

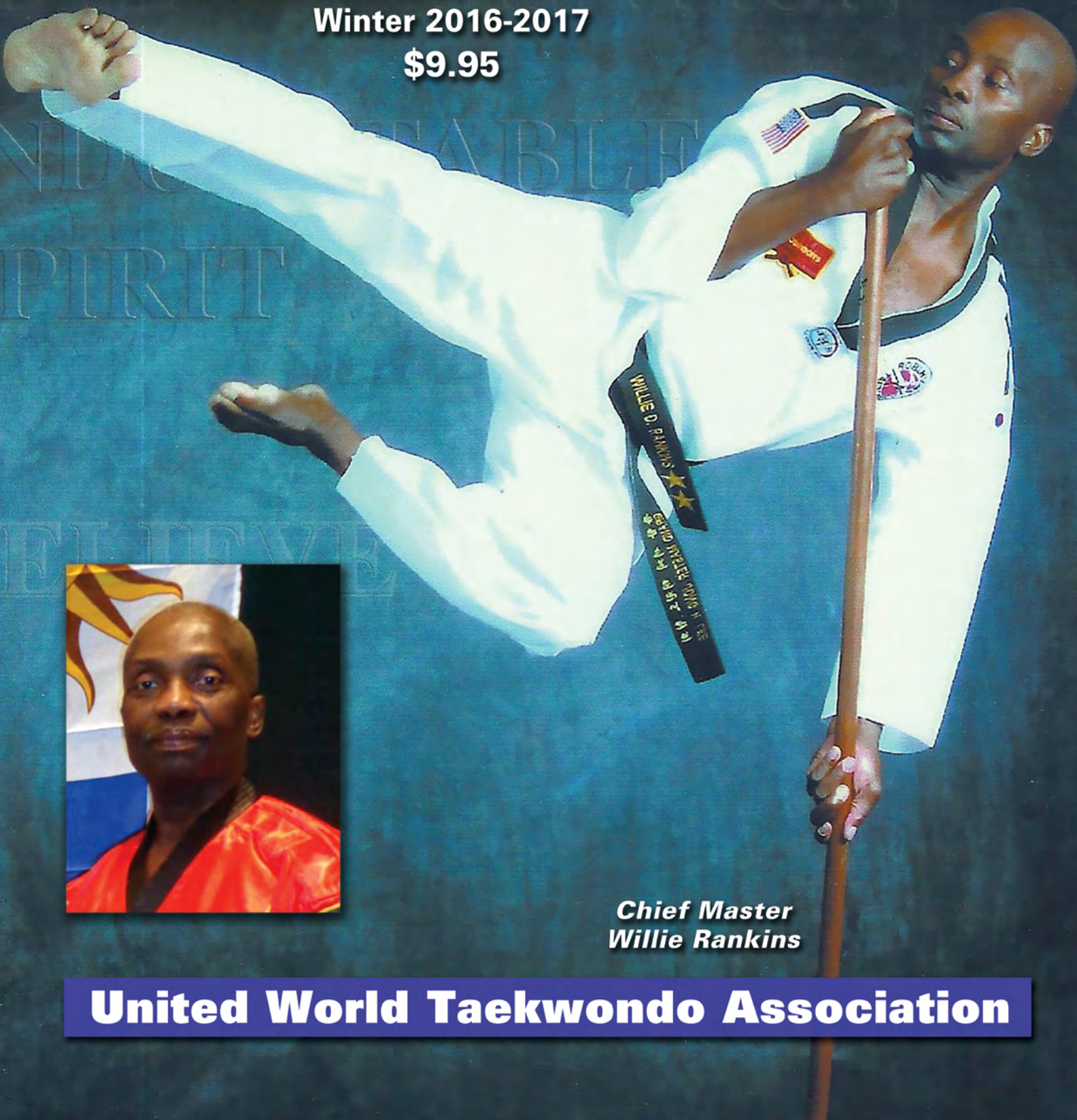
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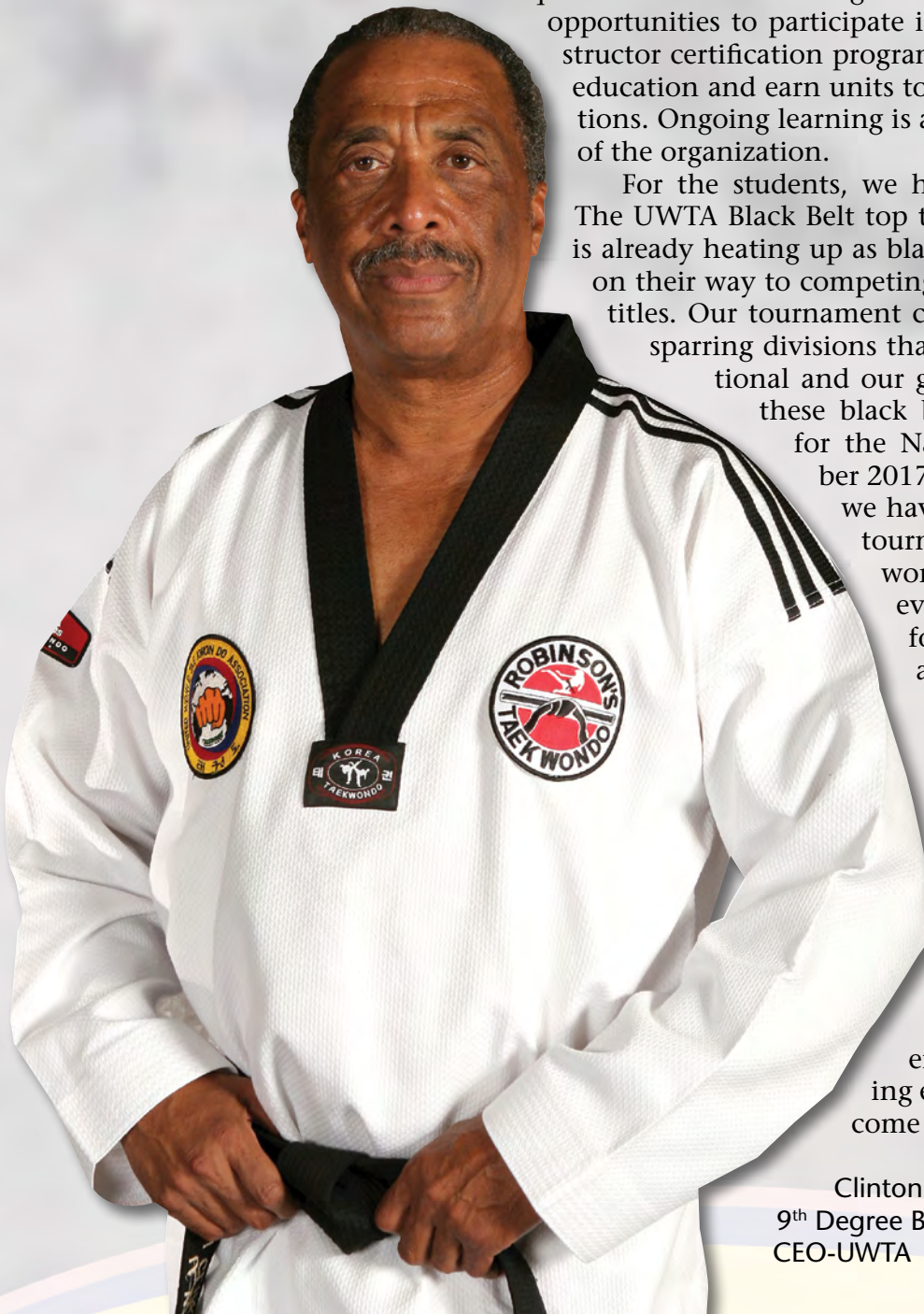
Message From Our CEO

