



Make Your Travel Plans Now!

IMA World Championships 2004 To Be Held June 26 in Bedford, UK

Excitement is mounting on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean for the Upcoming 5th IMA World Championships! Master Suresh Nar and the European IMA are hosting this year's event in Bedford, UK. In addition to competition in Forms, Sparring, and Weapons, the highlight of the tournament will be competition for the two gleaming award cups. The IMA Cup is awarded to the winner of the Team Competition.

The Team Competition is always a crowd pleaser and includes spectacular acrobatic feats and "skits" incorporating martial arts techniques.

This year, a new award is being presented for the first time - Grandmaster Yi's Championship Cup. Named in honor of IMA Founder Grandmaster Ki Yun Yi's 60th birthday, it will be awarded to the winning Sparring Team. This Team Sparring Competition is new to the Championships and hopefully will become a regular event in the future. Five member teams representing the US and Europe will compete for the Cup, which the winning country will hold for 2 years until the next World Championships.

Teams representing many of the US. Branches have been actively raising funds for two years with everything from car washes to cookie sales to corporate sponsorship to help defray the costs of

travel. Their fundraising efforts and months of practices will culminate with the performances they will give before the eager crowds on June 26th! Other events surrounding the tournament include seminars, Masters testing, and a Banquet and Disco Party following the tournament.

Many families with participating family members are extending their stays and planning their summer vacations in the UK.

Bedford is a charming and vibrant town nestled beside the River Ouse. It is just a short train ride from London, and in addition to the favorite sightseeing spots in London, Bedford is in close proximity to many interesting tourist attractions including Althorp, the ancestral home of Princess Diana

and the Woburn Safari Park and Wild World. It also is known for its museums, art galleries, and the picturesque River Embankment Gardens.

If you are fortunate enough to be going, good luck in your competitions and enjoy the sightseeing. If you're not, watch for the next edition of the IMA Messenger and check our website - <http://www.imahq.net>. We'll show you the winners, tell you the details and have you wishing you had gone too!



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USA Sparring Team Selected!

Competition was fierce, and the stakes were high at the USA Sparring Team Competition held on January 31, 2004 in Hamilton Twp., NJ. The winners of the five coveted positions on the USA Sparring Team will represent the USA at the upcoming 5th International Martial Arts Association Championships in Bedford, United Kingdom on June 26, 2004.

The US representatives will spar against their European counterparts for "Grandmaster Yi's Championship Cup." The Women's Division representatives are Sallieann Calderwood and Marie Gajdos. The Children's Division representative is Kristy MacKain and the alternate is Josh Vertolli. The Men's Division representatives are Gabe Longo and Wade Dix and alternates are Russ Green and Jonathan Calderwood. Congratulations and good luck in attempting to bring home the cup!

Children's Division



Kristy MacKain

Women's Division

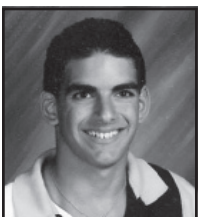


Sallieann Calderwood



Marie Gajdos

Men's Division



Gabe Longo



Wade Dix

Congratulations To Our New Black Belts !

