



The Guard Empty Hand Seminar

First of its kind seminar sanctioned in New York state was a success!

In July 2006, I received an interesting email from Mike Molinaro, Sah Dan, extending an invitation and description of The Guard Empty Hand Seminar, presented by Tang Soo Do of Central New York, with Mr. Molinaro as the instructor. The seminar was to take



place at his dojang, located in Little Falls, New York on October 7 and 8, 2006. This was the first of its kind to be sanctioned in New York state by Grandmaster Shin.

The title of the seminar was intriguing and the brochure held a promise that this would be an event not to be missed. After reviewing the details of the seminar and Mr. Molinaro's adept credentials, I hastened to return the registration form. In order to provide a favorable student-teacher ratio, the number of participants was to be limited.

Upon arrival in Little Falls, Mr. Molinaro gathered the group for a quick tour and town history lesson, followed by a late dinner at a local restaurant. It was then time to retire to rest for an early start of the seminar on Saturday morning.

The participants converged at the dojang early Saturday morning. In attendance were Master Scott Homschek, Linda Russo, Ellen Paine, Roy Donaldson, Mike Porco, Jr., Cesar

Fernandez, Jeff Schwartz, John Roumanis, Stewart Soon and Dave Cuddy, along with Mr. Molinaro's assistants, Neil Bandel and Kurt Harrington.

Mr. Molinaro has an extensive background of almost 30 years experience in the martial arts. Prior to starting Tang Soo Do in 1985, he trained in self-defense and Tae Kwon Do. His Tang Soo Do instructor, Master John Beam, ignited the spark of a special interest in self-defense techniques.

He has traveled extensively, attending numerous specialized training seminars in various techniques and continues his training with a special focus and interest in the Naihanchi Hyung.

The seminar continued until 8 pm Saturday night. The seminar moved along quickly, as Mr. Molinaro took us from one technique to another. While we practiced, his assistants helped us work on the techniques. Their patience was endless and very much appreciated.

On Sunday morning, we trained from 9 am to noon, as Mr. Molinaro reviewed the materials from the previous day. As noon approached, it was time to say good-bye to new and old friends.

A very real spirit of brother and sisterhood prevailed throughout the seminar. There always seems to be a special bond among students that have worked hard and felt a common amount of pain while training together.

In summation, this and future Guard Seminars will provide a deeper understanding of our present hyung and techniques. It has the potential to



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La Fiesta Latina del Tang Soo Do

Todas las cosas buenas requieren tiempo y esfuerzo. Todas las cosas excelentes requieren además de esto, tener espíritu indomable. Este gran campeonato no fue la excepción, fue algo excelente. El trabajo del Master Pedro Biamonte y su equipo sumado al esfuerzo de cada uno de los participantes y colaboradores voluntarios, definitivamente rindieron buenos frutos, y lograron superar las expectativas de este VI Campeonato Centroamericano y del Caribe.

Los tres días calendarizados para la actividad fueron 16, 17 y 18 de febrero de 2007, que fueron tres días maravillosos.

Comenzando el viernes 16 de febrero con el examen de Dan. Un panel internacional de jueces –incluyendo al Gran Maestro Jae Chul Shin y Regional Director Master Larry Dercole- observó a los evaluados; ocho personas de Costa Rica y una de Araba. Como los mismos maestros dijeron; “Los evaluados no solo mostraron buena técnica, sino un gran espíritu y una muy buena actitud”. Este examen fue para Costa Rica algo demasiado importante, pues la mayoría de los evaluados representará la futura generación de cinturones negros.

El día sábado 17 de febrero, desde muy temprano en la mañana, el Campeonato Centroamericano y del Caribe comenzó. Las competiciones fueron ágiles y con muy buen nivel. Gran Maestro Shin observó todo el campeonato para poder hacernos algunas correcciones al día siguiente.

En las emocionantes competiciones de cinturones negros, estaba en juego la codiciada Copa del Campeonato Centroamericano y del Caribe, quien había sido ganada en el 2005 por BSN Rosa María Rodríguez y BSN Eduardo Rodríguez. Este año, la copa de varones se quedó en Costa Rica, y la mantuvo para orgullo de los locales el BSN Eduardo Rodríguez, la copa femenina se fue a Puerto Rico, con orgullo y gran esfuerzo, la ganó SN Gladymar Pérez. La premiación se convirtió en una gran celebración donde tuvimos la oportunidad hasta



de bailar y de ver bailar a nuestro Gran Maestro, al Master Strong, y a todo mundo. ¡Una excelente manera de cerrar con broche de oro las competiciones!

