

USCKF's RELIEF DEMONSTRATION

HUNT VALLEY, MD

The United States Chinese Kuoshu Federation and its President, GRAND MASTER CHIEN-LIANG HUANG, hosted an all Kung Fu exhibition to serve as a fund raiser for the survivors of victims of the 9-11 atrocity. Held at the Hunt Valley Marriott Hotel, more than 45 two minute demonstrations were given of various Chinese disciplines. The two minute time limit kept the action continuous and the more than 180 spectators on the edges of their seats. About 12 schools from within the mid-Atlantic region volunteered their participation at this heart warming patriotic event. Coming from Harrisburg, PA; Philadelphia, PA; Washington, DC; Baltimore, MD; Gaithersburg, MD; Owings Mills, MD and Timonium, MD approximately 55 demonstrators dazzled the audience.



GRAND MASTER CHIEN-LIANG HUANG
soars as an eagle in a rare
performance

Things got under way with LYNETTE BROWN'S beautiful singing of the National Anthem. Next M.C. JOHNATHAN MILLER introduced up to the stage, each of the participating schools. Last, But certainly not least, each of the VIP's were called forth and recognized for their presence and participation; MIFUNDI DENNIS BROWN, SHIFU TSONG-YUAN HO, MASTER KEVIN PRESTON, MASTER JOE DUNPHY, MASTER RAYMOND WONG, SHIFU DIANE KOGELSCHATZ, GRAND MASTER CHIEN-LIANG HUANG, and yours truly ABDULMUHSIY ABDURRAHMAN.

It should be mentioned that one of the demonstrations was extra special. GRAND MASTER HUANG gave a very rare public performance, performing with the Twin Hooked Swords to a standing ovation of delighted onlookers. GRAND MASTER HUANG's last public performance was in 1986.

All the proceeds collected went directly to the relief effort with many thanks to GRAND MASTER HUANG for putting this historic event together and the Marriott Hotel for donating the use of the Ballroom. Altogether \$3,660 was collected and sent to the relief fund.

AAU CMA CHAMPIONSHIPS

ARLINGTON, TX

The Amateur Athletic Association (AAU) is the largest and exclusively all amateur sports organization in the U.S. if not the world, bringing together people of all ages and just about an sport. The AAU has a proud history covering more than 100 years. One of the many programs under the umbrella of the AAU is the Chinese martial arts, known by many as the CMA.

Since its inception in 1991, the CMA has endured much instability and uncertainty. However, since SIGUNG EARL PORTNOY has become the CMA National Chairman things are on the upswing. This year at their annual National Championship they experienced the largest attendance of competitors and spectators this author can ever remember. More than 200 Kung Fu stylists (a far cry from the 30 or 50 of the past) competed for the specially designed AAU Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

Because of its origin, the CMA has more disciplines, literally hundreds, of martial arts than any other culture. In order to facilitate this diversity more than 300 divisions were available for beginner, intermediate and advance competitors. Comprised of Internal and External arts. More than 500 onlookers watched with excitement as competitors from ages 5-35, male and female, demonstrated their best. The newly added Shuai Chiao (Chinese wrestling) and San Shou (full contact combination of kickboxing and wrestling) divisions were a welcomed addition to the format and was well received by all.

What made this tournament different from the many others is that all officials and competitors were required to be current CMA registered members in the AAU. All judges and referees were also required be attired in their uniform. This gave a formal air of international distinction.

GRAND MASTER PORTNOY and the volunteers went through much effort to make this event a success. Their next tournament has been slated for August 17-18, 2002.

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CAAT CHAMPIONSHIP

CUPERTINO, CA

Once again, as many had hoped, the Annual Chinese American Athletic Tournament held its all Kung Fu Tournament in grand fashion. Promoter and Shuai Chiao expert DR CHI-HSIU "DANIEL" WENG, along with the effort of many others host this event from year to year, striving to make each year better than the year before. These are the reasons why over 200 enthusiastic competitors signed up to go for the Gold, Silver and Bronze Tai Chi, Contemporary Wushu, San Shou, Shuai Chiao and Traditional Wushu medals available this Saturday. Traveling from as far away as Taiwan, Argentina, Brazil, China and all points of the U.S., more than 600 spectators came out to give their support.

Watch these pages for the date of their next event.