Spring 2003

4th Dan- Patricia Carson, Chuck Vertolli, Robert Grebb, Aaron Woodburn; **3rd Dan-** Theodore Atkinson, Roberta Jo Sykes, Michael Ahn, Thomas Schanne, Freddy Rodriuez, Michael Pitts, Mildred Corda, Raymond Corda Sr., Kathleen Day, Paul Taylor; **2nd Dan-** Cathy Braun, Robby Morhauser, Alexander Rybacki, Richard Gershman, Jacquelyn Dwyer, Evan DiPaola, Patrick Daly Jr., Edward Fernandez, Warren Staatse, Michelle Dorst, Michael Atkinson, Madison Nilsen, Barbara Godshalk, Robert Lauser, Ashley Quinones, Alyssa Quinones, Amanda Clark, Lisa Clark, Elissa Everton, Lauren Jablonowski, Gabriel Longo, Rhett Williamson, Christian May; **1st Dan-** Kenneth Henry, Stephen Pollock, Frank Raggio, Emma Johnson, Sharee Marriott, Peter Muraca, Beth Prichard, Robert Barrett, Mitchell Polun, Joe Brotherton, Dustin Roadside, Jonathan Batten, Daniel Rusciani, Jessica Scialabba, Steven Bowman, Jr., Kyle Matis, Serge Zemerov, Holly Lonabaugh, Kenneth Johnson Jr., Chris Phillips, Dorian Pogman, John Matt Jr., Kristopher Matt, Jarrell Jackson, Jenna Berrios, Carlos Berrios, Kristi Berezna, Cody Ford, Richard Ford Jr., Andre Jordan, Luke Tickner, Gary Challis, Aine Nar, Russell Stringer, Andrew Johnson, Russell Moss, Stephanie Johnson.

Fall 2003

5th Dan Masters- Raymond Carson, Grace Quinones, Sandra Brida, Waldemar Bonilla; **4th Dan Masters-** Patricia Carson, Chuck Vertolli, Robert Grebb, Aaron Woodburn; **4th Dan -** Bob Cameron, Ramon Morales; **3rd Dan-** Benjamin Yerkes, Jacqueline Morales, Gerald Furniss, Daniel Glickman, Jana Buttram, Christopher Nestor, Kyle Monaco, Rashad Brown; **2nd Dan-** Oriel Averion, Andrew Herman, Jessica Culley, Robert Brown, Austin Dix, Josh Vertolli, Harry Bettencourt, Lindsay Quinones; **1st Dan-** James Payton, George Lentini, David Thomas, Jr., John Glass, Jr., Cary Glass, Lynn Kennedy, Tony Perze, Phil Kates, Kristofer Lapsley, Justin Sigtermans, Melissa Mead, William Sharpe, Kayla Wittewiler, Mark Iadicola, Rosalyn Rusciani, Brad Hill, David Angiella, Patrick George, Randall Smedley, Frank Brinkman, Meg Schanne, Jeff Weller, Peter Brennan



News from IMA Europe

European End of Year Awards - Congratulations!

Instructor of the Year -
Mr. Nick Richards

Students of the Year -
Mr. Robert Elphick and Mr. Andrew Johnson

Family of the Year -
The Harrington Family

Congratulations to Our New Black Belts - December 2003

3rd Dan - Duane Maynard
2nd Dan - Aaron Austin, Albert Omensa, and Robert Elphick
1st Dan - Tom Beany, Guy Monaghan

IMA World Championships 2004 Update

Entries are just starting to come in. However, in order to make this the best IMA Tang Soo Do event ever we need everyone's support! In order for the day's events to run smoothly and to finish on time, pre-registration is mandatory and BB ring assignments will be issued shortly. We have a lot of teams entering the team event this year so everyone can look forward to an action packed day. On that note, Master Nar and the European Masters will be putting on a demonstration in honour of Grandmaster Yi's 60th birthday. So *look forward to a thrilling Tang Soo Do IMA event!*

The *evening programme* will consist of a disco party where a buffet dinner will be served and there will also be a bar available. The tournament must finish by 6:15 so that people can be returned to their hotels to freshen up and get ready to party! Transport will leave hotels at approximately 7:30 PM to get to the party venue and transport (coaches) will be provided to return people to their hotels at approximately 12:30 AM. The party is in honour of Grandmaster Yi's birthday, the 5th IMA World Tang Soo Do Championships, and the pending promotion of 3 new masters in Europe. Therefore we need everyone to attend the party so that we can relax and enjoy the total IMA experience with our leader Grandmaster Ki Yun Yi!

TANG SOO,
Master Nar

Master Suresh Nar attends and instructs at October '03 Dagger Form Clinic in Vineland, NJ USA (4th from right)



2 NEW Dagger Forms-

Two new dagger forms have been created by the IMA, and were introduced at a special Training Clinic held on Saturday, October 25 in Vineland, NJ. The clinic was led by Grandmaster Yi, Master Martin Carson, and Master Suresh Nar of the UK.