El día domingo 18 de febrero, luego de estos dos grandes acontecimientos, recibimos un seminario de Ki Gong dirigido por nuestro Gran Maestro, excelente para cerrar los dos días de esfuerzos de compartir con nuestra gran familia. Luego, una clase de Tang Soo Do dirigida por Master Larry Dercole, Master Strong, Master Burgos, Master Angrehs, Master Rivero, Master Burgos, y Master Biamonte.

No cabe duda, que en Costa Rica no se ha hecho una actividad de artes marciales como el VI Campeonato Centroamericano y del Caribe, solo hay una palabra para describir esta actividad, y fue muy bien dicha por el Master Biamonte: GRACIAS.

*Submitted by
JK Braulio Barquero Mora*



KMAI Baghdad!

I'm proud to share a couple photos of two of my students currently serving in Iraq. Lt. Col. Keith Janowski (sam dan) and FBI agent Barry Ross are both students of Korean Martial Arts Institute (KMAI): Hockessin, Delaware, who managed to track each other down in Baghdad to train together while serving their respective agencies. We are referring to them as KMAI 9: Baghdad!

*Submitted by
Master Rob Kloss*



Empty Hand Seminar

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add another training dimension to the very comprehensive martial system that World Tang Soo Do provides. Much appreciation and respect goes to Mr. Molinaro for pioneering the Guard and serving as the Gatekeeper to help us understand, with deeper meaning and inquisitiveness, our present open hand techniques.

He has challenged us to continue to respect tradition. Future Guard seminars deserve the attention and consideration of all senior dans.

Thanks to Mrs. Molinaro for providing drinks, fresh fruit and home-baked goods to maintain our energy.

Sincere thanks also to Kwan Chang Nim and the World Tang Soo Do Associations for support and the sanction of this great event.

Mr. Molinaro mentioned that he was grateful to Master Michael Kaye and Master Scott Homschek for providing counsel as he prepared for this seminar; the aforementioned masters having experienced first-hand the planning and preparations as co-founders of the very successful Warrior's Path Seminars.

Raised by The Guard Seminar was a \$1,000 donation for the building fund, which was presented to Kwan

Chang Nim at the Region 8 Tournament.

Mr. Molinaro is planning the Second Annual Guard Seminar, which we are all anticipating. The Guard will definitely open the gate for new potential in your Tang Soo Do career.

*Submitted By
David Cuddy, Sam Dan
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WTSDA Sanctioned Events (con't)

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Dec 9 South American Championship, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 Dec 15 Regional Instructors Seminar, Coyhaique, Chile
 Dec 16 Chile National Championship, Coyhaique, Chile
Region #14, Mr. Alex Goule, moztangsoodo@tvcabo.co.mz
 Jul 7 Mozambique Championship
 Aug 3-5 Senior Camp / Black Belt pre-test
 Aug 31 Dan Test
 Sep 1-2 Regional Tournament, Instructor Class, Ki Gong Class
 Nov 3 Seychelles Tournament
Region #15, Master Larry Wick, tangsoodo@mosquionet.com
 May 11-13 Regional Dan Test & Clinic
Region #18, Master Wilfredo Burgos, fredy71@prtc.net
 April 21 Black Belt Class
 May 26 Championship Preparation Class for Dan/Gup
 June 22-24 Regional championship/ ki gong class/Dan test
 Aug 18 Black Belt Class
 Sept 6 Communication Class

Oct 26-28 Regional Camp
 Nov 12 Tang Soo Do Day
 Nov 17 Black Belt Class
Region #19, Master Roy Uttech, uttech@alaska.net
 May 18 Dan test Wasilla
 May 19 Regional Championship Wasilla
 May 20 Regional Dan/Gup clinics Wasilla
 Aug 11 Dan clinic Anchorage
 Sept 14 Dan Test Fairbanks
 Sept 15 Dan/Gup clinics Fairbanks
 Nov 10 Dan/Gup clinic Wasilla
Region #20, Master Patrick Marsch, mstrmarsch@aol.com
 Oct 5-7 Regional Championship & Dan Test
 Nov 4 Regional Black Belt Class
 Dec 2 Regional Black Belt Class
Region #21, Brian Califf, vonsteubon@msn.com
 Apr 27-28 Dan Test & Tournament
 Jul 27-29 Black Belt Camp

REGION 8 WESTERN ZONE CHAMPIONSHIP

It was a frigid 8° F as Masters, instructors and competitors from 15 Regional dojangs traveled to Centre County, Pennsylvania to the Bellefonte Area Middle School Complex to participate in the 14th Annual Region 8 Western Tang Soo Do championship. Despite the arctic temperature outside, the conditions inside were warm and receptive as those felt during the arrival to a family re-union. As all the preliminary greetings were coming to a halt, the Masters and Black Belts dismissed to the usual Judges meeting while competitors and parents waited in anticipation for the start of what would be a friendly yet intense competition.

