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USA TEAM TAKES THIRD PLACE AT YIXING SHUAIJIAO INTERNATIONAL

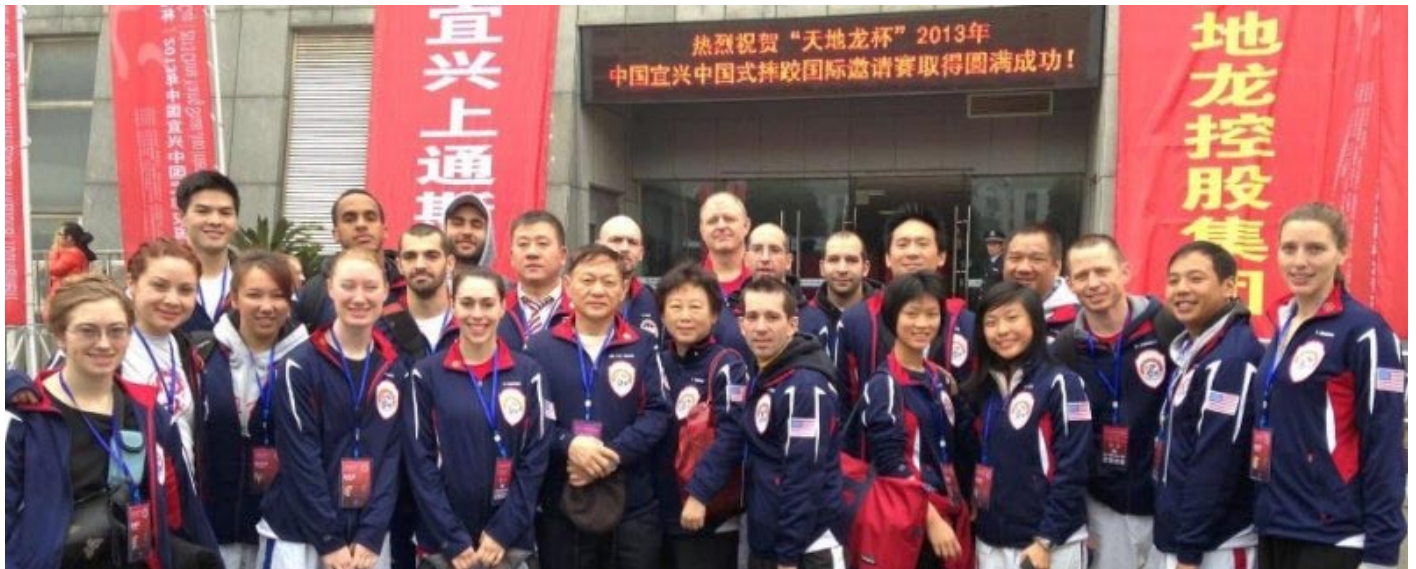


Photo by JumiPhotography: the USA Team arrives in Yixing, China. Full story and more results inside...

GREAT LAKES KUNG-FU AND SHUAI CHIAO NATIONALS SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2013

Case Western Reserve University
Veale Center/Horsburgh Gymnasium, 2138 Adelbert,
Cleveland, Ohio. Registration: (216) 431-4991



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Shuaijiao and Taichi
Tournament: San Jose
State University

July 20th, 2013

Special Seminars on Sunday by
Master David Ch'ang of Taiwan

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“Observations from China”



Special Yixing Tournament follow-up
seminar at 10:30am,

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH, 2013

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“TianDiLong Cup” 2013 China Yixing Shuaijiao International Tournament



Katie Brown in the finals match in Yixing, China. JumiPhotography



Alessio Pasciulli of Italy takes first, with the USA team's Charles Lin in second and Christopher Slocum in third. (Especially impressive results in a division with 16 top competitors!)

Yixing Team Finishes:

1. China National Team
2. China Yixing Team
3. USA Team 1
4. Canada
5. Russia
6. Mongolia

By: Katie Brown, Seattle, WA, Team USA 2013 Member

Over 150 competitors from around the globe filled the Yixing Sports Center on March 22nd through March 24th to compete in the 2013 Shuaijiao International Invitational Tournament held in the Jiangsu Province of China just 2 hours outside of Shanghai. With a total of 25 teams representing 18 different countries, many different styles of shuaijiao were on display. USA team members gave an outstanding performance, earning six individual medals and a 3rd place team finish overall.

The tournament began with the Opening Ceremonies, welcoming each nation and honoring the tournament hosts and organizers. Various martial art performances followed, including a dynamic shuaijiao demonstration by Dr. Chi-hsiu Weng and Brandon Dahl representing the USSA. Shortly after, the competition brackets were displayed and double elimination rounds were under way. The level of competition and shuaijiao skills witnessed at this international tournament were thrilling to watch. Fast-throwing techniques of Baoding Kuai Jiao, such as split-second shoulder throws and leg blocking counter techniques, captured the audience. Beijing-style leg sweeps, trips, blocks, shaves, mops, and kicks coupled with precise grips were used to knock opponents off balance. The Mongolian athletes used pancaking tactics and larger movements to drag, pull, and circle their opponents. Most competitors used a combination of styles while maintaining an atmosphere of sportsmanship and professionalism.

