





Region 2 Newsletter

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THE DEUCE BROKE LOOSE IN 2021

On Saturday, August 27th, 2021, Region 2 of the World Tang Soo Do Association (WTSDA) broke loose out from under the diabolical hold of the COVID-19 Pandemic to host only its second Regional Event since October 2019. This year's event was the Region 2, WTSDA, Fall 2021 Regional Leadership Clinic, and Fall Black Belt Pre-Test. The host Dojang for this event was Pacini Martial Arts Academy, under the Ownership/Supervision of Master Christopher M. Pacini, 5th Dan. Since opening Pacini Martial Arts Academy, this was Master Pacini's 15th or 20th Regional Session that he and his staff have hosted in as many years.

Earlier in the year, February 2020 to be exact; Region 2 held its first post-pandemic breakout event in St. George, Utah. Due to the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic, and either their active participation in the US Military, or association to/with the Military Communities in Goodyear, Peoria, Tempe, Sierra Vista, and Santa Fe, many Region 2 Martial Arts Students were unable to travel outside of the State of Arizona and New Mexico to attend the Spring Regional Event. The event, although hampered by the pandemic was a huge success, as all precautions were taken to ensure the safe participation of everyone in attendance.

The reason for the title of this article "The Deuce Broke Loose in 2021" was because there was another record-breaking number of students in attendance for the Leadership Clinic, a total of 157 present, and 22 testing for Black Belt. Many had to wait well-past their anticipated date(s) to test to ensure they participated safely and within the guidelines of any Military General Orders and other Restrictions, they and their working parents may have been under. What may have seemed like a burden for the students turned out to be a blessing in disguise as they were able to receive additional preparation time and training to get ready for one of the most exciting days of their lives!

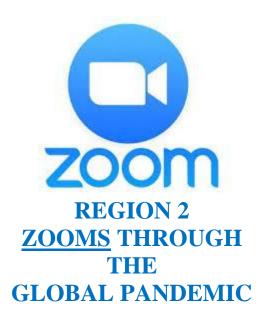
Although this year's Leadership Clinic and Black Belt Pre-Test were hosted by Pacini Martial Arts Academy, it was evident the Master of Ceremonies Master Ian Larson, 4th Dan, Co-

Owner/Supervisor of Martial Arts Academy of Tang Soo Do (MAASTD), Tempe, Arizona was the right decision made by Master Williamson. Master Larson was everywhere, ensuring the smooth transition between stations by all students, the preparation of every instructor and assistant instructor(s), and the availability of room for every breakout session.

Master Larson's preparedness and effectiveness while performing this additional duty, serves as a testament to his leadership skills and his professionalism. Speaking as a parent of one of the presenters during an afternoon breakout session; I can attest that Master Larson coordinated with me as a parent as well as the designated presenters to ensure they were well-prepared to teach their classes. Master Larson conducted follow-up contact to ask if there was any help, he could lend to the presenters, which again shows his coordination and understanding of proper communication. Great Job! Master Larson!







Since early January 2020, the COVID-19 Pandemic has devastated the entire planet. The World Tang Soo Do Association (WTSDA) has endured many losses during these past almost two years. The loss of our second Grandmaster (Robert E. Beaudoin, 9th Dan), could have devastated and thrust our entire association into turmoil, but Grandmaster Beaudoin along with so many of our Senior Leaders prepared us well. That reality should be evidenced by how our entire association has continued to flourish during these troublesome times.

Region 2, WTSDA has continued to grow during the pandemic by adding one new 4th Degree Master (Master Osai Robinson) by way of a transfer from Region 20 to Region 2; and one new 4th Degree Master (Mrs. Brooke Aderhold), who was promoted during the Region 2 Fall Leadership Clinic and Black Belt Pre-Test Weekend.

In true "2nd To None" style, this Region has persevered through good times, and bad times. One thing that came out of the need to continue to train in the best and safest environments was the learned use of technology to aid in the professional development of our students. Every Region 2 Studio, whenever possible, conducted classes via ZOOM. The use of this application was also relevant during the promotion of Mrs. Lissa Brooke Aderhold from Sam Dan to 4th Degree Master during this Regional Leadership Clinic.