Master Nar taught the first form, Dan Gum Hyung E Bu (Dagger Form 2) to 2nd Degree Black Belts and up. This form is now a required form for evaluations and testing.



Grandmaster Yi and Master Carson taught the 2nd New Form, Dan Gum Hyung Sam Bu, to all 4th Dans and up. It is now a required form for 3rd Dans and up for evaluations and tests.

The two new forms were created this year by Grandmaster Yi and Master Martin Carson. In the future a sword form will also be introduced! More details to come!

Mark Your Calendars!



Saturday, April 3, 2004

28th Garden State Invitational Championships

Kingsway Regional Middle / High School
Swedesboro, NJ

Registration: 9 AM
Eliminations: 11 AM

Saturday, June 26, 2004

5th Biannual IMA World Championships
Bedford, United Kingdom

GREETINGS FROM KWAN CHANG NIM

Spring is a time of rebirth, of renewed energy and growth. In many ways, this season is reflected in the events taking place within the International Martial Arts Association.

Spring surrounds us in the budding plants, the lush green foliage we see all around us, the energy of growth that you can almost feel. And so it is within our association too.

Most obvious is the buzzing of activity and preparations for the upcoming 5th IMA World Championships in the UK on June 26th. I am sure this will be a rich and rewarding experience for all who attend, a time to meet new friends, renew acquaintances, and compete in the spirit of unity, brotherhood and fairness that are the pillars of our art of Tang Soo Do.

There is growth also within our ranks. Over the last year our association has seen the promotion and induction of a substantial number of black belts and masters. They will continue in the years to come to spread the

knowledge and teachings of our art throughout the United States and Europe. They are tomorrow's leaders of our association, and they are in the spring time of their leadership. They are growing in their expertise and leadership abilities; they are filled with and spread the excitement and energy of our art to those they teach.

There is growth also in the body of techniques taught in our association. The last year has seen the creation of two new dagger forms which are now taught to our black belts. In the future, sword techniques and forms will also be incorporated into our body of teachings.

It is spring. Appreciate the wonder of it. Feel its energy within you. Let yourself grow with it. And let us grow within our art, together. **Tang Soo.**



Garden State Championships 2004 Scheduled For April 3

Mark your calendars! Grandmaster Yi's 28th Annual Garden State Championships will be held on April 3, 2004 at the Kingsway Regional Middle / High School in Woolwich Township, NJ! 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!

For those competing, pre-registration is strongly recommended and offers a significant discount off of "At the Door" registration. Pre-registration forms are available at your branch schools and can also be downloaded off the IMA's website. If you register by March 25, the cost of 2 events is \$ 40. and additional events are \$ 5. per event. Register by April 2 and the 2 event price is \$ 45. and \$ 5. for additional events. "At-the-door" registration is \$50. for 2 events and \$ 10 per additional event. Register early and save money!

2003 Annual IMA Awards Ceremony & Holiday Party

The 2003 Holiday Season got off to a festive start at Yi's Martial Arts Annual Holiday party held on Dec. 6th in Oak Valley, NJ. Nearly 200 people turned out to enjoy great food, music and dancing. The party was the backdrop for the Annual Award Ceremony. And the winners are:

2003 Instructor of the Year-
Master Robert Grebb

2003 Most Dedicated Students of the Year-
Woodbury School - Mr. Kipp Choe
Washington Twp. School - Master Sandra Brida
Egg Harbor Twp. School - Mr. Wade Dix
Vineland School - Master Chuck Vertolli
Hamilton Twp. School - Mr. Gabe Longo
Swedesboro School - Ms. Bonnie Piro
Cherry Hill School - Mr. James Robinson
Voorhees School - John Sohn
Berlin School - Ms. Jennifer Rusciani
East Coast Karate - Cliff Spencer

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