them that Mr. Pals was 80. Way to go Harley!

Another highlight was Mr. Gir-

daukas' step sparring. Ed worked hard on his step sparring and it really showed. Great job Ed!

I am sure I speak for all the instructors in saying you made us all very proud!

I currently do not have any pictures from the black belt testing. If anyone would like to send me pictures to be included in the next newsletter or on the new region 5 website, please do so at: kevin.mcdaniel@ustf-region5.org

Keep up the good work folks!

General Updates from the USTF

Denver, CO- Dr. Bauman and Mrs. Lubner of the Grafton Dojang led a Wisconsin contingent to Denver to attend Grand Master Sereff's recent step-sparring seminar. Word has it that it was very informative and they brought back a lot of stuff!

Minneapolis, MN- There will be a black belt testing at Bryant Park TaeKwon-Do on January 29th. Mr. Van Hecke and Mr. McDaniel will be presiding.

Crystal Lake, IL- Mr. Braxton Miller will be hosting the THIRD Referee's Seminar we have held in Region 5 in the last twelve months. The event will be held at his school, School of Classical TaeKwon-Do in Crystal Lake, IL. This is a great opportunity for those that missed the last one in Wisconsin, but need to get their certification for their next dan level. Crystal Lake is about 2 hours away from Madison or

Grafton! Mr. McDaniel will be teaching again, rumor has it the course is informative and a lot of fun (of course Mr. McDaniel is typing this description...).

San Diego, CA- U.S.T.F. Nationals June 25—27th! See your school's chief instructor for details. We will be doing a fundraising effort to help competitors defer cost. Look for announcements soon on how you can help!

**"One Blow is
Sufficient for
Victory"
General Choi, Hong Hi**

Region 5 Championships to be Held March 19th, 2005

Waunakee, WI-

On March 19th, 2005 the American Martial Arts Center will be hosting a USTF sanctioned tournament.

The tournament will have over 60 normal divisions for individual competition. In addition, there will be divisions for:

- Gup Team Forms
- Mixed Team Forms
- Black Belt Team Forms.
- Junior Boys Team Sparring (ages 10-14) Beginning (10-6th gup).
- Junior Boys Team Sparring (ages 10-14) Advanced (5th-1st gup).
- Junior Ladies Team Sparring (ages 10-14) Beginning (10-6th gup).
- Junior Ladies Team Sparring (ages 10-14) advanced (5th-1st gup).
- Separate divisions for men and women mixed and black belt team sparring.
- Ho-Sin-Sul with two divisions, one for gup and one for black belt level competitors.