

# The T.K.D. Flash

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## **Congratulations to the following on their promotions:**

### **To Second Dan, U.S.T.F.-I.T.F.:**

**John Barnes  
Christina Hansen**

### **To First Dan, U.S.T.F.-I.T.F.:**

**Tim Dwyer  
John Bentz  
Shawna Brake  
Autumn Rose Post  
Michael Whitaker  
Ted Nanas  
Alisha Donaldson  
Neal Acharya  
Justin Green  
Ryan Whitemire  
Jordan Poovey  
Levi Shrewsbury  
John-Kevin McManus  
Kenneth Risher**

These new Black Belts were promoted at a test held in Mooresville NC on June 30. Mr. Jeremy Kempka, IV Dan, and Mr. VH presided. Mr. Anthony Yodice, II Dan, cornered. Notable among the foregoing: Mr. Neal Acharya took high test score honors. Miss Hansen and Mr. Barnes were awarded, to share jointly, Mr. Kempka's old Second Dan belt. Miss Post commenced her studies in the Association's school in Port Washington Wisconsin at the age of six, left at Gup Five, and continued her studies in North Carolina; she is a Senior in High School this year.

On July 28 a Gup level testing was held in Charlotte.

A test was held in Jackson on June 30. Third Dan Rick Bauman presided, and was accompanied by Mr. Paul DuKatz and the Black Belt staff at the Academy of Martial Arts, Jackson, in making the test a complete experience. Passing to Deacon were Mrs. Ginger Oestreich and Rev. Dan Schwerin. A total of 10 students tested.

The Academy of Martial Arts in North Carolina had a Laser Tag outing on July 14.

**Remember that Grand Master Charles E. Sereff will be in Wisconsin on December 8 for Black Belt tests and a major address to be given at an awards banquet that evening. Since this is scheduled in early December, put aside that date now to avoid conflicts.**

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A demonstration will be held at the St. Joseph's Parish Funival on August 19 in the afternoon. All schools are urged to attend. It will start at 2:00 P.M.

A test will be held in Sheboygan on August 18.

A test was held in Grafton on July 9. A total of 23 students tested. Mssrs. Minesal, Bauman, Van Pietersom, and Spitz and Mrs. Lubner presided with Mr. VH, and Mr. VP presided at an early test due to vacation conflicts. Mrs. Graff and Mr. Drew Dondero cornered. The three Gup One candidates all tested Decided. The evening was WARM.

**A trip to Great America is in the planning stages for Saturday August 4 under the supervision of Dr. Mark Brudnak and Mr. Jim Pals. All Association members, faculty and students and their families are invited. For details call Mark Brudnak, 262-387-1200 .**

Eastern Sun Martial Arts is under new management with a change in ownership. Mrs. Jacqueline Karpinsky, Mr. Marc Mikkelson, and Mr. Arlen Brunsvold assume new duties and are welcomed to the family in their corporate iteration. Mr. Floyd Jones is thanked profoundly for his tremendous contribution to TaeKwon-Do and to Eastern Sun. Mr. Jones's dedication, hard work, risk and investment put true TaeKwon-Do (not the "warmed over" stuff) on the map in Sheboygan. Sparing no commitment to excellence, Mr. Jones built a loyal following, a solid tournament program, and the largest of our Wisconsin Schools. And, throughout all of this, Mr. Jones climbed to Third Dan and ever better levels of personal performance. The good news is that Mr. Jones continues on the faculty of Eastern Sun and will lead its tournament team into a great future. He deserves our gratitude.

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Into the Final Chapters, Hopefully, Mr. VH's Un Young Kim Watch. Belgian Physician Jacques Rogge was elected on July 16 to succeed Juan Antonio Samaranch as President of the International Olympic Committee. In doing so, he crushed Un Young Kim's bid for the Presidency. Regarded as "Mr. Clean," Rogge did not even visit Salt Lake City where the bribery and corruption scandals earned Kim an official reprimand from the Committee. Rogge was on the organizing committee for the highly successful Sydney games and is the second Belgian to hold this office. Perhaps with the end of Samaranch's reign and the defeat of Kim we will move on from the cult of personal aggrandizement that has plagued the games in the last decade.

