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Baoding Shuaijiao Tournament

USA Team competes in October, 2018, … *more on page 2*

Shuaijiao athletes and officials from some 21 countries came together for the International Invitational Baoding Tournamen.

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Franck Kangah knee-seizing his Italian opponent.

USA Team Results:

Robert Fleming - 65Kg 5th
Joseph Harrison- 70Kg 5th
Leo Rodriguez - 75Kg 3rd
Lavell Marshall- 80Kg 3rd
Chris Slocum - 85Kg 5th
Franck Kangah - 90Kg 1st
Nick Osborne - 100Kg 7th

Team Leader: Jan-Yu Weng

Lavell Marshall leg-blocks a Spanish fighter.

USA Shuaijiao Competes in Birthplace of Baoding Shuaijiao

By Nick Masi, 3rd Degree Black Belt, USSA Board Member and Branch Holder.

In October, 2018, The United States Shuai-chiao Association once again led Team USA to China to take part in an official international invitational Shuaijiao tournament sponsored by the City of Baoding. What made this particular trip extra special was that it was actually taking place in Baoding, one of the most famous cities for Shuaijiao in China. Located in the northern part of China in Hebei Province and just a short train ride from Beijing. Baoding has arguably produced more Shuaijiao champions than any other city in China, including the "flying butterfly" Grandmaster Chang Tung Sheng.

This trip was one of the most significant events for USSA because of the many historic firsts that occurred. One of these firsts was the live broadcast of the team's matches on Facebook live. We were excited to see so many family and friends of the athletes and USA Shuaijiao tune in at their local times all over the world to watch. Even if you missed them live, you can still go to the USA Shuaijiao Facebook page: **https://www.facebook.com/USAShuaijiao/** to see the recorded matches. Do not miss the matches of USA 90KG Franck Kangah who captured Gold while displaying the recognizable spirit of Baoding Shuaijiao with his strategy and rapid techniques. He also had the fastest match of the tournament, winning 8-0 in only 32 seconds!

Another exciting first for the team was the opportunity to visit Grandmaster Chang Tung Sheng's hometown and the actual training grounds he practiced growing up. The sense of history in China is always present, but when we can so directly connect with our lineage on a physical level, it is a very special thing.

Prior to the event, the Chairman of the USSA and President of the Pan-American Shuaijiao Federation, Dr. Chi-Hsiu Weng, invited Tournament Arbitrator, was joined by other prestigious guests and officials to speak at the 2018 Baoding Shuaijiao Cultural Forum. During this forum, both the city of Baoding and Chinese officials laid out its plans for growth of Shuaijiao around the world. The city of Baoding, in particular, has great plans and aspirations to become the epicenter of the sport of Chinese Shuaijiao in China and the world.

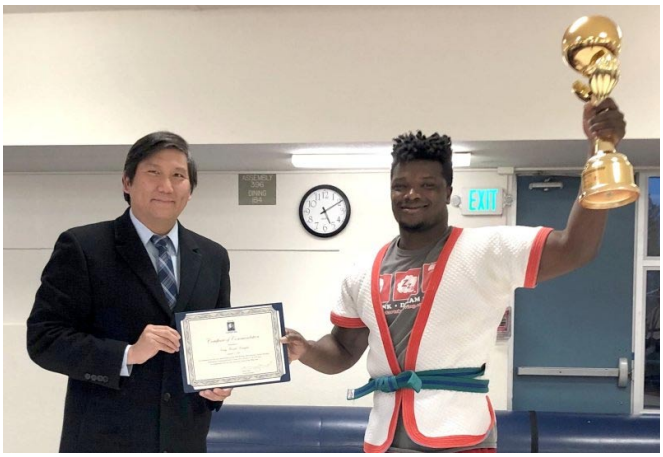
Even with only these exceptional experiences, this tournament would have been one of the most significant for USA Shuaijiao and the sport as a whole. However, capping off the tournament was one more meeting that set the stage for the development of Shuaijiao for years to come. Delegations from 21 countries came together to discuss about forming the World Shuaijiao Federation under the leadership of Chinese Shuaijiao authority representative. The goal of this new organization is to be the leader in the development and growth of Shuaijiao throughout the world and this initial meeting established the framework for accomplishing this goal.