4TH DAN MASTER PROMOTION

On Saturday, August 27th, 2021, Mrs. Lissa Brooke Aderhold, Sam Dan, Owner of Destiny Martial Arts Academy, Peoria, Arizona was promoted to 4th Dan Master. The promotion was conducted via ZOOM by Grandmaster William Bill "B Strong" Strong, 8th Dan, President and Chief Executive Officer of the World Tang Soo Do Association (WTSDA). Grandmaster Strong took time out from his home in Alabama, to conduct Master Aderhold's promotion.

Grandmaster Strong enlisted the help of Senior Master Johnny R. Williamson, 6th Dan, Region 2 Director to conduct the promotion in his stead. Master Williamson was assisted by Master Christopher M. Pacini, 5th Dan, host for this year's Fall Regional Event. Master Pacini is the owner of Pacini Martial Arts Academy, Gilbert, Arizona. Also assisting was Master David Boeckman, 4th Dan, Starworld - Goodyear, Goodyear, Arizona, who also serves as the Region 2 Social Media Officer.



Grandmaster Strong took some time as part of the Promotion Ceremony to enlighten the 150 plus attendees, their parents, and friends about the hard work it takes to be selected for 4th Dan Master. Grandmaster explained about the fortitude and intensity required by the selectee, the 20,000 Word Essay/Master's Thesis, the ability to take and pass

all written tests, the amount of floor work, which is required, and to become a 4th Dan Master, the selectee must be a Studio Owner and have a certain number of students training at their Dojang. An individual can be promoted to 4th Dan, but to wear the Masters' Belt, all the requirements mentioned are mandatory. Obviously, Master Aderhold met all her requirements for promotion.



Master Aderhold has been a mainstay in Region 2 for over 20 years. She first started her Martial Arts training under the instruction of her father, Master David Roberts, 5th Dan and former Region 2 Director. After Master Roberts and her mother departed Region 2 for the sunny skies and rolling hills of North Carolina, his daughter took over Arrowhead Martial Arts in 2012. Arrowhead Martial Arts then was officially closed in late 2017 making way for its transition to Destiny Martial Arts in 2018. The studio was re-established at its current location in Peoria, Arizona shortly thereafter.

In April 2020, Master Aderhold married her husband of one year Mr. Lucas Aderhold, Sam Dan, and Co-Owner of Destiny Martial Arts Academy. As of August 2021, Destiny Martial Arts Academy touts a total of eleven Black Belts which makes up the Training Staff, and a total of approximately 108 students. Master Aderhold continues to serve Region 2 as the Business Development Officer while being a Full-Time WTSDA Studio Owner with over 3000 Square Feet of Training Space.

Congratulation to Master Aderhold on her promotion and acknowledgment of her long-standing support of Region 2, WTSDA.

WELCOME TO REGION 2



The "2nd To None"
Family of the World
Tang Soo Do
Association (WTSDA)
would like to formally
welcome Master Osai
Robinson, 4th Dan, and
his family to Region 2
and the State of
Arizona.

Master Robinson, the former owner of West Coast Dragons Tang

Soo Do, Carlsbad, California, Region 20, WTSDA, moved to Arizona in 2020, to continue his work as a Civil Engineer. Master Robinson and his family reside in Phoenix, Arizona, and he plans to open a new Dojang within the city sometime soon called West Coast Dragons – Phoenix, which would give the Phoenix enclave a total of five Studios nestled inside the largest city in the State of Arizona.

The other Studios already present in the Phoenix enclave are Starworld - Goodyear, Goodyear, Arizona. under the Ownership/Supervision of Master Johnny R. Williamson, 6th Dan, Region 2 Director; Pacini Martial Arts Academy, Gilbert, Arizona, under the Ownership/Supervision of Master Christopher M. Pacini, 5th Dan; Martial Arts Academy of Tang Soo Do. Tempe, Arizona. under the Ownership/Supervision of Master Stephanie, 4th Dan & Master Ian Larson, 4th Dan, and Destiny Martial Arts Academy, Peoria, Arizona, under the Ownership/Supervision of Master **Brooke** Aderhold, 4th Dan.

