



WTF News

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President's Message:

Occasionally, a bright star rises on the horizon of the Western Tang Soo Do Federation karate world. By that, I mean some of our great Black Belts do things that help the rest of us to appreciate the art so much more.

On a Saturday morning few weeks ago, I was able to attend the filming of our martial arts forms which were being performed with an intensity and precision we all should be proud of.

Rebecca Bledsoe Pulsipher was the outstanding photographer and also provided the location at Opulence Studios in Las Vegas. Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Clark were the film stars who could compete with the pros. This unbelievable production will be in book form, showing each move and a description of how we should all perform the various forms. I am so proud of those individuals who took the time from their various professions to share this with us all.

This is not the only act of love of the arts by our Black Belts. Let's take for example the Board of Directors (as well as the Black Belt Council members) who often travel long distances to attend our many events. My wife, Dottie, does so much paper work for the WTF.

I was also deeply touched when Mr. Mable and Mr. Kluge showed up at my surprise birthday party on February 2nd, along with the local Black Belts and friends. So many of the other Black Belts make wonderful contributions, such as: Mr. Newton, who always does so many things behind the scenes; Miss Hughes (oops – Mrs. Bejarano) who runs seminars that help us improve our kicking techniques; Mr. Mable, who has seen many other martial arts studios come and go in the Glenwood Springs area; and Mr. Kluge who is always there for me, even when it comes to cutting up an elk.

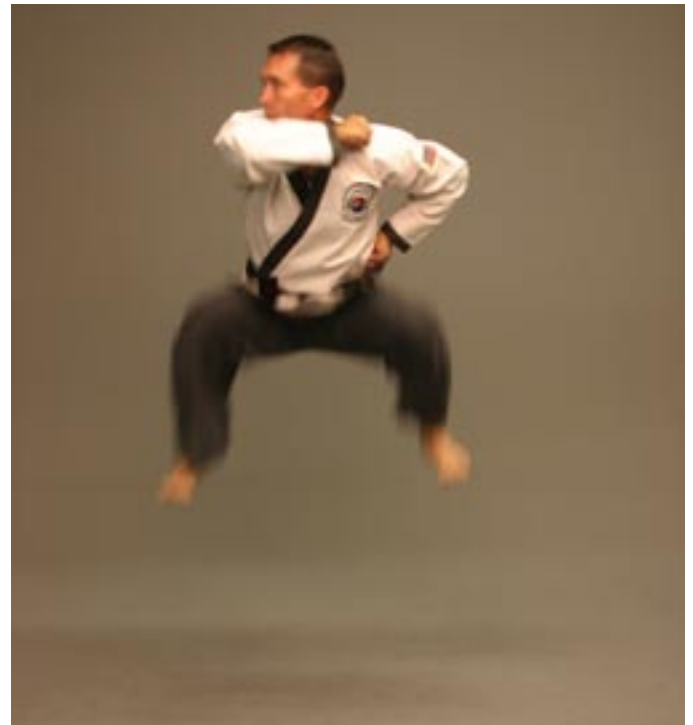
I know I am leaving many of you who are high-quality Black Belts out of the recognition process as well as many who are not yet Black Belts, and I'm sorry I cannot praise everyone in this small space. Last (but not least) of all, however, I would like to say

thanks to Mr. Dague and Ms. Houser for the absolutely wonderful business seminars they present. If you miss any of these, shame on you because they could change your life.

When it's all said and done, I feel dwarfed by the intellectual and physical capabilities of you all and I am honored to be your President.

Mr. Mable recently took his first trip to Lake Powell. The fantastic canyons and water inlets were amazing and impressive. He continues to teach his regular classes in Glenwood Springs.

By way of announcement, I would like to mention that **Ms. Eden Hughes** is no longer part of the Western Tang Soo Do Federation. While this news saddens many of us, we are excited to be able to welcome **Mrs. Eden Bejarano** into our midst as a Fifth Degree Black Belt. Please make our newest member feel welcome. I'm sure that we'll find her lack of height, long hair,



Mr. Bledsoe demonstrates the end of Pyong An Yi Dan for the new Western Tang Soo Do Federation Manual.

and kicking skills so reminiscent of Ms. Hughes, that we might not even notice the change. Be sure to congratulate her on her recent marriage when you see her.

Rick Douglas is keeping busy these days. He has a new addition to his family – a son, Chance, born on January 13th. Mr. Douglas is relieved that he finally has a boy to carry on the Douglas name. Rick and family have moved into a new home. His wife, Melissa, has graduated from law school, but now must study during the day for the Bar Exam and attend a class at night. Grandma Douglas watches the kids during the day, and Rick takes over when he comes home from work. When he can find time, he will need to study for his CPA exam. Wonder when (or if) they'll ever get around to unpacking all those boxes in the garage!

