



IMA World Championships 2002

The Championships, held on Saturday, October 26th in Egg Harbor Twp, NJ, USA, were a resounding success! Hundreds of students turned out, including members from across the US and from as far as Europe and Guatemala!

The day started on a high note, with greetings from several dignitaries, including U.S. Congressman Frank LoBiondo, NJ State Senator William Gormley, Deputy Mayor of Atlantic County, Frank Sanders, and County Freeholders Frank Finnerty and Jim Carney.

Grandmaster Yi's opening address was followed by the presentation of several awards. Master Martin Carson, 6th Dan, of Egg Harbor Twp., NJ, USA was presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for 30 years of dedicated training and service in the Martial Arts. Grandmaster Yi also presented several appreciation awards to Masters and students, acknowledging their contributions of time and effort toward making the Championships a success, including Master Suresh Nar, Master John Heslop, Master Grace Quinones, Mr. Gregers Young, Mr. Andy Young, Mr. Russ Green, Sr., Mrs. Susan Fazzio, and others.

Competition was heated, but with over 300 divisions, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals in all divisions, almost everyone left a winner! The most anticipated event of the day was the Team Competition. European Team 2 really stood out, and rightfully claimed the coveted first place trophy! They were followed by The East Coast Karate Team, claiming 2nd Place, and European Team 1 in 3rd Place. This year's Grand Champions were determined by combined point values in all events. The winners were as follows:

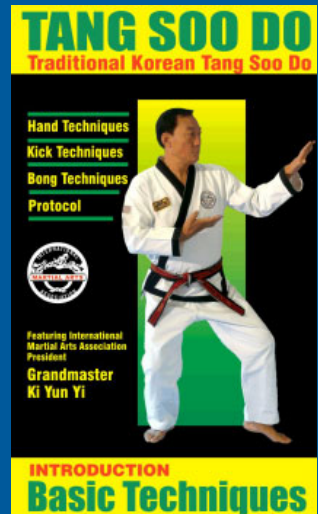
- Team Grand Champions: Euro Team 2/East Coast Karate/Euro Team 1
- Men's Black Belt Grand Champion: Russ Green (EHT, NJ, USA)
- Women's Black Belt Grand Champion: Natasha Foster (UK)
- Men's Color Belt Grand Champion: Michael Lapsley (Vineland, NJ, USA)
- Women's Color Belt Grand Champion: Marie Gajdos (Vineland, NJ, USA)
- Children's Black Belt Grand Champion: Zafeiris Akranis (Swedesboro, NJ, USA)
- Children's Color Belt Grand Champion: Nicole MacKain (EHT, NJ, USA)

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the tournament, and to all the winners!



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Garden State Championships 2002



The highlight of the Spring 2002 tournament season was this year's Garden State Championships held on April 6th at the Gloucester County College in Sewell, NJ, USA. Over 400 glittering trophies and six towering Grand Champion trophies were awarded throughout the day to competitors ranging in age from Grasshoppers to Seniors! Attendance was at record levels, including a delegation of nearly 50 competitors representing the US Navel Academy in Annapolis, MD.

Esteemed visiting masters in attendance included Master Chun Sik Kim, President of the International Tang Soo Do Federation and Master S. Henry Cho, Chairman of the World Council of Martial Arts, among others.

Spectacular masters demonstrations were given by Master Ki Chang Yi who performed the masters form Wang Shu, and Master John Dickinson who demonstrated advanced self-defense techniques and did a kick break of a 2" by 4" board. Woodbury's AJ Woodburn and Jana Buttram also performed a self-defense skit assisted by adorable child classmates.

This year's Grand Champion lineup included 2 winners from Yi's Martial Arts Institutes - Mr. Chuck Vertolli and Ms. Christina MacKain. Congratulations to all the winners!

Garden State Championships 2003 Scheduled For April 5

Mark your calendars! Grandmaster Yi's 27th Annual Garden State Championships will be held on April 5, 2002 in New Jersey, USA! With over 400 trophies to be awarded, 6 spectacular Grand Champion trophies, and crowd thrilling demonstrations, there's something for everyone. Come out to compete or just to watch and show support!

Congratulations To Our New Black Belts !

Spring 2002

3rd Dan- Hope Sturek, Marcia Wilson and Russ Green, Jr.

2nd Dan- William Patterson, Lisa Davis, Julie Johnston, Angela Walters, Richard Walters, Glenn Iannaco Jr., Louis Szgalsky, Victor Reyes, Erick Garibay, Yvette Reyes, Kristi Wittenwiler, Nancy Barberi, Joseph Barberi, Donald Wittenwiler, Mary Beth Barnes, Seth Smith, Samantha Welker, Mary Kate Trout, Christopher Corvo, Frank J. Mersinger and Paul J. Smith.