The event was opened with the Black Belt competition, which saw Black Belts of all ages and up to the rank of Sam Dan performs traditional weaponry, open hand hyung and sparring techniques with spirit and efficiency expected from the W.T.S.D.A. As the duties to assist in the Gup weapons division. Brown Belts thru Cho Dan Bo of all ages showed the beginning stages of obtaining the

ability to handle weapons, with genuine spirit and control that is second to none. Trophy awarding ceremonies were conducted in each individual ring. Participation medals were awarded to all 10 years old and under participants who did not place in the top four positions.

With every contestant's cooperation and help, the competition floor was cleared to make way for opening ceremonies and our always exciting creativity division. Arteca's Martial Arts and D.J. Studios presented us with outstanding, creative techniques and efficiency, demonstrating our Tang Soo Do Art with highest of compliments.

When the music ended, and the floor was cleaned, the scores were tallied and Arteca's Martial Arts was awarded 1st place and D.J. Studio 2nd place. Thank you to both schools for outstanding performances.

Opening ceremonies continued with the introduction of Grandmaster Shin, Masters, a rules demonstration and ended with complimentary and encouraging words from Grandmaster Shin. Kwan Chang Nim stated that he was impressed with the growth of our area and was impressed with the growing technique and spirit from the Black Belt division.

Our Gup competition would be the final segment of what was turning

into a stellar event. The Gup competitors would not be out shined by the previous divisions before them with many division winners having to be decided by the tiebreakers and several sparring matches going into overtime.

When all competition ended, the remaining competitors and masters lined-up for closing ceremonies and the awarding of the Grand Championship trophies. Results for Grand Champion were as follows: Youth Gup Female-Rachel Silks, Youth Gup Male -Joseph Horning, Adult Gup Female-Lisa Arteca, Adult Gup Male-Mike O'Nell, Youth Female Black Belt-Briona Rodgers, Youth Male Black Belt-Jordon Royer, Adult Female Black Belt-Chantez Shirey, Adult Male Black Belt-John Hubler. Congrats to all 2007 Grand Champion winners and a special thank you to everyone who made this event both memorable and monumental.

Thank you to all dojangs who participated in this sanctioned event and we look forward to exciting event in the years to come.

*Submitted by
Master Rick Panebianco*



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Is there something you would like to see included that we currently do not print?

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III Clínica Latino Americana de Maestros 6-8 Diciembre 2006

Durante los días 6 al 8 de diciembre de 2006 se realizó en Buenos Aires, Argentina, la III Clínica Latino Americana de Maestro (III LAMC). En la misma, hemos contado con la presencia de nuestro Grand Master Jae Chul Shin, nuestro Director regional Master Larry Dercole, y Master Carmen Mennelli.

Es la primera vez que este evento se realiza en Buenos Aires, las anteriores veces fue en Mar del Plata. Por lo cual estamos muy orgullosos de haber participado del mismo y haber tenido el placer de organizarlo.

La III LAMC se realizó en las instalaciones de la Casa San José. Es un lugar que cuenta con diez hectáreas, rodeado de árboles, con muchas habitaciones disponibles, y varios salones utilizables. Creo que es un predio ideal para este tipo de eventos por la tranquilidad y la pureza del aire, por encontrarse alejado de la ciudad.

Los participantes de la misma han sido: Kwan Chang Nim, Master Dercole Larry, Master Mennelli Carmen, Master Angrehs Luis, Master Biamonte Pedro, Master Jara Víctor, Master Frattini Hugo, Master Serapio Walter, Master Americo Marcos, Master Lorenzo Norberto, Alvarez Christian, Di Fiore Norma, Angrehs Matías, Guaitimal Jorge, Robledo Roque, Biamonte Esteban, Rodríguez Rosa y Rodrigo Frattini. Y dos staff, Cataldo Juan Pablo y Ortiz Marcelo, que han desarrollado una actividad impecable.