I hope everyone enjoyed the holiday season and are back in the dojang training hard for an exciting UWTA 2017 year. Our year is full of fun and exciting events for the entire organization. Masters and high ranks are being given a once in a life time opportunity to participate in a rank assimilation event which will bring them current with Kukkiwon rank. In the industry, the Kukkiwon certificate is the equivalent of a Harvard degree. Our Instructors also have a couple opportunities to participate in both Kukkiwon and UWTA instructor certification programs where they will continue their education and earn units toward eligibility for future promotions. Ongoing learning is an expectation for all senior ranks of the organization.

For the students, we have a host of events scheduled. The UWTA Black Belt top ten and "Final Four" competition is already heating up as black belts compete and earn points on their way to competing for our National Championship titles. Our tournament circuit this year has new Olympic sparring divisions that will be held in each region, national and our grand national event. Winners of these black belt divisions will also be vying for the National Champion title in October 2017. For our colored belt (Gup ranks) we have scheduled at least two regional tournaments in each region and are working to make our spring and fall events fun, exciting and enjoyable for everyone. Remember trophies are earned at our national events...

This year, we are also planning a student weekend camp and of course our annual Summer Camp at Camp Winters, up in the mountains in July. All of these events are designed to enhance our members Taekwondo experience. There is only so much that you can learn at your dojang, participating in outside events greatly enhances your training and learning experience. Don't be left behind... come join the fun!

Clinton Robinson,
9th Degree Black Belt
CEO-UWTA



Grand Master Clinton Robinson

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UWTA Rolls Out New Tournament Rules

The UWTA tournament rules have been amended and updated. You can find them posted at uwta.org. All UWTA judges undergo certification training on the rules covering Poomsae, Point Sparring, Olympic Sparring, Board Breaking, One-Step Sparring (white-yellow belts) and how to judge the Taekwondo Tigers (3-5 year old) divisions.

Judges certification begins with level 1 training which allows a judge to act as a corner judge for colored belt divisions only. After earning the required hours, a level 1 judge can attend the course for level 2. A level 2 judge can act as a center judge for colored belts and corner judge for black belts. A level 3 judge is certified to fulfill the role as center judge for black belt divisions.

Our UWTA judges dedicate their time to learn how to judge, participate at events earning their hours and certifications and also gain valuable experience in per-

forming their responsibility as a black belt by exercising their "authority" and learning what it takes to be a black belt and leader.

All judges take an oath to perform their duties without prejudice of school, region or other variant. We are both proud and thankful for our judges in the UWTA.



Level 3 Chief Judge

Level 2 Center Judge

Level 1 Corner Judge



UWTA Implements New Olympic Sparring Divisions

Effective this tournament season (2016-17) the UWTA is introducing the below Olympic Sparring Divisions at all of our tournaments (Regional, National & Grand Nationals). UWTA Instructors are being given the opportunity to learn how to teach the Olympic Sparring system and have been encouraged to introduce their students to this style of continuous sparring.