Welcome again Master Robinson!!!

2021 Fall Region 2 Black Belt Pre-Test / Leadership Clinic August 28, 2021 Gilbert, AZ

Time	Instructor	Topic/Subject
7:00am		Doors Open
7:30am – 9:45am	Master Williamson	Fall Black Belt Pre-Test
9:00am		Line Up and Bow In
	Master Williamson	Opening Remarks
		Warm-Ups
9:15am – 9:30am	Grandmaster Strong	Master Promotion (Master Aderhold)
9:30am – 10:00am		Picture Time (Individual, Studio, and Clinic Group Pictures)
		Group Sessions
		(1) Ms. Brown/Ms. Sinnokrot – Kids Drills: Designed for 7 and under
		(2) Ms. Sevy – Ground Fighting
		(3) Ms. Tijerina – Hard -vs- Soft Power Concepts
		(4) Mr. Aderhold - Sparing
10:00am – 10:45am		Group Session 1
	All Masters	Training/Rec Room
10:45am – 11:30am		Group Session 2
11:30am – 1200pm	Master I. Larson	Line Up, Bow Out, go to lunch, be back at 12:45am for afternoon block
12:00pm – 12:45pm	Lunch	
1:00pm - 2:00pm		Judging Certification – for all Black Belts needing to certify
1:00pm - 2:00pm		Gups and Non-Certifying Black Belts
	Miss Ross/Miss Stalling	Kids 12 and Under – Fun Skill Building Drills
	Master Aderhold / Mr. Stocker	All others including Black Belts not needing to certify
2:00pm - 3:00pm	Master Pacini / Master I. Larson	Judge Certification Training w/Physical Practical Test Afterward
	Master Boeckman / Mr. Aderhold	All others including Black Belts not needing to certify
3:00pm – 4:15pm	Ms. MoShay Williamson	Written Practical Test needed for Judging Certification
3:00pm – 4:15pm	Master Williamson	Instructor Training Session
4:15pm – 4:30pm	Master Williamson	Line Up / Closing Remarks from Regional Director

THE FALL 2021 REGION 2 BLACK BELT PRE-TEST



The Arizona members of the 2nd To None Region held their Fall 2021 Regional Black Belt Pre-Test during the Fall 2021 Regional Leadership Clinic. The written test porting of the test was held on Friday, August 27th, 2021, with the test being administered via ZOOM and an Online Forum. Each tester was required to take the test in their studio under the strict supervision of their Studio Leadership.

All total there were 22 testers. Two E-Dans were pre-testing for Sam Dan, 5 Cho Dans were pre-testing for E-Dan, and 15 Cho Dan Bo's were pre-testing for Cho Dan. The written test was administered by the Regional Testing Officer, Mr. Bobby Stocker, Sam Dan. By taking the written test online using the "Testing Forum," each student was able to get their score immediately following the test, and Mr. Stocker was able to record the tests from his location at Starworld Academy of Tang Soo Do (SATSD), located in Sierra Vista, Arizona.

The second part of the Fall 2021 Region 2 Black Belt Pre-Test was held during the Fall 2021 Regional Leadership Clinic which was held on Saturday, August 28th, 2021. The Fall 2021 Region 2 Leadership Clinic was hosted by Master Christopher M. Pacini, 5th Dan, the Owner / Supervisor of Pacini Martial Arts Academy. The event was held in Lifetime Fitness Center, Warner secure a great location for the Regional Director, Master Johnny R. Williamson, 6th Dan, to hold this event.

The tester who traveled the farthest for this year's Fall Regional was 16-year-old Nicholas Suescun, Cho Dan Bo from Lindsays Tang Soo Do Karate Center, Orem, Utah testing for Cho Dan. He, along with his Chief Instructor, Ms. Britney Sevy, Sam Dan, are pictured below. He did an excellent job, and we all look forward to his test in October 2021.



