



Dear members of the TGTSDA!

Merry Christmas full of blessings and a Happy New Year!

With best wishes for your health, happiness, success and joy

with your family and friends

from Klaus Trojens and family

I'm hoping that you and your family are in a good health and everyone is doing fine even with the current political situations around the globe.

A big thank you to all of you for your great cooperation in the past and your big support to lead our organization to our current success!

Please take care of yourself and your family members and take care of your health condition.

Hoping to hear only good news from you in 2025!

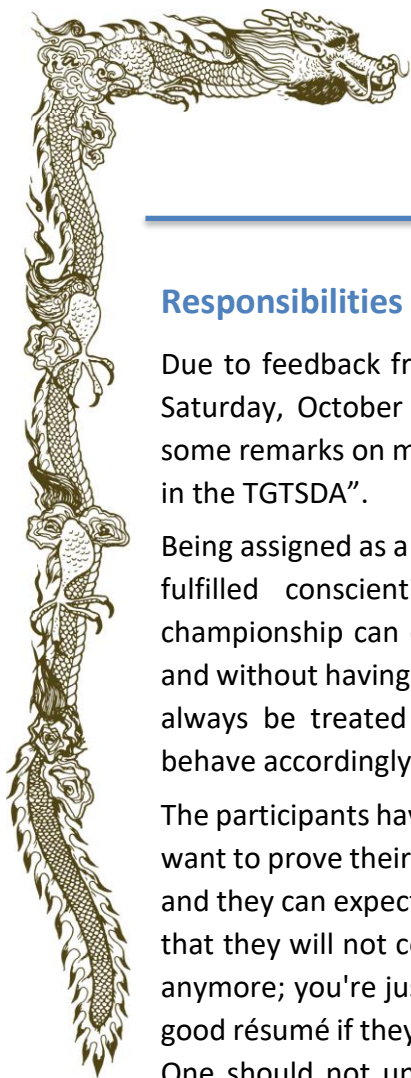
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Responsibilities of a Competition Judge

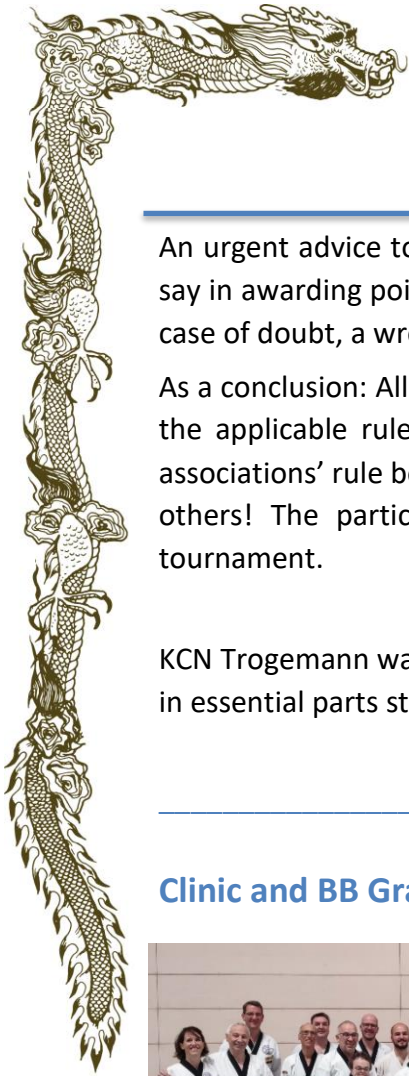
Due to feedback from the last TGTSDA World Championship on Saturday, October 12th, 2024, in Munich, I would like to make some remarks on my part on the topic "Responsibilities of a judge in the TGTSDA".

Being assigned as a competition judge is an honour that should be fulfilled conscientiously and responsibly. Participants in a championship can expect to be judged competently, objectively and without having advantages or disadvantages, and they should always be treated with respect, as they are also expected to behave accordingly on the competition floor.