UWTA OLYMPIC SPARRING DIVISIONS

12-14 Boys

12-14 Girls

15-17 Boys

15-17 Girls

18-31 Men

18-31 Women

31 and above Men

31 and above Women



Olympic sparring was introduced by Taekwondo in the 1988 Olympics and has rapidly become an international sport. It is famous for its win by "Knock Out"; but, in reality Knock Outs are only allowed at the

highest level of professional competitions conducted by the World Taekwondo Federation internationally.

Locally, the UWTA follows the Jr. Safety rules of the USAT (US National governing body for Taekwondo). These rules "do not" allow knock outs and only "soft" touch contact is allowed. In addition, points are called when the kick is within 6 inches of the target and no attempt to block was made by the opponent. Thus making the event "extremely safe" for the competitors.

Once a year, the UWTA also hosts the Kukkiwon Cup with Olympic style sparring (continuous sparring). The students fight two 2-minute rounds in either the A division (USAT Jr. Safety rules) or the B Division which does not allow kicks directed to the head as a target.

B Division is designed as a safe training opportunity for students to experience the continuous style of sparring and all "Point" fighters are recommended to try this as it enhances their sparring experience. In addition, this style of sparring is no different than typical "classroom" sparring.

The UWTA strongly encourages all students to give Olympic sparring a try... it's fun, exciting, safe and enriches your Taekwondo Journey.



Chief Master V

Chief Master Willie Rankins, 8th Degree Black Belt and Executive Vice President of the UWTa. Chief Master Rankins is both a UWTa and World Karate Union Hall of Fame Inductee with more than 45 years' professional experience in Martial Arts. He trained and taught in the Republic of China for 6 years, the Republic of Korea for 15 months and the USA for over 40 years. Chief Master Rankins also assisted in the origination of the UWTa in 1992.

Chief Master Rankins also recently retired from a 20 year career as a Taekwondo Instructor and Adjunct Professor at American River College in Carmichael, California. While at the College, he co-developed the Taekwondo course; spearheaded the "Hit, Kick and Run" child abduction prevention



program; developed a self-defense program for women; developed a pressure point defense course for law enforcement personnel; has been involved with modified programs for disabled persons; and is a co-writer/publisher of children's books.

Today, after a long and dedicated history in Taekwondo, Chief Master Rankins is also a major contributor to the success of the UWTa. Often behind the scenes, he can be found working on new projects designed to enhance both the organizations programs and creating new products.

During recent years, he has upgraded his Kukkiwon certifications and licensing in the Master Instructor, Black Belt Examiner and Hanmadang Judging courses and continues to live a life dedicated to Taekwondo.



Willie Rankins



Chief Master Rankins Power Breaking.



Chief Master Rankins Head Break.

Chief Master Rankins first met Grand Master Robinson in the Republic of China, Taiwan in the early 70's. During this time, he was also introduced to Grand Master Jack Pierce in Taiwan. While in Taekwondo they participated together in taekwondo demonstrations and traveled to the 1st Taekwondo World Taekwondo Championship held at the Kukkiwon in Korea (1973).

In 1977, he returned to Korea military duty at Osan. While in Osan, he trained and taught for a short period of time on the military base. He recalls the local dojang located off base having dirt floors and shuttered windows (no glass). In Korea during that time there was a Martial Law Curfew which started at 12:00 midnight and ended at 4:00am daily. During these hours you had to be inside or find yourself locked up for breaking curfew.

Today, you'll find him working hard to help keep UWTa recognized as one of the top Taekwondo Organizations in America. If you see Chief Master Rankins at one of our UWTa events feel free to introduce yourself, he enjoys meeting students and is known for his warm personality (don't forget to bow).



Chief Master Rankins visiting with the Champ, Mohammed Ali.



Chief Master Rankins in role of Adjunct Professor ARC.

UWTA 2016 Grand Nation

The 2016 UWTA Grand National event was a huge success. We conducted school owners meetings, Black Belt Testing, Black Belt “Final Four” competition and our Annual Grand National Tournament capped off with our Black Belt Awards Ceremony. That’s a lot to pack into two days; but, it went off without a hiccup. This year, we received lots of positive comments and with our lessons learned, hope to make next years event even smoother, more entertaining and enjoyable.

OWNERS MEETING

At our owners meeting, Grand Master Robinson retraced the events of the year and shared his vision and direction for 2017. All school owners participated and walked away with a common vision and understanding of his expectations. His goal for 2017 was quite simple, to continue to strive to provide the highest quality, professionally delivered program in the market with a new emphasis on “character” development.



BLACK BELT EXAMINATION

The black belt exam was managed by Master Pourarian, Vice President-Examinations and saw over 200 black belts participate in their promotional exam. During this event, Senior Master Cedric Robinson successfully examined and earned a promotion to 8th Degree Black Belt (see promo-

tion list for others).

UNITED WORLD TAEKWONDO ASSOCIATION BLACK BELT PROMOTION EXAM #50

The below listed Black Belts earned promotions to the designated ranks below. The official panel of Certified Examiners under the authority of the Kukkiwon conducted the examination on Friday, September 30, 2016 and found the below listed individuals qualified for promotion, having met all of the requirements and successfully passing their exam. Earning a Kukkiwon certificate is the highest certification available in the Taekwondo industry.