Traveling to China for high-level competition is always an extraordinary event for USA Shuaijiao team members. The 2018 Baoding Tournament was really above and beyond in terms of the hospitality, the quality of the venue, the production of the tournament, and the historic firsts that will give momentum to the growing force of Shuaijiao in the USA. For more information about trying out for Team USA or upcoming trips, please contact us at **ussainfo@aol.com**.

USA Team members visiting Grandmaster Chang Tung Sheng's home training grounds in Baoding, China.

TEAM USA athlete development camp held January, 2019

The Cupertino Kung-fu Club hosted the first Team USA athlete development camp this year. The USSA will be conducting these camps periodically to build current and future athletes to represent the United States for International competition.



The mayor of Cupertino visited the training camp to present certificates of commendation from the city of Cupertino to first place winner Franck Kangah, 3rd place Lavell Marshall, Coach Jan-Yu Weng, and delegation leader Dr. Chi-hsiu Weng.

From Dr. Chi-hsiu Weng's speech at the Baoding Shuaijiao Cultural Forum:

"Participants in every style of combat will come to speculate on the meaning of life and wonder about their destination in the afterlife. Baoding Kuaijiao has a long history of creating numerous great heroes in the arena of Chinese Shuaijiao, their magnificent top-level techniques were admired by generations of followers who would always strive for the best in their lifetime. As modern educators advocate holistic wellness as the purpose of physical education activities, Baoding Kuaijiao deserves to be embraced by this community for the benefits it offers. Lastly, there is an important philosophic issue to be stressed: the glorious winning and fame accompanied by material rewards are not the highest value that coaches and athletes strive for. It should be the performance of competing with good sportsmanship, being positive and optimistic and to constantly advance our goals to overcome life's obstacles and to fulfill our ultimate potentials."

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United States Shuai-chiao Association 2018 Belt Rank Promotions

Black Belt
US Shuai Chiao Kung Fu Academy
Michelle Kennebrew (9th Teng)
Rosie Lee Ogletree-Josie (9th Teng)
Joseph Green-El (9th Teng)
Nikhil Sharma (9th Teng)
Dejonay Taylor (9th Teng)
Calvin Richardson (9th Teng)
Lamont Wicks (9th Teng)
Mariah Fleming (9th Teng)
Robert Fleming (9th Teng)

Purple-Black Belt
Cupertino Kung Fu Club:
Mikaela Lee
Nam Tran
Ivana Chang

Purple Belt
Cupertino Kung Fu Club:
Nam Tran

Blue-Purple Belt
Cupertino Kung Fu Club:
Chelina Wong
Katherine Ma
Zara Iqbal
Ryan Liu

Blue Belt
Cupertino Kung Fu Club:
Anisa Chang
Brandon Darby
Ian Darby
Arabella Darby
Vibhaa Senthil
Darrin Chang

Green Belt
Cupertino Kung Fu Club:
Rachael Zhao
Kyle Zhao
Alex Lew

Green-White Belt
Cupertino Kung Fu Club:
Austin Wu, Cecilia Wu, Ryan Li, Thomas Hou, Eric Hou, Maddex Vu, Cody Hsu

Rainbow Chinese Kung Fu class
Enoch Lai

White-Green Belt
Cupertino Kung Fu Club:
Meiru Chen, Jade Chen, Addison Li
Thomas Hou, Eric Hou, Bradley Weng
Megan Liu, He Yu Bi, Jocelyn Coon
Leon Deng, Joanne Deng

Rainbow Chinese Kung Fu Club
Adrian Bahng, David Nangoy,
Noah Nangoy

OSU Kungfu Club President Bill (Tianqi) Huang throws Edward Zhang while demonstrating shuaijiao self-defense techniques at the January 2019 Safety Resource Fair presented for students at the OSU Recreational and Physical Activity Center.

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