Dragons, Colors & Meanings:

Golden Dragon--Great Fortune

Silver Dragon--Spiritual Energy

Emerald Dragon--Protection from Evil

Bronze Dragon--Strength

Diamond Dragon--Great Spirit

A test will be held in Mequon on August 13.

Mr. Mattias & Mr. VH cornered and Dr. Brudnak cornered a test at the Mequon school on July 26.

TaeKwon-Do & I, by Gen. Choi, Hong Hi (ITF): A Review

by F.M. Van Hecke

The long-awaited autobiography of Gen. Choi, Hong Hi is here.

From a physical standpoint, the book is an English-language paperback in two volumes. The

covers are a pleasure graphically, with a portrait of General Choi on the front and the patch of the 29th Infantry Division on the back. The typeface is easy to read and the paper substantial. The English, while not perfect, is expressive and compelling. It comes with a short collection of aphorisms, Moral Handbook, by the same author.

The book is truly the complete story of a man. Unlike the quasi-biographical materials in The Encyclopedia of TaeKwon-Do, which by and large read like a catalog of the General's travels in promotion of the Art, we here get insight into the psychology of a complete human being. TaeKwon-Do alone is only an aspect of anyone's life, and this is very true here, where we see the family relationships in detail, as well as the interests of a patriot, a calligrapher, a collector of historical calligraphy, a go-master, a cook, an administrator, a prisoner, a family man and a soldier.

The TaeKwon-Do practitioner, of course, is interested in the history of his Art, and the book does not disappoint. They're all there: Nam, Tae Hi; Seong, Duc Son; Rhee, Ki Ha; Joon Rhee; Charles Sereff; Phap Lu; Han, Chak Hyo and many others. Even more interesting than the personalities, however, is the revelation of the author's zeal for TaeKwon-Do.

Despite every political obstacle at the command of the South Korean government, and a few attempts by the North Korean government to co-opt TaeKwon-Do for their own purposes, the General "soldiers on" in an unrelenting effort to keep the Art pure and true unto itself. Pressure

to exclude non-Koreans from advancing in the Art cannot overcome his will to make TaeKwon-Do universal.

The General is outspoken. Where he has a bone to pick with U.S. foreign policy, he says so. Where he believes a point of view is wrong-headed or selfish, he says so. Even when he is dealing with important benefactors he keeps his eye on the ball and does not permit flattery or money to influence his course.

Even the best autobiography published during an active life suffers from the underlying problem that a book must end at a point in time prior to resolution of all issues. One senses that there were chapters yet to be written even on the date of publication, such as the ultimate roles in I.T.F. to be taken by Rhee, Ki Ha, the promotion of Grandmasters in I.T.F., and the ultimate resolution of the question of *Juche* and its relationship to General Choi's view of traditional oriental moral culture as the ethical underpinnings of TaeKwon-Do.

All in all, this book is a worthwhile and sprightly "good read" and well worth the price.

Finally, the book of aphorisms is simply a collection of worthwhile, inspirational, or insightful statements by such philosophers as Lao Tzu, Gen. Sun Tsu, and others. It is precisely that, a collection without commentary other than a brief forward. However, for anyone unfamiliar with these writers, it can inform not only as to the contents of each saying, but also as to the reverence in which the Confucian holds the texts of learned predecessors.