275 Black Belts participated in Examination in Reno.

nal Championships—Reno



Marcus Sheldon,
5th Dan



Nick Beard,
5th Dan



Cedric Robinson,
8th Dan

PROMOTION TO 1ST DAN

Maria Uribe, Angel Garcia, Chase Dayog, Claire Shea, Darian Kim, Diego Carbajal, Erik D. Haworth, Miles Schulze, Saahill Sabnis, Samantha Benkosky, Alejandro Gonzalez, Alessandro Obando, Anushri Srivistava, Chloe White, Gaia Dionisio, Isabella Salazar, Jaime Corrales, Maxwell Clark, Rahil Ram, Samuel J. Barker, Simi Singh, Sofia Torio, Trey Braxton, Amelia Hall, Austin Norquist, Carissa Shelton, Chelsea Bennett, Daniel A. Ramirez, Devyn Roesler, Dominic Ross, Dylan Kim, Elisa M. Antonio, Genesis Gaytan, Haley Northam, Jada Roberts, Joseph Garcia, Lauren Pace, Matteo Bettencourt, Mayci Evers, Sharod Williams, Tyler Norquist, Anthony Veiga, Devron Hardy II, Easha Ali, Emily Powers, Fatima Rivera, Garrett Nasca, Jaedyn Prince, Jorge Martinez, Julia Whang, Kyara Sigheti, Kylie Nasca, Leonid Palatnik, Pawanpreet Bhangal, Samuel Oyler, Siena McCabe, Aidan Brydie, Alexa Boyer, Andrea Boyer, Aniyah R. Santana, Antonio Lozoya, Arabella D. Dickason, Berkleigh Sandigo, Christopher B. Jimenez, Kaileah Daniel, Kylie Burns, Madison Davis, Santino De La Fuente, Weston McCabe, Aiden Plank, Ashley Rosales, Dalila Soria, Harrison Gray, Isaac P. Tanner, Nathan Phillips, Caitlin Royston, Charlotte Phillips, Chinmayi Balusu, Jack Adams, Luke Powers, Sydney Abid, Aaron Oyler, Alonzo Aguillio, Christiaan Myburgh, Irvinpreet Bhangal, Jacques Myburgh, Rafay Khan, Severin Pickett, Harry Canfield, Braven Liles Jr., Trenton Abid, Trevor Stetson, Joseph Carl Balunis, Kiranpreet Bhangal, Dominic Lopez, Hannah Tesch, Brendan Bristow, Nicole Porter, Matthew Martinez, Luis Villanueva, Milla Weithington, Ben Olivo, Hyma Vedantam, Angela Sanchez, Louis Kim, Ken Phillips, JC Swan, Monique Griffith, Rachel Erin Carey, Sastry Vedantam, William Bollinger III, Justine Boyer, James Conforti, Deborah Martin, Kathy Suesens, Suni Turchan

PROMOTION 2ND DAN

Isabelle G Burke, Marc Thomas Valdez, Sofia Ramos, Alicia Del Toro, Arnav Reddy, Ethan Shea, Jonathan Cabanas, Kunal Tarmaster, Nihar Mudigonda, Oviya Senthil, Raahil Khan, Vishwas Charan, Wilson Garcia, Aidan Brown, Angel H. Lopez, Brandon Yoon, Brian Hall, Diego Sandoval, Jules Swan, Taylor Macy, Gilbert Sanchez-Torres, Malaika Alex, Emery Speed, Sreeneha Vedantam, Tanushri Akula, Junseo Lee Aidan Hughes, Cannon Burford, Christopher L. Uhl, Rebecca Glaister, Connor Sichler, Robbie Parsons, Tiffany Lopez, Rebekkah McCurry, Sarah Massaro, Jade Pascual, Wes Glaister, Effie Rugles, Lisa Wong, Debra Neisen, Christine Stewart

PROMOTION 3RD DAN

Coral Bishop, Ashley Hufford, Nicholas Pascual, Noelani Gardner, Bryce Brown, Robbie Robertson, Bettina Manalo, Emma Hunkapiller, Ryen De Los Santos, Sahiti Bobbala, Aden Ingersoll, Alexander Way, Roewyn-Zack Umayam, Kavya Bukkapatnam, Maria Lopez, Samantha Manalo, Patricia Lopez, Carlee Jansz, Enrique A. Noguez, Lonny Butler, Sayed Amiri, Belinda Perez, Eileen Jaki, Michele Robertson, Shannon Gardner, Elizabeth Langlet, Tammy Brust, Susan Harada

PROMOTION 4TH DAN

Lynnette Hersh, Christopher Brown, Cassie Berger, Eric Paprotny

PROMOTION 5TH DAN

Nick Beard, Marcus Shelton, Dave Haberman

PROMOTION 8TH DAN

Cedric Robinson

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UWTA Top "Final Four" Comp



This year's final four competition is shaping up to be extremely exciting as we see both familiar competitors chasing the points and leading their divisions; but, it looks like we have a number of new competitors entering the brackets and challenging the leaders in getting seeded into the "Final Four" bracket. You can watch the competition and point standings at www.uwta.org by clicking on the tournament tab.

This year, we are seeing many more competitors traveling to the regional events to collect points toward the bracketing. It doesn't appear that you can just compete locally and expect to be in the final four.

The UWTA operates regional tournaments in Sacramento, San Francisco-Bay Area, Las Vegas and Washington. If your looking to travel to a tournament you will always find a host hotel listed on the marketing flyers, which are also listed on our website. In this magazine we try to keep the upcoming tournaments also listed with their flyers in the back.