Bob Olds is just hanging out in Reno. He has finished the ski season and is taking some time off work to get ready for Utah. Mr. Olds was chosen outstanding patroller in March for Homewood Ski Patrol and appointed training and testing advisor for another year.

Mr. Dave Malehorn went to the Martial Arts Super Show the last weekend of March had a great time. Seminars by Mr. Bill Wallace, Cun Lee, Master Choi, Tony Blauer, 2 Israeli Special Forces instructors, and Mr. Gracie of Gracie Jujitsu. He hooked up with Mr. Douglas for a two-hour workout on Thursday, April 28th. He also went to see the K-1 US Finals at the Bellagio. He had a great time, learned a lot, met a bunch of interesting people and really sparked his desire to continue training and explore as much of the martial arts world as possible. Mr. Malehorn highly recommends this event to any martial artist.

If you don't see **David Cameron** at the July seminary, it's because he and his wife are expecting their first child that weekend. Be sure to congratulate him in November.

Brian Lee just graduated Summa Cum Laude from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a bachelor's degree in psychology. He plans to go on to graduate school - majoring in either clinical or forensic psychology. He is taking a short break before starting school again and is anxious to get back into karate. He will be attending the seminar in July with Milada (she's happy and excited about that) and hopefully the one in November as well. Milada and Brian both look forward to seeing everyone again. One more thing. He is also getting married this September!

Letter from Douglas Reynolds-

I have arrived in Ninilchik Alaska on Thursday night. I am working here for a boat launching company. Fishermen, both private and commercial, put in here to fish the ocean, Deep Creek, Ninilchik River, Anchor and other smaller creeks. We use about 10 huge tractors that drive from the gravel beach out into the ocean. The huge 4 foot tall tires prevent the trailer from getting stuck in the mud which lies just under the chilled dynamic ocean tidal zones. Normal trucks would never make it to pavement again. My job is to hang onto the tractor and, once the boat is in



Mr. Olds practices a gun technique on Mr. Mable during our July 2004 seminars.

deep enough water, jump out and unhitch the boat, releasing the fishermen to a day of fishing. When they return I jump off the trailer to hitch the boat back onto the trailer to bring them out of the ocean to show off their catch.

Now let me describe my home. I reversed my car up to the beach and stepped out onto flat weathered gravel. I looked to breaking waves just 8 feet away. Looking up from the waves, jagged, rugged mountains rose from the ocean 15 miles away on the other side of the ocean. Blanketed still in late April snows, they provided an aesthetic pleasure that cameras cannot catch. Like a squeaking wheel, six bald eagles landed ten feet from where I stood.

I have a twin mattress in the back of my car, and egg crates rigged from doors to serve as shelving. My tent is set up just to the side of my car for all my fishing gear and my trusty mountain bike provides the means of travel to my favorite fishing spots. This job provides me with loads of cash, a means to feed my fishing addiction, and a fun, unique summer experience of living in my car next to the breaking waves where belugas are soon to arrive. I will have pictures available as soon as I can find a computer which will allow me to do so. Feel free to shoot me an email.

What do the new students think of our seminars? Mr. Mable received a couple of letters from his beginners who attended in Glenwood Springs. We have printed one below.

Good Morning Mr. Mable,

Wow! That was a truly amazing event. I was very uncomfortable going in at the start of the day, but any worries I had quickly dissolved by mid-morning.

I had a wonderful time and I was truly impressed by the attitude and the willingness of the black belts to lend a hand, offer advice and take the time to help everyone be a part of the sessions. I enjoyed working with Mr. Bledsoe, what a great person. And Ms. Houser was absolutely amazing! I felt very comfortable around these people and I feel they went above and beyond to help us out and make us feel like we were a part of the group. I can't thank Mr. Malehorn enough for taking the time to help Penny and I with the bo.

That was very nice of him. I still remember the first part of the form, thanks to his help, and was excited to go home and show my husband what we learned. I've never seen anything as impressive as Ms. Hughes! What a display of beauty and energy and talent.

The seminar gave me a new sense of determination and commitment. And I am proud to be part of an organization that is so giving and committed to teaching and helping others reach what may seem at times unattainable goals but that also teaches you perseverance, persistence, team work and most importantly patience. I am already looking forward the next seminar!!

Thank you Mr. Mable for your time, patience and most excellent teaching abilities.

Tammy Smith

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