Agradezco al Grand Master Jae Chul Shin y a nuestro Director regional Master Larry Dercole por haber confiado en nosotros la organización de tan importante evento. Agradezco a todos los participantes de la III LAMC. Agradezco infinitamente a todos los que ayudaron a la organización de la misma.

El día 9 de diciembre, se realizaron diferentes actividades. Bien temprano a la mañana comenzamos con una clase de Ki Gong dictada por nuestro Grand Master para todos los

que han querido participar, estudiantes, padres, amigos... Luego hubo una clase con Master Mennelli y Master Dercole, Y posteriormente, el Dan Test. Todas ellas se realizaron en el mismo predio. Logrando un día de esparcimiento, integración y por sobre todo diversión para todos los participantes. Un día que se pudo disfrutar en familia.

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creación
de las Clínicas
por nuestro
Grand Master,
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Por lo tanto, los que participamos de la III LAMC estuvimos conviviendo por 4 días en un mismo lugar. Esto genera que se afinen los lazos de amistad, que podamos compartir mas cosas, que aprendamos mas de cada uno de nosotros. Y por sobre todo podemos aprender mucho mas las enseñanzas de nuestro Grand Master y de Master Dercole.

Lógicamente, después de tantos días de entrenamiento, todos estábamos muy cansados. Pero lo que nos motiva a seguir es el espíritu de cada uno y el amor al Tang Soo Do. Admiro a nuestro Grand Master y a los demás Maestro, el espíritu que tienen y las ganas que ponen en todo lo que hacen. Ese espíritu que no los frena ante ninguna dificultad.

Creo que esa es la meta de tanto esfuerzo, el lograr llevar una vida más placentera y saludable. Y se logra únicamente con trabajo duro, con una mente y cuerpo sano, y demostrando un espíritu indomable ante cada adversidad. Eso es lo que aprendo a través de cada uno de estos eventos y lo que me interesa transmitir a mis alumnos.

Las cosas no suceden por que si, solo se logran si se lo propone, si se intenta a pesar de todo. Creo que esa es el objetivo y la enseñanza de nuestro Grand Master.

El Tang Soo do no es un arte de competencia hacia otros, es una competencia hacia uno mismo. El objetivo es la superación personal. La fabulosa creación de las Clínicas por nuestro Grand Master, exigen un enorme esfuerzo, una superación personal. A la que acceden solo los que aceptan el desafío de encontrarse con sus propias dificultades y superarlas.

*Submitted by
Rodrigo Frattini*



GREEK TANG SOO DO CLINIC

A FEW WORDS ABOUT SAMOS

It will be an honor for us to see you at the 2nd Samos Summer Camp, which will take place May 26th and 27th at Mikali of Samos.

Samos is an island east of Greece. It combines sea and mountains, so it's a tempting journey for everyone. Samos is the island where the great philosophers Aristarhos and Pythagoros were born. There are many ancient monuments and archeological finds, which give the guest a lot of information about the culture of Samos.

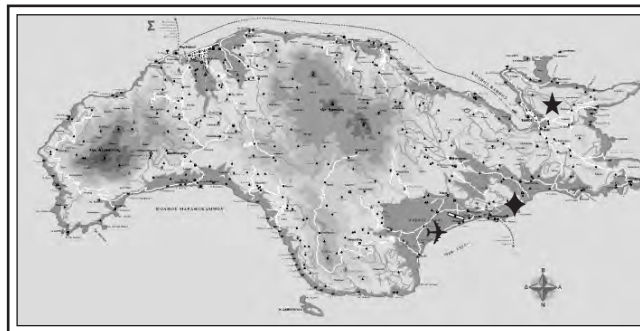
In ancient times, Samos was called "Idrousa" because springs gushed everywhere. Today, it continues to have rich water regions and vegetation. In the mountainous regions people engage in bee-keeping, pottery and land cultivation. Samos is

famous for the it's wines which are mainly exported to France.

In the coastal areas, the main industry is tourism. Guests can find anything they wish. From April to October there are direct flights from all European countries, so your journey will be very pleasant.

the 2nd Samos Summer Camp will take place in area of Mikali. It's 10 km

from the capital and its harbor, and 10 km from the airport. Approximately 40 km away is a pebbled beach or Phili Ammos, a fine sand beach, is about 1 km away. The most significant feature of this area is the shallow sea which continues for several meters. Between these two beaches there is an old salt-pan. Now there is water life there and a it's a protégée region by UNESCO.