The participants have prepared for this event for a long time. They want to prove their skills and performance to an expert panel - the nominated competition judges, and they can expect to be treated fairly for their efforts and long journey. Otherwise, there is a risk that they will not come back to a corresponding event. You sometimes hear "I'm not going there anymore; you're just treated and graded unfairly". For the organizers of a tournament, it is not a good résumé if they lose their good reputation due to the mistakes of assigned competition judges. One should not underestimate the resulting damage to the image that inevitably arises when avoidable wrong decisions are made during the tournament. Not only the participant in the ring, who is deprived of his possible placement, but also the spectators are annoyed by wrong decisions caused by rule violations and incorrectly acting competition judges.

To avoid such unpleasant phenomena, you should keep the following in mind: An indispensable prerequisite for a conscientious competition judge is the sound knowledge of the TGTSDA competition rules, which you should know or study in detail and also be able to apply safely and correctly. For this purpose, there is a Championship Manual in which everything is described in detail, the applicable rules as well as their correct application. In addition, there are annual competition rules seminars in which not only the rules are explained again, but also their practical applications are practiced. Less common competition situations can also be discussed in detail to clarify and eliminate any doubts that arise during the application. It is not for nothing that there is also a head judge (arbitrator) at every event, who can and should be called at any time to clarify an unclear situation or application, so that no wrong decisions can happen even out of ignorance. This also applies in order to not create a negative experience for the participants from this tournament. Mistakes in the application can be made from a lack of knowledge, especially in difficult situations, and are seen with understanding. However, blatant wrong decisions remain permanently in the memory of all those involved. That's why there is always a judge's briefing before a tournament, which every assigned judge should listen to carefully in the interest of a fair evaluation of the participants!





An urgent advice to all competition judges, as there are always five in a ring, all of whom have a say in awarding points as well as making decisions: Rather call for the head judge again before, in case of doubt, a wrong decision is made to the disadvantage of a participant.

As a conclusion: All competition judges, please exercise your duties with the necessary care. Read the applicable rules carefully again before every competition. Do not adopt rules from other associations' rule books. Events organised by the TGTSDA are governed by its written rules and no others! The participants should be able to rely on them when participating in a TGTSDA tournament.

KCN Klaus Trogemann,

KCN Trogemann was a competition judge instructor in the WTSDA for many years. Those rules are in essential parts still the basis of the TGTSDA regulations today.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Clinic and BB Grading in Munich/Solln



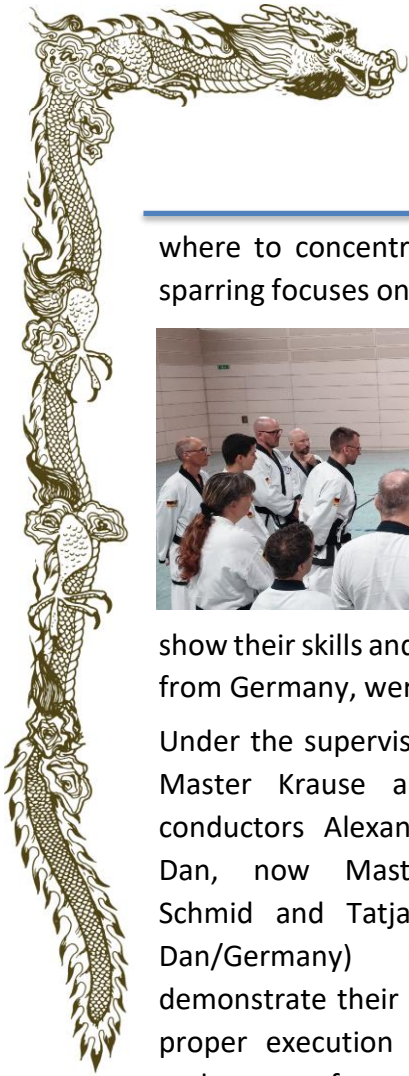
Three hours of practicing Hyungs and One-Steps, a sparring-judging seminar and a two-hour Black Belt grading were waiting for the almost 40 TSD practitioners from France and various clubs in Germany at this year's clinic in Munich. KCN Klaus Trogemann, Master Thomas Krause and Master Achim Brall were the instructors of the educational

clinic that was held September 21st - another great get-together with old and new TSD friends.

After splitting the participants in two groups, the Hyungs were the first topic of the day. Getting the movements right and working on the techniques was the focus. Once more it was clear that the branches that grow over time in various directions needed some trimming, and so the students spend precious time listening and watching their instructors as well as trying to implement what they learned into their forms.