The three-day competition came to a close with the gold, silver, and bronze medals awarded to the top three finishers in each weight class, as well as certificates awarded to the top eight finishers. On the podium for the USA was Maisie Lee, Christina Roman and Katie Brown for the women while Charles Lin, Christopher Slocum, and Christopher Genet earned medals for the men. Lastly, trophies and certificates were presented to the top teams overall. It was an honor to see USA team leader Jan-Yu Weng accept the trophy for the USA for 3rd Place. It was an exciting end to a fantastic weekend of shuaijiao. Congratulations to all the members, and a big thank-you for the supporters of Team USA!

(Katie Brown is an Instructor at Knight's Martial Arts in Bellingham, WA, and took 2nd Place in Yixing, China)

Details of Team USA members are as follows:

USA Executive Officer - Chi-hsiu D. Weng

Team Leader - Jan-Yu Weng

Coach - Mark J. Miller

Referee - Guanda He

USA representatives for Team 1 and Team 2:

Women:

50KG: Maisie Lee 2nd, Elizabeth Chang 4th

54KG: Shannon Harkin 6th, Elanor Drushel 7th

58KG: Marya Barrios 5th

63KG: Christina Roman 3rd

68KG: Katie Brown 2nd, Erica Pettit 4th

Men:

57KG: Jamie Van Doren 5th

62KG: Matthew Corbett 7th

68KG: Brandon Dahl 5th, Keith Judelman 6th

74KG: Nick Masi 6th, Emeric Chen

82KG: Charles Lin 2nd, Christopher Slocum 3rd

90KG: Fabricio Castellano 8th, Vincent Lai

100KG: Christopher Genet, 2nd



Yixing Medalists: Christina Roman 3rd, Katie Brown 2nd, Maisie Lee 2nd

CHANG DONG-SHENG MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT: MONTICHIARI, ITALY



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The USA Shuaijiao Team participated in the Chang Dong-Sheng Shuaijiao Memorial Tournament in Montichiari City, Italy, on November 23rd, 2012. The small USA Team made a good showing: **Matt Gelfand, 1st Place, 90Kg; Brandon Dahl, 2nd Place, 67Kg**



TOURNAMENT IN BRAZIL Coming in FEBRUARY, 2014

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Chris Genet, of Ho-Chun, fights for gold in the 100kg finals match.

YIXING, CHINA ACTION...

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IS NOW ON
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UsaShuaijiao](https://www.facebook.com/UsaShuaijiao)



James VanDoren, of CWRU, does a classic "Inner-Thigh Thrusting" move.

“What I can take from my experiences is that we grow with every win or loss. We become greater with every bonding experience we create, whether it be from making friends with a triumphant adversary or sharing time with an unfamiliar teammate.” ~ Yixing USA Team Member Emeric Chen

United States Shuai Chiao Association Belt Test Results

Cupertino Kung-fu Club Dr. Chi-hsiu Weng

White-Green Belt:

Jordan Wong
Mihir Sharma
Tanay Sharma
Miles Lim

Green-White Belt:

Bojie He
Dwight Lim
Chris Lewin
Joshua Yu
Justin Yu

Green Belt:

Marc Zabel
Corwin Hsien
Julian Hsien
Anne Hu
Ellen Hu
Kyle Rivas
Tyler Rivas
Rory Yau
Troy Rivas
Diana Hsien
Young Hsien
David Hu
Sharlene Hu

Green-Blue Belt:

Michelle Lee
Robin Stodieck
Vanessa Chin
Ivana Chang
Kirk Liu

Purple-Black Belt:

Vincent Lai

Black Belt:

Trevor Wong 9th Teng

USSA Mini-Camp at The Ohio State University Prepared Fighters



- photo by S. Heckman

On October 27th, 2012, the Shuai Chiao Kungfu Club at OSU hosted an all-day "Mini-Camp" event. This intensive seminar was to help prepare nationally-ranked shuaijiao competitors for the rigors of international competition. Dr. Chi-hsiu Weng led the opening warm-up with several flowing, chi-gung style drills that evolved into complex, coordinated movements. USSA President Jan-yu Weng then led the group in a fast-paced round of advanced footwork drills. The morning concentrated on particular techniques and angles, while the afternoon focus was on strategies and using the international rules effectively. Two sparring rings were set up and participants competed in lively practice matches under the watchful eyes of the senior instructors. Several of the attendees performed very well in the recent Yixing, China, tournament and in last November's tournament in Montichiari, Italy.

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