SAMOS ISLAND

◆ MIKALI

★ SAMOS TOWN

✈ AIRPORT

CAMP INFORMATION

Participants must be over 13 years old and hold at least the orange belt (8th Gup). The fare is 50€ You can give this to the instructor who is responsible for this in your region or you can pay upon arrival at the Camp.

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The following are the hotel's rate for the Summer Camp. All prices are per person, per night and include full board (breakfast, lunch and dinner). All meals are buffet style, drinks are not included in the price. The contact is Maria Kalatzi.

Single room - 80€ • Double Room - 50€ per person
Triple Room - 45€ per person

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Region #1 Master John Auer, jjauer@msn.com

May 25-26 Regional Championship and Dan Test
 Sept 15-16 Lake Tahoe Campout
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May 4-5 Regional Dan test/clinic
 Aug 3-5 Regional Dan Clinic
 Oct 12-14 Regional Championship

Region #4, Master Allen Sharpe, masterallensharpe@msn.com

Apr 21 Regional Dan Test
 June 8-10 Regional Dan Clinic
 Aug 18 Regional Instructor class
 Oct 26-28 Regional Championship and Dan test
 Nov 10 Regional instructor class & dinner

Region #5, Master Chris Anderson, Acca57@aol.com

May 4-6 Regional Championship
 Aug 17-18 Black Belt Camp

Region #6, Master Daniel Dunn, danny.dunn@redstone.army.mil

April 27 Regional Dan Test
 April 28 Regional Clinic
 June 8-10 Regional Black Belt Camp
 Sept 28 Regional Dan Test
 Sept 29 Regional Championship

Region #7, Master Mitchell Dunn, DunnCM@aol.com

April 14 Regional Dan Test
 May 5 Regional Championship
 June 22-24 Regional Black Belt Camp
 Sept 8 Dan Pre-test
 Oct 6 Regional Dan Test
 Nov 2-3 Regional Championship

Region #8, Grandmaster Jae C. Shin, wtsda@aol.com, Master Paul Mimidis Coordinator, sahbumnim@mimidiskarate.com

April 13 Eastern Leadership Class
 April 21 Regional Dan Test
 April 28 Western Leadership Class
 May 4 Eastern Leadership Class
 May 12 Central PA Championship
 May 19 Western Leadership Class
 May 20 Regional Instructor class
 June 1-3 Regional Adult Black Belt Clinic
 June 8-10 Regional Youth Black Belt Clinic
 June 15-17 Regional Youth Black Belt Clinic
 June 30 Western Leadership Class
 July 6 Eastern Leadership Class
 July 28 Western Leadership Class

July 29 Regional Instructor class
 Aug 3 Eastern Leadership Class
 Aug 25 Western Leadership Class
 Aug 25 Eastern PA Championship
 Aug 26 Regional Instructor class
 Sept 7 Eastern Leadership Class
 Sept 15 Regional Dan Test
 Sept 22 Western Leadership Class
 Oct 5 Eastern Leadership Class
 Oct 6-7 The Guard Seminar
 Oct 19-21 Regional Championship
 Oct 27 Western Leadership Class
 Nov 17 Combined E/W Leadership Class
 Nov 18 Regional instructor class and annual dinner

Region #9, Master Jeff Haney, jeffhaney@adelphia.net

Apr 13-14 Regional Championship

Region #11, Master M. Khan, MKhanGBTSD@aol.com

Apr 14 Dan Pre-test
 May 12 Dan Test
 May 26-27 Greece Summer Camp
 July 7 European ki gong clinic
 July 11-13 European Masters & Leadership Clinic
 July 14 European Championship
 July 28 Instructor Class
 Sept 15 Bristol Regional Championship
 Sept 22 Dan Pre-test
 Oct 6 Seminar – Coventry
 Oct 13 Dan Test
 Oct 27 Instructor Class
 Nov 3 Seminar – London
 Nov 17 Midlands Regional Championship

Region #12, Master Larry Dercole, MastrLarry@aol.com

Nov 10 Regional Dan Testing Chihuahua, Mexico.
 Nov 11 Mexico National Championship, Chihuahua
 Dec 4-7 Latin American Masters Clinic, Buenos Aires, Argentina
 Dec 8. Regional DAN Testing, Instructors Seminar, Ki Qong, Seminar Buenos Aires, Argentina

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