In the following segment the participants came together to practice sparring and judging sparring. Since the World Championship was upcoming, KCN explained the rules of the TGTSDA sparring and



where to concentrate on while judging. He repeatedly reminded the judges that the TGTSDA sparring focuses on clear, clean and controlled techniques rather than a brutal uncontrolled brawl.



To give clear instructions as judges as well as insisting on obeying the rules of sparring at any time is one of the most important things to guarantee a fair fight and to avoid injuries.

After a break with a delicious Bavarian delicacy, the Black Belt examinees had to show their skills and knowledge in a two-hour grading. Nine participants, one from France and eight from Germany, were testing for Cho Dan Bo up to 3rd Dan.

Under the supervision of KCN Trogemann, Master Krause and Master Brall, the conductors Alexandre Bernard (then 3rd Dan, now Master/France), Alexander Schmid and Tatjana Schwarz (both 3rd Dan/Germany) had the students demonstrate their physical fitness and the proper execution of techniques, Hyungs and weapon forms, as well as the required one-steps, self-defence and sparring skills. In the final breaking test, the examinees were also able to show the practicability of their technical skills.



Becoming a Black Belt or achieving a higher Black Belt degree naturally requires a lot of physical practice, perseverance and determination, but also the insight and wisdom to recognise and respect one's limitations, especially when you are no longer one of the "young ones". So even if some have to learn it the hard

way, everyone gave their very best and passed the grading successfully.

Congratulation to everyone, you did a great job!

Tatjana Schwarz, Sam Dan, Bulsajo TSD Senden/Germany

Thoughts on the 2024 championship: Respectful, polite and fair

When I think back to the 2022 championship, three words immediately come to mind: respect, courtesy and fairness. These attributes also characterise the 2024 championship in Solln. The



interaction with each other in our association and during the championship is characterized by a deep respect that encompasses all age groups - from the youngest to the oldest.

As in previous years, all those present were polite and friendly to each other. In the competitions and afterwards, I could observe again and again that fair sportsmanship is very important. This warm togetherness, which was noticeable throughout the event, is what I particularly like about our community.



A special highlight of the championship was the announcement that our association leader Klaus Trogemann now officially bears the title of Grandmaster and has reached the 8th Dan. This achievement is not only a personal achievement for him, but a symbol of the dedication and commitment

that prevails in our community. In addition, Richard Suijker was confirmed as 5th Dan Master in our association, and at the same time we welcomed Alexandre Bernard as new 4th Dan Master. I am also particularly pleased that seven of our members have reached the rank of black belt or have moved up another rank. I would like to congratulate them warmly on this great achievement! Their dedication and hard work are inspiring and are a testament to the cohesion and support that prevails in our association. Such promotions enrich our community and show that our association is alive and dynamic.

I am very proud of my TSD Neufahrn team, which gave its best in the championship and we were also able to celebrate some successes. I was particularly pleased that we competed together, and I am grateful that everyone was so committed.

Finally, I would like to thank the organizers and supporters, as well as the set-up and dismantling team, without their help a championship would not have been possible.

Alexander Schmid, Sam Dan, TSD Neufahrn/Germany

Celebrating TSD in Munich – BB Clinic and World Championship 2024

Two fantastic events were held at the beginning of September in Munich-Solln: The Black Belt and Leadership Clinic and the TGTSDA World Championship. The countries of Australia, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Italy, Sweden, Mozambique, the Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom were represented by altogether almost 180 participants on both days.

Black Belt Clinic

Starting on Friday Oktober 11th, the Black Belt Clinic gathered 35 dedicated people to learn from KCN Klaus Trogemann, Master





Alex Goule, who came all the way from Mozambique, Master Lloyd Partosoebroto and Master Richard Suijker from the Netherlands, Master Viviane Roelofs, Master Thomas Krause, Master Achim Brall from Germany and other chosen instructors. Hyungs, one- steps, self-defence and weapons were part of the daylong clinic, where the participants split into groups and got to choose



the topics they wanted to specifically work on, and also a special form of Qi Gong and a sword martial art, taught by Master Goule and Master Partosoebroto respectively. A special topic was the training of the judges. KCN Klaus Trogemann attaches particular importance to a fair and equitable competition according to the TGTSDA rule book.