This year's Fall 2021 Black Belt Pre-Test floorwork portion of the test was monitored by a Board of Masters' and Masters' Candidates from Region 2. The Board Members were:

- Senior Master Johnny R. Williamson, 6th Dan,
 Region 2 Director, Owner of Starworld Goodyear, Goodyear, AZ.
- Master Christopher M. Pacini, 5th Dan, Owner of Pacini Martial Arts Academy, Gilbert, AZ.
- Master Stephanie Larson, 4th Dan, Co-Owner, Martial Arts Academy of Tang Soo Do, Tempe, AZ.
- Master Ian Larson, 4th Dan, Co-Owner, Martial Arts Academy of Tang Soo Do, Tempe, AZ.
- Master David Boeckman, 4th Dan, Starworld -Goodyear, Goodyear, AZ.
- Master Candidate Lissa Brooke Aderhold, Sam Dan, Owner of Destiny Martial Arts Academy, Peoria, AZ.

 Master Candidate Moshay Williamson, Sam Dan, Starworld - Goodyear, Goodyear, AZ.

The Conductors for this year's Fall 2021 Black Belt Test were:

- Ms. Britney Sevy, Sam Dan, Lindsays Tang Soo Do Karate Center, Orem, Utah
- o Mr. Lucas Aderhold, Sam Dan, Destiny Martial Arts Academy, Peoria, Arizona
- Ms. Rebeka Tijerina, Sam Dan, Starworld -Goodyear, Goodyear, Arizona.

The Conductors did an excellent job as did all the testers. We look forward to seeing everyone test in October 2021 where the hosting Studio will be Starworld - Goodyear, Goodyear, Arizona.

Upcoming 2021 Region 2 Events



We missed an entire year of Region 2 Events, and we missed the 2020 Fall Region 2 Championships because of the ongoing Global Pandemic. It was not safe to hold the event and keeping in mind that Region 2 is a family, the decision was made well in advance to try and keep our family members as safe as possible.

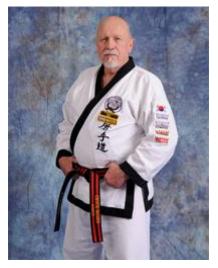
In October 2021, the World Tang Soo Do Association (WTSDA) Region 2 Championships will be held in Goodyear, Arizona, and hosted by Starworld - Goodyear. Also taking place will be the 2021 WTSDA Region 2, Black Belt Test. There will be 23 Region 2 Students testing for varying Black Belt Degrees. There will be 2 Students testing for Sam Dan, 5 testing for E-Dan, and 15 testing for Cho Dan.



As soon as an agenda for the Championship weekend becomes available, it will be sent out to each Studio, and eventually provided to everyone in the Region. This will be an "All Hands" event with the Black Belt Test taking place on Friday afternoon, and the Regional Championships starting early Saturday morning.

The Region 2 Fall Black Belt Test and Regional Championships will have a Special Guest this year who has not visited the Region in a very long time. Senior International Master Chuck Vaughn, 7th Dan, and Grandmaster (Select) will be present. His presence will be something that brings heightened anticipation and an air of camaraderie and fellowship to this year's Regional Championships.

Senior International Master Chuck Vaughn, 7th Dan (Grandmaster Select)



Master Chuck
Vaughn is a
7th Degree
(Chil Dan)
Black Belt,
Senior
International
Master
Instructor in
the World
Tang Soo Do

Association (WTSDA). He also holds a 9th Degree Black Belt in Sin Moo Hapkido under Do Ju Nim, Ji Han Jae. Master Vaughn has over 48 years of training and experience in Tang Soo Do under Grandmaster Jae C. Shin. In that time, he trained in China, Africa, Seychelles, and Germany. Master Vaughn's path of instruction in Tang Soo Do began on October 20, 1970. He had returned from a Tour of Duty in Vietnam and was looking for solace. He was a Sergeant Team-Leader in the Long-Range Patrol, C Company Ranger of the 75th Infantry, Airborne. When he returned to the United States and his home in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, he was looking for more peaceful endeavors. Master Vaughn's first instructor in Tang Soo Do was Master Michael White, who at that time was a newly promoted 1st Degree Black Belt. Master Vaughn achieved his Cho Dan in 1974 and began to teach at the Phillipsburg YMCA and from there he moved to the State College YMCA. Undoubtedly, it is these beginnings that have motivated Master Vaughn to remain devoted to the delivery of quality martial arts instruction through local YMCAs.