MEN'S POINT SPARRING

Boys 8 & Under Cand & Up

1st	Saahil Sabnis	20
2nd	Maxwell Clark	12
3rd	Chase Dayog	9
4th	Brandon Wong	7

Boys 9-10 Cand & 1st

1st	Eithan Lim	17
2nd	Charlie Serenbetz	16
3rd	Francisco Cuevas	15
4th	Rahim Lindsay	15

Boys 9-10 2nd & Up

1st	Landon Dempsey	8
2nd	Ethan White	5
3rd	Julien Shimp	4
4th	Gael Contreras	3

Boys 11-12 Cand & 1st

1st	James Membrere	18
2nd	Ethan White	12
3rd	Santino De La Fuente	9
4th	Sammy Oo	7

Boys 11-12 2nd & Up

1st	James Garcia	21
2nd	Brian Hall	20
3rd	Emilio Valdovinos	9
4th	Robbie Thornton	6

Boys 13-14 Cand & 1st

1st	Sean Orricco	17
2nd	Gavin Womack	13
3rd	Timothy Braxton	10
4th	Daytyn Toginazzini	7

Boys 13-14 2nd & Up

1st	Ashton Moyer	24
2nd	Angel Lopez-Flores	20
3rd	Julian Ortega	19
4th	Christian Grata	15

Boys 15-17 Cand & 1st

1st	Hunter Siason	21
2nd	Benjamin Elms	20
3rd	Christian David Ygay	14
4th	Alexander Korpela	13

Boys 15-17 2nd & Up

1st	Lorenzo Ortega	17
2nd	Shukri Suhir	15
3rd	Ryen De Los Santos	13
4th	Alex Way	9

Men 18-29 Cand - 2nd

1st	Connor Sichler	20
2nd	Taylor Osorio	12
3rd	Robbie Parsons	9
4th	Brendan Bristow	6

Men 18-29 3rd & Up

1st	Michael Gibson	22
2nd	Dillon Hern	15
3rd	Timothy Franklin	9
4th	Tyler Palmer	7

Men 30-39 Cand - 3rd

1st	Brian Wade	12
2nd	Lonny Butler	9
3rd	Robby Northam	7
4th	Anthony Russell	6

Men 30-39 4th & Up

1st	Nick Beard	27
2nd	Phillip Meyer	15
3rd	Jarrett Blankenship	9
4th	Bobby Salvo	9

Men 40-49 Cand - 2nd

1st	Craig Swan	22
2nd	Tony Park	19
3rd	William Bollinger	12
4th	Wendell Bobst	5

Men 40-49 3rd & Up

1st	William Wong	15
2nd	Eric Bogard	12
3rd	Gregory Woodward	9

Men 50-59 Cand & Up

1st	June Valencia	17
2nd	Calum Pearson	16
3rd	Robert Campbell	15
4th	Nicholas Sadowy	

Men 60 & Up Cand & Up

1st	Jim Cotrell	15
2nd	Rock Carey	12

WOMEN'S POINT SPARRING

Girls 8 & Under Cand & Up

1st	Charlotte Southworth	25
2nd	Christiaana Turner	18
3rd	Violet McCurdy	13
4th	Claire Shea	3

Girls 9-10 Cand & 1st

1st	Chelsa Bennet	30
2nd	Jada Godey	19
3rd	Isabelle Stafford	12
4th	Darlene Eugenio	12

Girls 9-10 2nd & Up

1st	Sreenila Vedantam	18
2nd	Miko Cooper	15
3rd	Emma Jaki	12
4th	Sofia Ramos	9

Girls 11-12 Cand & 1st

1st	Kaileah Daniel	20
2nd	Fatima Rivera	12
3rd	Berkleigh Sandigo	9
4th	Kyara Sigheti	9

Girls 11-12 2nd & Up

1st	Victoria Laya	25
2nd	Jules Swan	16
3rd	Regina De Los Santos	12
4th	Chloe Yanez	10

Girls 13-14 Cand & 1st

1st	Chinmayi Balus	20
2nd	Faith Adkisson	18
3rd	Charlotte Phillips	16
4th	Grace Guzman	13

Girls 13-14 2nd & Up

1st	Kaysha Stricklin	29
2nd	Sreenela Vedantam	25
3rd	Pooja Ramadas	3

Girls 15-17 Cand & 1st

1st	Catlyn Rynsen	18
2nd	Kendra Koons	17
3rd	Kylie Heinz	15
4th	Emani Lindsay	12

Girls 15-17 2nd & Up

1st	Madilyne Wong	19
2nd	Maria Lopez	17
3rd	Gabrielle DeGozman	14
4th	Jamie Slining	9

Women 18-29 Cand - Up

1st	Carlee Jansz	20
2nd	Kiranpreet Bhargal	12
3rd	Patricia Lopez	9
4th	Gloria Clark	6

Women 30-39 Cand - 2nd

1st	Milla Weithington	15
2nd	Mary Northam	12
3rd	Rocio Grata	9

Women 30-39 3rd & Up

1st	Shannon Park	20
2nd	Kelly Aubuchon	16
3rd	Lindsay Walker	12
4th	Sara Frega	10

Women 40-49 Cand & 1st

1st	Michele Valencia	20
2nd	Angela Sanchez	16
3rd	Rachel Carey	9
4th	Hyma Vedantam	6

Women 40-49 2nd & Up

1st	Jade Pasqual	20
2nd	Vanessa Wright	12
3rd	Lee Blaszyk	9
4th	Shelly Parson	5

Women 60 & Up Cand & Up

1st	Suni Turchan	15
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Ten Listing Competition Standings