INTER SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

DATE: September 22nd 2001

PLACE: Eastern Sun Martial Arts, Sheboygan

FREE 11:00 A.M. SEMINAR

( Winning Tournament Techniques - by Mr. Floyd Jones ,  
III DAN)

TOURNAMENT START TIME: 12:00 sharp

COST: \$15.00 FOR THREE EVENTS  
( FORMS, SPARRING AND WEAPONS)

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Experience

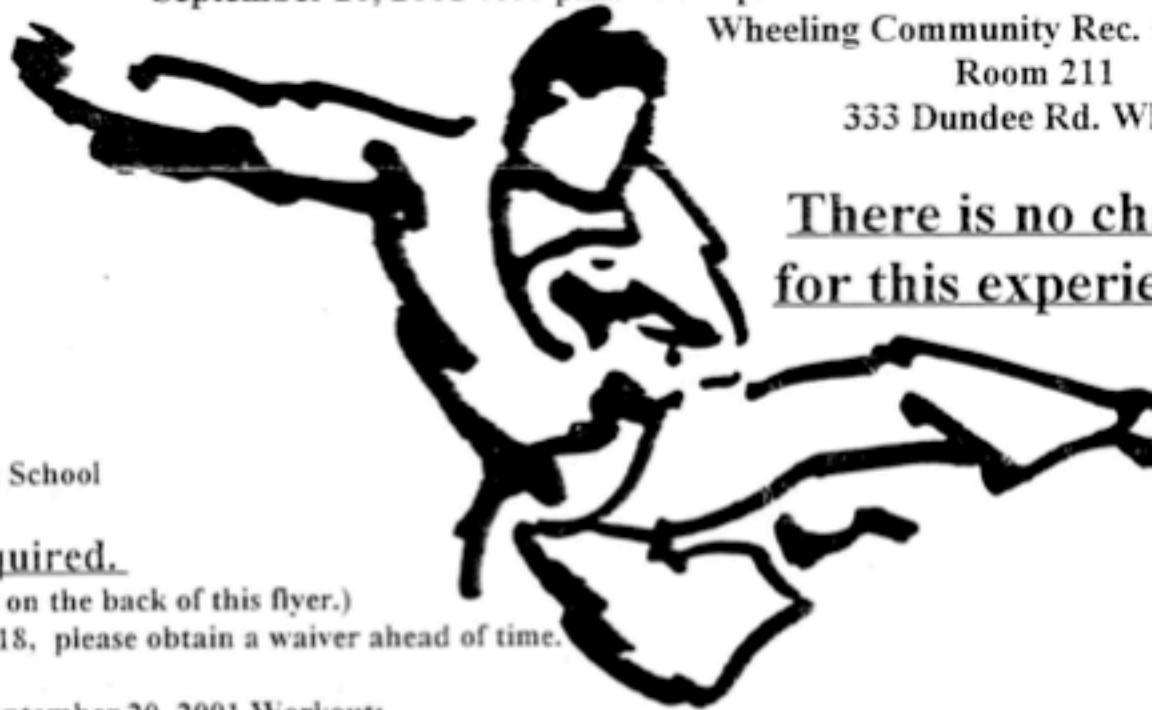
# Taekwon-Do Combined Workout #2001-3

Get together with students and instructors from various schools and organizations to share knowledge and experience

September 20, 2001 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wheeling Community Rec.  
Room 211  
333 Dundee Rd. Wheeling, IL

There is no charge  
for this experience



## Future Date:

December 10, 2001  
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm  
Wheaton North High School

## Waivers are required.

(There should be one on the back of this flyer.)  
If you are under age 18, please obtain a waiver ahead of time.

Instructors for the September 20, 2001 Workout:

**Mr. David Posner and Mr. Rick Brabeck**

If you need extra waivers, send your postal address via e-mail to: [matkd@prodigy.net](mailto:matkd@prodigy.net) (Dan Valin)  
Or mail inquiries by sending a postpaid return envelope to :

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This is not a new organization or association. It is intended for people from various associations and schools to participate in a learning experience. The experience will be team taught by experienced instructors from various associations or independent schools in order to provide a broad knowledge of Taekwon-Do. The only prerequisite for attendance is a genuine desire to learn.

## Directions:

The Recreation Center is about 1.5 miles west of Milwaukee Avenue on Dundee.