

W T F News

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This issue of the Western Tang Soo Do Newsletter is pretty straightforward. We just wanted to bring everyone up to date on what some of their fellow Black Belts are doing in alphabetical order. If you don't see your name in this issue, write to Mr. Clark at dclark@nevadafamilymag.com to let him know what's going on in your life. Don't be modest; stay under Mr. D's radar by participating. The deadline for sending info for our next newsletter is May 15, 2004.

David Clark is publishing Nevada Family Magazine in Las Vegas. He has two wonderful daughters who fill his life with love and joy.

Jim Dague just finished the Century 21 International Convention at Mandalay Bay. His Green Valley office was recognized as the number one Century 21 Office in the World and his Firm was number five in money and number four in Units nationally. After the Colorado meetings, Mr. Dague is going to Japan with his son, Erik, for two weeks.

David Douglas finished his graduate program and is currently working a physician's Assistant in Salt Lake City. He is the proud father of a beautiful daughter, Lydia, born July 24th 2003. He also has a rabbit.

Mr. Douglas is presented his Tenth Degree Black Belt certificate by Mr. Mable and Mr. Bledsoe.



A Good time was had by all at the Western Tang Soo Do seminars in Las Vegas.

Dick and Dottie Douglas have a great-grandson, born on April 9, 2003. Don't slap Mr. Douglas on the shoulder to congratulate him on this or on his Tenth Degree Black Belt Certificate awarded by the Board of Directors last November.

Rick Douglas is happily married (no, it's not an oxymoron) and living in Las Vegas. His beautiful wife, Melissa, is a law student and just had a beautiful baby girl named Brinley nine months ago. Brinley is Mr. Douglas's second daughter and is nearly walking. Mr. Douglas is currently working on his Master's Degree in accounting and working as an accountant (this is his busy season)

Tena Houser works in a glamorous industry (as she rolls her eyes) in sin city. She owns Lenz Talent Agency in Las Vegas and currently has actresses working on Miss Congeniality 2, Scare Tactics, and a new reality TV show entitled Las Vegas Weddings Unveiled. One of Ms. Houser's foster kids will graduate from High School this summer and leave for the Navy before September.

Eden Hughes is recently returned from the 18 month mission she served for her church in Alabama. She had a wonderful experience and loved every minute of it there. She is now working

for her sister at a Health food/smoothie shop called Jambma Juice. Ms. Hughes is attending school at UNLV and is back in karate classes with Mr. Douglas, trying to get back in shape. She has missed everyone and is looking forward to the Colorado workouts.

David Kluge is very busy this time of year as he's trying to organize his clinic schedule for the summer, get his taxes done, and deal with all the contractors who once again forgot that building season follows ski season. The end of last year was traumatic and hectic for him with the untimely demise of both a good friend of his and a beloved brother. It's said that you find out who your true friends are in times of need, and Mr. Kluge wants to thank everyone for their cards, telephone calls, kind words, and most of all, prayers. He reminds those who haven't discovered it yet, the WTF is much more than a karate organization. It's a family.

Mr. Kluge is really looking forward to this coming year with Mr. Jackson teaching at the spring convention and the always-challenging activities at our summer convention in Utah. In Colorado last month, they had a black belt workout where they did point sparring with Bo staffs. No, they didn't beat each other to death with the real thing. They used a "nerf" version. Unable to purchase something suitable, they made their own. As soon as Mr. Kluge can get his new digital camera operating he'll take some pictures on how to construct one, so you too can enjoy the fun.

Brian Lee moved from Carbondale to Denver just over a year ago and has adjusted nicely. He is in his third year of undergraduate study at the Metropolitan State College of Denver, studying Psychology and Criminal Justice. He plans to graduate in May of 2005, and then it is on to graduate school, though I am currently unsure as to where I will go. The plan is to specialize in Forensic Psychology, hopefully leading toward a career working with various criminal or "at risk" populations: conducting research, assisting in investigations, and implementing prevention programs. In the long run, he wants to teach, but after having worked with the practical application.

Mr. Lee currently works as a pizza cook at Bonnie Brae Tavern- it pays the bills. He's also applying for a position to work with the developmentally disabled. Life is busy and fast paced but at the end of the day he has friends new and old, parents just a few hours away, a girlfriend who accepts his eccentricities, and two affectionate cats who make it all worthwhile.

John Leibundgut is still running JL Karate, a two-student school (both gold belts) based in his garage twice a week. The classes are at 8 a.m. for those of you who can make it. Mr. Leibundgut is still in the car business and his wife Terry has a rapidly growing yoga school (Yoga for Life).

Brian Mable has been teaching a string of self defense courses for women in Glenwood and the surrounding area, and he has more scheduled.



Left: Mr. Kluge teaches a Bo form at the WTF seminars in Las Vegas (November, 2003).



WTF Black Belt Council in Las Vegas, Nov 2003