OLYMPIC SPARRING

Boys 12-14

1st	Hunter Siason	25
2nd	Ashton Moger	19
3rd	Ethan Lim	5
4th	Sean Orrico	5

Girls 12-14

1st	Victoria Loya	20
2nd	Kaileah Daniel	16
3rd	Talor Macy	9
4th	Noelle	3

Boys 15-17

1st	Lorenzo Ortega	15
2nd	Shukra	12
3rd	Timothy Solis	9
4th	Ryan Patton	6

Girls 15-17

1st	Emani Lindsay	17
2nd	Maria Lopez	15
3rd	Kendra Koons	14
4th	Karla Grata	13

Men 18-31

1st	William Jackson	15
2nd	Eric	12
3rd	Jarrett Blankenship	9
4th	Fred Estrada	6

Women 18-31

1st	Marisol Flannery	15
2nd	Patricia Lopez	12
3rd	Hannah Tesch	9
4th	Danielle Davidson	5

STANDARD WEAPONS

12 & Under

1st	Ian Quinn	28
2nd	Chloe Yanez	17
3rd	Darlene Eugenio	9
4th	Blake Sparks	8

18 & Up

1st	William Wong	15
2nd	Nicholas Sadowy	12
3rd	Kasea Cirincione	10
4th	Jeremy Sparks	9

13-17

1st	Collin Sides	15
2nd	Andrew Eugenio	14
3rd	Justin Mattson	12

OPEN WEAPONS

12 & Under

1st	Ian Quinn	30
2nd	Chloe Yanez	16
3rd	Brian Hall	9
4th	Nicholas Johnson	7
4th	Erik Haworth	7

13-17

1st	Justin Mattson	17
2nd	Gabie DeGuzman	15
3rd	Alexander Way	10
4th	Elayne Daniels	9

18 & Up

1st	Robert Maybie	15
2nd	Jeremy Sparks	5

TEAM POOMSAE

12 and Under

1st	Team Pourarian (Park, Arendt, Nathanson)	19
2nd	Team FTKD (Eugenio, Nigro, Macy)	15
3rd	Team Rocklin	12
4th	Furious Flash	6

Age 13 - 17

1st	Team Michelle Lewis (Daniels, Reniero, Wong)	20
2nd	Team FTKD (Wong, Bogard, Eugenio)	12

18 & Above

1st	Team Kryptastic (Kropp, Bogard, Wong)	15
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MEN'S POOMSAE

Boys 8 & Under Cand & Up

1st	Brandon Wong	22
2nd	Chase Dayog	15
3rd	Miles Schulze	12
4th	Darian Kim	9

Boys 9-10

1st	Charlie Serenbetz	25
2nd	Blake Sparks	17
3rd	TJ Park	17
4th	Cole Marmins	15

Boys 11-12

1st	Kai Massaro	20
2nd	James Membere	14
3rd	Jorge Martine	12
4th	Tyler Valencia	8

Boys 11-12

1st	Ronan Huges	30
2nd	James Garcia	12
3rd	Jared Elder	11
4th	Ian Quinn	10

Boys 13-14

1st	Joseph Suski	15
2nd	Justin Mattson	14
3rd	Sean Orrico	11
4th	Stephen Zavala	11

Boys 13-14

1st	Alexander Tymchysyn	25
2nd	Ashton Moyer	23
3rd	Ethan Johnson	11
4th	Alejandro Rejas	9

Boys 15-17

1st	Christian David Ygay	20
2nd	Hunter Siason	19
3rd	Trenton Abid	9
4th	Ludwig Schulz	9

Boys 15-17

1st	Andrew Eugenio	20
2nd	Alex Way	19
3rd	Vinny Perry	14
4th	Derek Wong	9

Men 18-29 Cand - 2nd

1st	Isaiah Padua	20
2nd	Connor Sichler	17
3rd	Kevin Ismerio	10
4th	Taylor Osario	9

Men 18-29 3rd & Up

1st	Enrique Noguez	19
2nd	James Carswell	15
3rd	Zachary Hernandez	12
4th	Robert Maybie	6

Men 30-39

1st	Jeremy Sparks	14
2nd	Brian Wade	14
3rd	Anthony Russell	6
4th	James Messier	4

Men 30-39

1st	Nick Beard	21
2nd	Adam Frega	20
3rd	Bobby Salvo	15
4th	Brian Kropp	6

Men 40-49

1st	Tony Park	25
2nd	Craig Swan	14
3rd	Louis Kim	12
4th	Terry Tymchysyn	9

Men 40-49

1st	Eric Bogard	22
2nd	William Wong	15
3rd	Gregory Woodward	3
4th	Jason Johnson	2

Men 50-59

1st	June Valencia	17
2nd	Dave Haberman	15
3rd	Calum Pearson	14
4th	Nicholas Sadowy	6

Men 60 & Up

1st	Jim Cotrell	15
2nd	Rock Cary	12
3rd	Richard Franks	5

WOMEN'S POOMSAE

Girls 8 & Under Cand & Up

1st	Charlotte Southworth	21
2nd	Violet McCurdy	19
3rd	Zoey Dong	9
4th	Christianna Turner	4

Girls 9-10

1st	Lauren Pace	24
2nd	Chelsea Bennett	17
3rd	Kiana Arendt	18
4th	Jada Godsey	18

Girls 9-10

1st	Sreenila Vedantam	21
2nd	Miko Cooper	15
3rd	Emma Jaki	12
4th	Isabella Burke	10