Master Vaughn eventually turned the YMCA instruction over to colleagues so that he could begin the Penn State Martial Arts Group (PSMAG) on the main campus of Penn State, which is still a flourishing Dojang in the WTSDA. It was the contacts that Master Vaughn made in the early stages of the PSMAG that permitted him to play an instrumental role in establishing the WTSDA's first delegation to China and the Shaolin Temple in 1984. After turning the PSMAG program over to Master Michael Kaye in 1989, Master Vaughn trained at the Shin Karate Studio in Philadelphia and opened the Vaughn's Dojang Tang Soo Do programs at the Phoenixville and Pottstown YMCAs. In August 1998, he achieved a lifelong dream when he opened his first full-time commercial studio in its current location and Vaughn's Dojang headquarters in Audubon Village, PA.

Master Vaughn is a gifted and natural teacher. He instinctively knows how to give the lesson. To learn the lesson, you only have to open yourself to it. To develop the skills and the proper attitude, you only have to pay attention, persist, and work hard. Master Vaughn is responsible for producing many other Master Instructors and over 400 Black Belt practitioners in Tang Soo Do. The Vaughn's Dojang studio and programs have over 300 active students. We have heard Master Vaughn say many times that he does not produce Black Belts for himself, but he is motivated instead by watching students discover the hidden warrior inside, and by watching the positive change in students that comes about through the practice of traditional Tang Soo Do.

Master Vaughn is married to Sharon—a Cho Dan in Tang Soo Do—who is not only tremendous support and inspiration but who also provides many of the behind-the-scenes services that keep the Dojang running smoothly. He has also been blessed with 5 children: Prudence, Melanie, Melinda, Brandon, and Molly. Master Vaughn's favorite scripture is John 3:17 and he believes that "what goes around, comes around" and that everything we say or do is recorded and that one day we will be accountable for our words and deeds.

One does not have to spend much time at all in Vaughn's Dojang to realize that Master Vaughn prizes service to others and service to the community. In addition to his commitment to the YMCA, he and the Dojang have a longstanding association with the Freedoms Foundation in Valley Forge. Every year there are numerous fundraising and charitable drives that the Vaughn's Dojang family undertakes. Just as important, the atmosphere, the activities, the fellowship, and the fraternity within the Dojang are great resources for all of the students, instructors, and extended family members.

Here Comes the Judge!

Master Candidate Ms. MoShay Williamson, Sam Dan, Starworld - Goodyear has taken over the duties of Chief Judging Training and Mentor Officer for Region 2. Ms. Williamson assumes responsibility to train and provide the written test to all Blue and Black Belts in the "2nd" To None" Region. With the help of Masters Pacini and Larsons. Ms. Williamson studied hard to learn exactly how to do this at the 2-hour Judging Training that was provided at the August 2021 Leadership Clinic. Soon Ms. Williamson will contact all studio owners to provide their student's test results.

Additionally, Ms. Britney, Sam Dan will assist Ms. Williamson with Judging Training. Ms. Sevy's specific duties will be to prepare Utah area students ready to test. Since our region is so large

and spread out over six states, Ms. Sevy is tasked to train Blue and Black Belts in her area to be prepared to take the written test whenever Ms. Williamson offers the certification test. IAW World Tang Soo Do Association Judging Policy, administered by Master Arteca, the Judging Certification Test will be offered to the entire Region at announced Region Judging Certification Clinics. Congratulations Ms. Williamson, and Ms. Sevy.

