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## 2002 National Championships

*A tribute to a great Martial Arts Leader and the Beginning of a New Chapter in the Moo Duk Kwan*



The studio form team from Region 1 consisted of Gregg Harwood, Gordie Greenberg and Glen Boudreau.



Studio demonstration teams are for students of all ranks. If you have an idea for a studio form team, see Sa Bom Nim Harwood.

What an incredible few days we just experienced at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey. If you missed the National Championships this year, you've got some catching up to do. Everyone who attended was a part of "living history."

We all shared the emotions of the passing of Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee. A black ribbon was pinned on uniforms just below our Federation patch, and many parents and guests wore the symbol on their lapel. Even though we will no longer share in the Yu Sang presence of the Grand Master, his Moo Sang energy will endure.

We had an exciting day of competition on Friday. Team forms, team sparring, and individual Dan forms and sparring filled the day. It was amazing that we all had energy for a special Beach Party and Region 2 welcome party that evening.

On Saturday morning, Sa Bom Nim H.C. Hwang did a traditional bowing ceremony in memory of his father. All members were invited to participate.

Following the ceremony, a letter that had been written by Kwan Jang Nim Hwang Kee was read in front of the participants, family members and guests. It was an honor to be a part of the audience as our new Kwan Jang Nim was announced. Sa Bom Nim H.C. Hwang has taken the leadership position in the Soo Bahk Do Moo Duk Kwan.

It was a moving experience as the members showed their unanimous acceptance of the man who has been our connection to the Kwan Jang Nim for so many years.

The rest of the day was filled with sequence sparring by Masters, many exciting demonstrations by our Sa Boms, a special studio form team from Region 1, winning teams from the Friday competition, and then the Gup competition.

It was hard to believe that the Grand Master's Banquet came so soon. It was even harder to depart on Sunday morning.

We have memories though!

Please take a look at some of my pictures from the weekend. I'm sure others will share their thoughts and snapshots soon.

In Uniform - <http://www.jmaihos.com/nationals02/gallery1.html>  
Beach Party - <http://www.jmaihos.com/nationals02/gallery2.html>  
Banquet - <http://www.jmaihos.com/nationals02/gallery3.html>

I am looking forward to seeing everyone again soon.

**See more pictures from the Nationals at <http://community.webshots.com/user/soobahkdo1>**

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 <b>HYUNG</b>	2 <b>Labor Day</b> Dojang Closed	3 <b>Red Belt Evaluation</b> 5:45 - 7:00 pm No 5:30 Red Belt Class Fall/Winter Schedule Begins	4	5	6	7
8 <b>IL SOO SIK</b>	9 Philip Viana	10	11 Nicholas Buono	12 Anthony Papa	13 <b>Pee Wee Test</b> 3:30 pm Only 5:00 PM Beginner & 6:00 PM Mixed Classes	14 <b>Gup Test</b> Middleton 10:30 am - White/Orange 12:00 pm - Green/Red (All classes cancelled)
15 <b>SPARRING</b> Richard Cardinale	16 Brady Forcier	17	18 Howard Mechanic	19	20	21 Lindsay Broderick Judy Sudak
22 <b>HO SIN SOOL</b>	23	24	25	26	27	28 <b>Winding River Tournament</b> Binghamton, NY
29 <b>HYUNG Pre-Dan Evaluation I</b> 9:0 am Julia Viana	30	Happy belated birthday to students with August birthdays: Jacqueline Boudreau - 8/3 Ian Kondek - 8/4 Tristan Dale - 8/9 Theresa Sullivan - 8/11 Christopher Papa - 8/12 De'Anna Morani - 8/15 Richard Buono - 8/17		Brad Henry - 8/19 Brenton Adelson - 8/20 Ethan Harris - 8/23 Zachary Stammer - 8/28 Glenn Boudreau - 8/29 Derrick Wilson - 8/30 Daniel O'Connell - 8/30	<b>Upcoming Events</b> October 4-5 - Texas National Camp October 5 - Topsfield Fair Demonstration October 4-12 - Ko Dan Ja Shim Sa (Korea) October 15 - Red Belt Evaluation October 19 - Kyo Pa Tournament (Middleton) October 26 - Gup Test (Worcester) Halloween Class (Middleton)	

## Photos win out over trophies

Reflections by John Lawrence

Last year I was picked to be the third member of the Form Team to represent Region 1 at the National Tournament in San Diego. The other two members were Mr. Gregg Harwood and Mr. P.J. Steyer. We worked very hard for many months, practicing together two or three times a week. Mr. Harwood and Mr. Steyer were older than me. They were both San Dans and I was only a Cho Dan. In spite of the difference in our ages and rank, they treated me with respect and made me feel like an equal.

Finally we got to the Nationals. All of our hard work paid off and we won a third place trophy. Because we were trophy winners, we had a team picture taken by the professional photographer there. That



picture will be part of the Federation records. I ordered a copy of the picture for myself.

When I got the picture in the mail, I put it by the trophy in my room. I am proud of the trophy because it represents our hard work. I like looking at the picture because it reminds me of the relationships I formed with my team mates.

Recently I realized that if I had to give up either the picture or the trophy, I would give up the trophy and keep the picture. I realize that the relationships we have formed with one another were more important than the honor we received.

Good Luck to all of you who are going to Nationals this year. I hope you do well and win a trophy. But remember to take lots of pictures. Getting a trophy is fun and exciting. but the pictures will mean more to you in the long run.

**Editor's note: This story was written before the 2002 Nationals. The message is a valuable one for all students for future tournaments and Soo Bahk Do events.**