Girls 11-12

1st	Kaileah Daniel	20
2nd	Rachel Nathanson	19
3rd	Julia Whang	12
4th	Dalila Saria	6

Girls 11-12

1st	Coral Bishop	22
2nd	Regina De Los Santos	19
3rd	Talor Macy	9
4th	Chloe Yanez	9

Girls 13-14

1st	Olivia Matthews	30
2nd	Chinmayi Balusu	22
3rd	Faith Adkisson	14
4th	Charlotte Phillips	12

Girls 13-14

1st	Isabella Nigro	25
2nd	Sreeneha Vedantam	22
3rd	Kaysha Stricklin	18
4th	Malia Brust	12

Girls 15-17

1st	Kendra Koons	20
2nd	Isabela Matthews	17
3rd	Irvinpreet Bhangal	15
4th	Julia Mezentseva	13

Girls 15-17 2nd & Up

1st	Madilyne Wong	20
2nd	Elayne Daniels	17
3rd	Gabrielle De Gozman	14
4th	Maria Lopez	7

Women 18-29

1st	Elizabeth Bogard	30
2nd	Patricia Lopez	12
3rd	Carlee Jansz	11
4th	Marissa Wong	9

Women 30-39

1st	Milla Weithington	20
2nd	Trina Risse	13
3rd	Katie Walker	12
4th	Mary Northam	6

Women 30-39

1st	Kelly Aubuchon	20
2nd	Shannon Park	20
3rd	Sara Frega	10
4th	Lindsay Walker	9

Women 40-49

1st	Monique Griffith	20
2nd	Michele Valencia	17
3rd	Ellen Wu	9
4th	Hyma Vedantam	8

Women 40-49

1st	Jade Pasqual	17
2nd	Michele Robertson	15
3rd	Lynn Jaki	9
4th	Vanessa Wright	6

Women 50-59

1st	Lee Blaszyk	15
2nd	Susan Harada	14
3rd	Carol Cooper	12
4th	Sue Reineke	8

Women 60 & Up

1st	Suni Turchan	15
2nd	Margaret Snider	14
3rd	Debra Neisen	12
4th	Christine Stewart	6



Girls National Championship Division.



Master Adam Frega in Poomsae competition.

UWTA 2016 GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – RENO

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UWTA “FINAL FOUR” TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Friday evening, we saw the “best of the best” in the black belt divisions performing poomsae and sparring in an attempt to earn the title of UWTA National Champion for their respective divisions.

If you are looking to see what your poomsae should look like, look no further as this competition saw some of the best performances that we have seen in years. The judging was difficult and winning differences were in the tenths of a point. In the Kyrugi or free sparring divisions, we saw some very exciting action packed fights. Again the competition was next to impossible to score as the speed and accuracy of the competitors was amazing. Especially exciting was watching the young black belts. The look in their young eyes told a thousand tales. Don't miss this event next year!

UWTA GRAND NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The tournament hosted over 400 competitors and ran on schedule thanks to Mr. Braxton, Vice president-Tournaments and his team of Regional Chiefs-Tournaments and of course, the amazing judges who work hard to learn and exercise their skills at judging for our events. Being a judge is not an easy task, the difference in poomsae performance

sometimes goes down to precision and perfection of chambering, speed, timing, accuracy, targeting and overall performance by the competitors.

In poomsae, everyone typically does the right moves and the difference is sometimes only seen by the judges, who train to look for specific deduction areas for the segment they are tasked to watch. Our poomsae competitors today have moved far past “recreational” performances. The winners in our larger events are highly skilled “technical” competitors which make it difficult for judges to differentiate who performed their poomse the best. Thus, our judges undergo extensive training in scoring.

Often times, we have competitors and spectators wondering how a judge comes up with a score. It's important to understand that first all judges are not looking at the same thing. Meaning, they are assigned to watch different pieces of the competitors performance, i.e., hands, stances, overall performance. Thus, a competitor can get a range of scores given by the judges. Understanding what each of these judges is scoring and how they are doing their scoring is important to understanding why a particular score is given.

A lot goes into how a student develops their technique that is displayed in a poomsae. It begins with understanding the Kukkiwon standards, training of the Seniors attending courses in Korea, instructors being trained by the seniors and special seminars. All UWTA regions conduct instructor seminars to ensure all instructors are performing and teaching technique the same. In addition to our curriculum training; we also conduct training in how to score



a student during examinations; and the judges participate in all of the above and further are trained in scoring in competition. With all of the standards training it is the goal that all students are trained equally by the instructors from the different dojangs. Thus, leaving the student to perfect what is being taught and using this knowledge in competition.

This year, we handled only two complaints by competitors or their instructors on issues with our judges. In both instances the judge ended up being correct. We utilize 3 judges, lots of training and a majority rule policy in order to ensure we get our scoring correct. Final word in protests rests with our tournament arbitrators.

BLACK BELT AWARDS CEREMONY

Our black belt awards ceremony began with the sharing of a junior and adults thesis paper. All black belt awardees were formally presented their belt and promotional certificates along with the honor of being knighted by Grand Master Jong Hwan Lee, founder of the UWTA. The ceremony is always closed with a traditional sharing of tea and the taking of the black belt oath by all being promoted.

SPECIAL AWARDS AND GUESTS OF HONOR

This year, Grand Master Jae Kyu Chun, President of the Korea Taekwondo MooDukKwan Association and Grand Master Ki Hong Kim, Secretary General of Kukkiwon America were honored with their induction into the UWTA Hall of Fame.