1st Dan- Joseph Terranova, Karen Honey, Paul Harvey, Ted Harrington, Helen Morphew, Deanne Konstantinious, Nicholas Minutillo, Michael Sanford, Jacob Hough, Matthew Cooley, Moises Morales, Dorian Evans, Jin Choi, Paul Choi, Jennifer Chin, Kai Smith, Robert Ing, Barbara Polun, Jason Ea, John Dunlap, Brielle Duncan, Leonard Rusciani, Natalie Rusciani, Jennifer Rusciani, Namitha Gubbi, Issa Gass, Bonnie Piro, Daniel Coltellaro, Ashley Rushton, Alexis Rushton, Robert Marquis Jr., Matthew Marquis, John Matt, Matthew Flamini, Georgia Akranis, Nicholas Flamini, Jason Bonilla, Clifford Spencer, William H. May, Oscar O. J. Gadiano, Alexis R. Lynch, Jorge L. Arocho III, and Lauren Haines.

Fall 2002

4th Dan- Lawrence Lentini

3rd Dan- Lindsay Kerr, Wade Dix, Ivana Martinovich and Anne De Francesco

2nd Dan- Matthew D'Armi, Kipp Choe, Andre Parylak, Connor Wisely, Ramon Reyes, Christina MacKain, Sharon Bartello, Matthew Brodock, Matthew Cantwell and Samantha Mascot.

1st Dan- Zach Hilt, Lauren Hawkins, James Robinson, James Han, Jack Schenker, Michael Mosca, Jessica MacKain, Nicole MacKain, Michael Lee, John Dickenson Jr., Marie Gajdos, John Dickenson III, Michael Lapsley, Robert Rushton, Richard Harrow, Angelo Piro, Tyler Everton, Jennifer Elisabeth Archinal, Christopher Haughey, Benjamin White Jr., Scott Allen, Michelle Elaine Archinal, Christopher Tippet, Sean Brown, Wilhelmine Eugene, Robert Diehl, Gorm Young, Kevin Humphrey and Sean Sims.



News from IMA Europe

In Loving Memory

Mrs. Prito Nar, age 70, who passed on 19th November 2002.
Beloved Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother.

All members of the Nar family would like to thank Grandmaster Yi and members of the IMA including the GBTSDA for the wonderful flowers and sympathy cards.

- *Master S. Nar*

European End of Year Awards - Congratulations!

Instructor of the Year -

Mrs. Natasha Foster, 1st Dan

Student of the Year -

Mr. Paul Harvey, 1st Dan

Outstanding Dedication in the Development of the IMA in Europe -

Master John Heslop

Mr. Andrew Young, 3rd Dan

Mr. Gregers Young, 3rd Dan

Mr. Nick Richards, 3rd Dan

Congratulations to Our New Black Belts - December 2002

Mr. Gorm Young (1st Dan), Mr. Kevin Humhrey (1st Dan) and Mr. Sean Sims (1st Dan)

News From IMA Malta

Master Nar was recently invited at the request of Mr. Ian Wallace (Chief Instructor Malta) to attend a seminar for IMA Malta. The seminar included Standardisation of Hyung (Forms), Dae Ryun (Free Fighting) and Ho Sin Sul (One Step Self Defence). Master Nar says IMA Malta is developing into a very strong Association under the guidance of Mr. Ian Wallace!

2004 IMA World Championships

Planning is underway! Championships will be held in Bedford, England. Contact IMA HQ for info.

1st IMA All European Championships

The 1st IMA All European Championships were held in Shirley, Croydon, England on 20th April 2002 with Grandmaster Yi present as our honorary guest. We had competitors from all over Europe, including Malta, Poland and Ireland. The whole day proceeded very smoothly. The Grand Champions were as follows: Miss Deanne Konstantinious (Women's Grand Champion), Mr. Duane Maynard (Men's Grand Champion) and the Team Grand Champions were Master Nar's Bedford Tigers.

We would like to thank Grandmaster Yi for his time in coming over to the UK and making the tournament something for our future Black Belts to remember!

On the Sunday after the tournament, Grandmaster Yi held a Black Belt Seminar along with Master John Dickinson and Master Martin Carson. We again would like to thank them for their time in teaching and making the difference between a good technique and a great technique.

- *Mr. Gregers Young*

Photo: Master Nar's Bedford Tigers take Team Grand Championship at 1st All Euro Championships



NEW VIDEO-

Not Just For Beginners!