Remaining 2021 World Tang Soo Do Association Events

The time has come for the entire World Tang Soo Do Association (WTSDA) to get back into full swing. With that said, the WTSDA will host its 2021 National Championships October 8-9, 2021, at Kalahari Resorts & Conventions, 250 Kalahari Blvd, Pocono Manor, PA 18349.

The WTSDA started the National Championship just before the Global Pandemic in 2019, with the first one being held in Chicago, Illinois. The event is becoming bigger and better and has taken on a life of its own. For those who may not be able to attend the World Championships on the "even number" years, the National Championships is a viable alternative. Eventually, the WTSDA hopes that every member can attend each event, every year.

This year, our very own Grandmaster William B. Strong, 8th Dan, will be promoted to 9th Dan. What a great time and event this will be. Below are some details anyone can use to make reservations and register should they decide they wish to attend.

We invite you to join us this Fall for two days of competition and fun together at Kalahari Resorts in northeastern Pennsylvania!

We will complete Team Hyung Competition and individual competition for all youth and adult Black Belt divisions on Friday



beginning at 3 PM ET. All other divisions will compete on Saturday after Opening Ceremonies and Grandmaster's Promotion. There will be many competitive divisions, and all participants 10-years-old and younger will receive a participation medal if they have not received another award.

<u>US National Championship information and</u> registration links are below.

o https://bit.ly/USNCr3gn1 to access forms for registration forms (Final Deadline is Sep 16, 11 pm ET)

- Team Hyung Registration (by Chief Instructor only); \$100/team
- Individual Competitor Registration and Payment
- Tigers/Dragons: \$65 (\$40, if registered by Sep 3)
- Youth/Adult/Senior: \$90 (\$65, if registered by Sep 3)
- Volunteer Form
- o https://bit.ly/2g2USnat to access and download posted information about the event (currently invitation, poster, Team Hyung guidelines; more will be posted as we approach the event)
- o <u>https://book.passkey.com/e/50117408</u> or call 877-253-5466 and reference <u>WTSDA</u> to book rooms online at Kalahari (The discounted rates for Kalahari end on Sept 7)
- * Please note that there will be no spectator fees for this event.
- * Please note that there are no direct airport shuttles to Kalahari, check your favorite rideshare app and private transportation companies, e.g. <u>J&J Transportation</u> (transport to/from airport and train stations).

Any questions or inquiries about the National Championship, please contact:

Master Martha Heise Phone #: 570-216-8242 E-mail: wtsdar8dir@gmail.com

Registration inquiries: Master Nicole Peterman nipeterman@wtsdaregion8.com

Details

Start: October 8 End: October 9

Website:

https://wtsdaregion8.com/event-information/national-championship.html?target=_parent

Venue

Kalahari Resorts & Conventions

250 Kalahari Blvd

Pocono Manor, PA 18349 **Phone:** 570-580-6000

Website:

https://www.kalahariresorts.com/pennsylvania/

World Tang Soo Do Association Region 2 Fall 2021 Region 2 Leadership Clinic Chapter Photos



Studio Leadership

Senior International Master Johnny R. Williamson, 6th Dan

Master David C. Boeckman, 4th Dan

Ms. Moshay Williamson, Sam Dan (Master Candidate)



Studio Leadership

Master Christopher M. Pacini, 5th Dan

Mr. Showcroft, 4^t Dan

Mr. Thomas A. Doggert, E-Dan



Studio Leadership

Master Stephanie Larson, 4th Dan



Studio Leadership

Master Lissa Brooke Aderhold, 4th Dan

Mr. Lucas Aderhold, Sam Dan

Ms. Jordan Brown, Sam Dan

Ms. Selma Sinnokrot, Sam Dan



Studio Leadership

Mr. Kent Thomas, Sam Dan

Mrs. Lupe Thomas, Sam Dan (not shown)

Mr. Steven
Thomas, Sam
Dan (not shown)

Mr. Bobby Stocker, Sam Dan



Studio Leadership

Master Ross Lindsey, 5th Dan (not shown)

Ms. Britney Sevy, Sam Dan

World Tang Soo Do Association Region 2 Fall 2021 Region 2 Leadership Clinic Photos





































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