Grand Master Chun is the 2nd President since the MooDukKwan Association took the title as a Hae and is also considered the 7th President of the Taekwondo MooDukKwan group that joined the Taekwondo movement in 1965.



Grand Master
Jae Kyu Chun



Grand Master
Ki Hong Kim

Grand Master Ki Hong Kim currently operates the Kukkiwon America organization dedicated to delivering Kukkiwon courses, seminars and events across the United States. His efforts have been instrumental in the spreading of the Kukkiwon brand of Taekwondo.

Special guests this year also included Grand Master Jin Young Kim, Grand Master Koo and Grand Master Shimm.



His Spirit Will Be With Us Forever...

Master Keith Lyons passed away late this year. Master Lyons, 6th Dan was our Regional Chief of Examinations for the Las Vegas Region. Master Lyons was also a highly respected Attorney in Las Vegas. A special wake was held at Master Sue Langdon's dojang attended by Judges, Attorneys from his profession and a room full of Taekwondo practitioners. During the ceremony, Chief Master Corrie had the honor of presenting Master Lyons wife with a posthumous promotion to the rank of 7th Degree Black Belt from the UWTa and the Kukkiwon. Master Lyons will be deeply missed; but, his spirit will live on in the students of the Las Vegas region.



WTF Judging Certification

Jennifer Reasner, a 4th degree black belt in the UWTa just received her certificate certifying her as a WTF international poomsae referee. This extremely rigorous certification is a week long and has many pre requisites in order to even qualify to take the course. Congratulations to Ms. Reasner on her huge accomplishment!



UWTa Instructor Certifications

UWTa INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION & RE-CERTIFICATION GRADUATING CLASS

The UWTa is proud to announce the graduation of our newest crop of Certified Instructors. The UWTa requires all Instructors, regardless of rank to maintain their certification in order to teach at a UWTa licensed facility. Teaching Taekwondo is considered a "profession" and just as in all professions, credentials are required. The UWTa certification course ensures all of our instructors not only know our standardized curriculum; but, also that they have the necessary knowledge and skills to deliver the curriculum using our structured teaching system. The course ensures our instructors also understand cycle, class and student management skills. Instructors are trained in class motivation as well as student character development for both colored and black belt programs.



Instructors were welcomed by Grand Master Robinson and then the work began. They trained in in how to teach the more technical aspects of both colored belt and black belt poomsae; self-defense one-steps; sparring including Olympic sparring drills; Korean language for teaching; UWTa policies and how to score examinations; how to prepare students for tournament competitions; UWTa and Taekwondo history and philosophy; and other instructor level knowledge needed to be an effective instructor.

The weekend course was challenging, informative, educational and eye opening for many of those who participated. Continuing education, certification and recertification is a requirement for being a Certified Instructor in the UWTa. If your interested in joining the UWTa Instructor Trainee program talk with your instructor and check out our program at www.uwta.org

Kukkiwon America Masters Training Course and Hanmadang Judges Certification



UWTa Seniors in Leadership Roles for Masters Course.

The Kukkiwon America group hosted the Korea World Taekwondo Academy instructors in Chicago, Illinois in November where they delivered the Kukkiwon Masters and Hanmadang Judging certification courses. Grand Master Robinson, Chief Masters Corrie and Rankin, Senior Masters C. Robinson, P. Robinson, Lovas and C. S. Robinson attended and graduated successfully from the courses.

The Kukkiwon conducts Masters, Examiners and Judging certifications issuing level 3, 2 and 1 license to successful graduates. There are three levels for each course, level 3 is issued to 4-5th Dan's, level 2 is issued to 6th and 7th Dans and level 1 can only be issued to 8th or 9th Dan's.

The knowledge gained from these courses is integrated into the policies, procedures and practices of the UWTa. Ultimately resulting in what is passed on to the instructors and students. Thus, keeping the UWTa and it's members at the forefront of Taekwondo.

During this event, the



UWTa Seniors also participated in the Hanmadang (International) Judging Certification Course and Examination. Many other courses are available for Masters at the Kukkiwon World Training Academy and the Muji Education Center in Korea and the UWTa requires it's seniors to continue their education by attending these courses in order to promote within the organization and Kukkiwon.

Congratulations to all the seniors for their dedication and leading the way.



UWTA Offers Students a Journey of a Life Time...2017 Travel to Korea

All UWTA students are invited to participate in the upcoming "2017 Korea Trip" being hosted by Grand Master Kim and the Kukkiwon America group. This year there are two trips to choose from. If you have any questions regarding the trip please feel free to contact Kukkiwon America at www.kukkiwonAmerica.net where you will find applications and instructions on how to register for the trips.

Both of these trips will provide you with a tour of Korea and a life time of memories.



Upcoming UWTA Events



UWTA WELCOMES THREE NEW DOJANGS TO THE FAMILY...

Evolution Martial Arts & Fitness – Santa Rosa

Mr. Andrew Kanihan
1011 Hahman Dr.
Santa Rosa, CA
707-478-0040

Sonoma Taekwondo – Sonoma

Mr. Patrick Hoffman
18997 Sonoma Hwy
Sonoma, CA 95476
707-337-8649

USA Fit Force Taekwondo – Pomona

Master Frank Gonzales
1460 E. Holt Avenue Suite #15
Pomona, CA 91767
909-979-7473