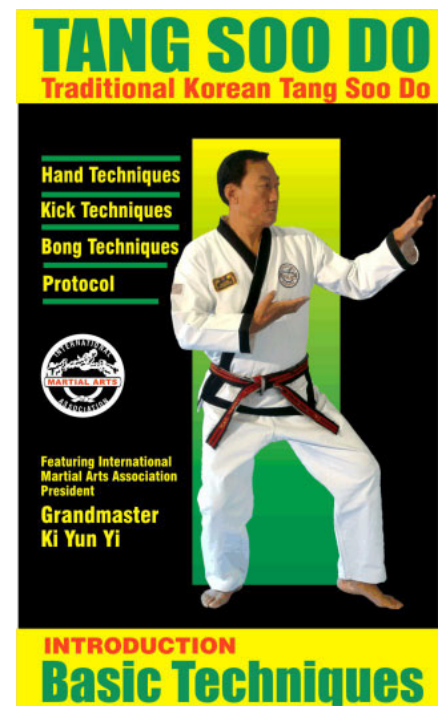
There's a new IMA training video now available for order. The "Basic Techniques" video is an indispensable training aid for beginners of ALL ages! But it's not just for beginners!

According to Grandmaster Yi, "Even advanced students and Black Belts can benefit by improving the accuracy and precision of their basic techniques!"

The video features Grandmaster Ki Yun Yi and Master John Dickinson performing repetitions of all the basic hand techniques, kick techniques, and bong (staff) techniques. There is also a section on proper protocol in the Do Jang (training hall) featuring Master Martin Carson.

You can practice right along with the video! The video will also help you with the proper pronunciation of Korean terms.

Order over the web at <http://www.imahq.net/Videos.htm> or call 856-848-2333 to order at the special introductory price of \$24.95. Other videos available for order: Vol. 1 - Beginner Level, Vol. 2 - Intermediate Level and Vol. 3 - Advanced Level. Also, there is a NEW EDITION of the One-Step Manual. Order NOW!



GREETINGS FROM KWAN CHANG NIM

The past year has been a very exciting one in the International Martial Arts Association.

This past April I had the pleasure to attend the 1st IMA All Europe Championships hosted by Master Suresh Nar and held in the United Kingdom. It was a joy to my heart to see so many dedicated practitioners from various countries united in the spirit of goodwill, unity and mutual support. Then, in October, I had the pleasure of hosting the 2002 IMA World Championships in New Jersey, USA, and seeing members from across the USA and across the world visit, renew acquaintances and compete in the spirit of Tang Soo Do. The Championships were so successful that plans are already underway for the 2004 IMA World Championships to be held in the United Kingdom.

As President of the IMA, it is hard to express how tremendously proud I am of our membership. An association is only as good as its members, and I believe that the Masters, Black Belts and individual students

in the IMA are great - for the unity, teamwork and spirit they have shown this year!

I wish I had the space to thank every one of you individually, but I don't. At the top of the list are Master Kim, Master Carson, Master Dickinson, Master Nar, Master Heslop, Master Quinones, Ms. Maya, and all the other fine Masters and Black Belts.

Just as important are the individual students we're entrusted to guide, students who dedicate their time and effort to self betterment through the art of Tang Soo Do.

To all of my members, be proud to be a part of the IMA, and know that the IMA is proud of YOU. Happy holidays. Peace and happiness in the New Year. Tang Soo!

- Grandmaster Ki Yun Yi



NEW Look For Black Belt Certificates!

Beginning with the Fall 2002 Black Belt Promotions, all Black Belt Certificates issued by the IMA have a new look, a new shape, and a new size!

Everyone seems to love them, and they even fit in a standard 11" X 14" frame!

By popular request, for current holders of the older version IMA Black Belt Certificates, the IMA will issue a new style certificate for a \$10 reprocessing charge + S&H. Fill out the request form at your school or call IMA Hdqtrs. at 856-848-2333 to order a replacement certificate.



2002 Annual IMA Awards Ceremony & Holiday Party

The festive spirit of the season pervaded the atmosphere at Yi's Martial Arts Annual Holiday party held on December 7th in Oak Valley, NJ. The party was the backdrop for the much anticipated Annual Award Ceremony. And the winners are:

- 2002 Instructor of the Year - Master Alex Lonabaugh*
- 2002 Most Dedicated Students of the Year - Woodbury School - Mr. Zach Hilt*
- Washington Twp. School - Mr. Lawrence Lentini*
- Egg Harbor Twp. School - Mr. Chuck Vertolli*
- Swedesboro School - Mr. John Matt, Sr.*
- Cherry Hill School - Mr. Ramon Morales*
- Voorhees School - Dr. John Papa*
- Berlin School - Mr. Robbie Morhauser*
- East Coast Karate - Mr. Benjamin Sworaski & Ms. Jill Gorski*

Congratulations to all the winners. You set a great example for all of us!



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