Besides the “technical” part of the clinic you cannot stress enough the value of the common lunch and dinners. Maintaining old TSD friendships and building new ones, getting to know the people also outside the Dojang, talking, discussing and laughing together is what makes these events unforgettable and fruitful. Great plans emerge of these meetings!

Next on Deck: World Championship!

And what an event it was! From our youngest, the Samurang Kids of whom some were only four years old, to Sam Dan divisions, roughly 140 participants, competitors and judges took part in this year’s championship.



Participants and audience arrived steadily from 8:30 a.m. on, chitting and chatting, and getting all excited about the event that lay ahead. At 9:30 a.m. it was time for the big line up which doesn’t get less exciting the more often you do it. For some it was the very



first time to line up and doing Sae Kye Hung Il Bu together with so many people.

Then the ceremonial part of the opening started with a short presentation of KCN Trogemann’s 8th Dan, which he was officially promoted to at this year’s Master’s clinic in July. For most of the present TSD people it will be one of the few times to attend such a special promotion.

KCN Trogemann proceeded with the promotion of the (new) Masters and Black Belts. After testing in July, Master Richard Suijker was promoted to



5th Dan, Alexandre Bernard has now the rank of 4th Dan Master and therefore is now Master Bernard. Congratulations everyone!

The Black Belts then gave the audience and Gups a glimpse of their skills by doing a powerful Naihanchi Cho Dan. In the Master's demo, Master Christensen from Danmark and Master Überländer performed a Hyung, and Master Goule showed the energy of the combination of Qi Gong and Tang Soo Do in an impressive demonstration.

Four creativity teams and nine team-competition groups were registered for this part of the championship. With great enthusiasm and awesome performances, the teams demonstrated their creative, as well as their technical skills.



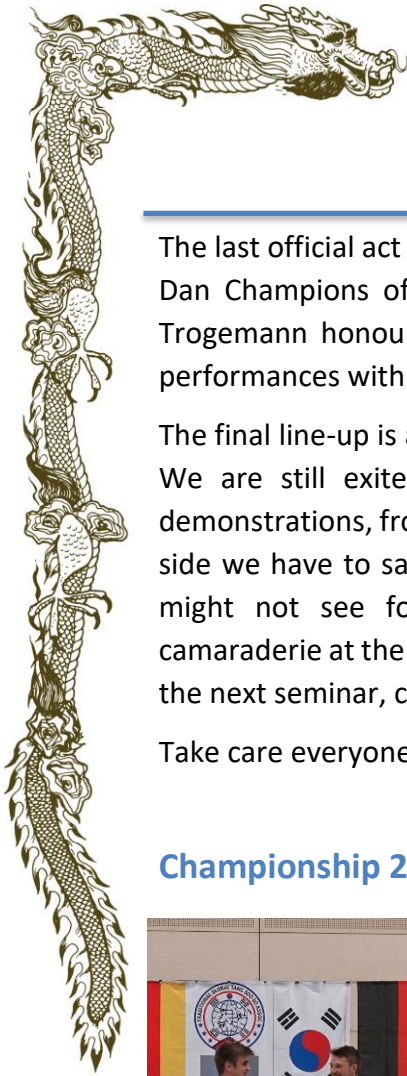
It is wonderful to see how very young and older participants, from orange to Black Belt work together to create this variety of different performances to show the audience and participants the versatility of Tang Soo Do.

Great presentations of the participants awaited the audience when the Dan and Gup divisions showed their talents in weapon forms, open hand forms and sparring, as well as outstanding sportsmanship and friendship. After waiting patiently, finally the Samurang Kids entered the competition as the first division, at the same time as the Black Belts. When you realise that these kids put in so much effort and courage, you can absolutely believe that these are the future Black Belts!

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The final competition is traditionally the Black Belt breaking division. 16 contestants showed all kinds of techniques: From simple but effective ones to spectacular jumping actions. And once more it showed that you have to practice distance, timing and speed to be able to break a board.



The last official act was the announcement of the Gup and Dan Champions of the World Championship 2024. KCN Trogemann honoured the winners for their outstanding performances with the respective trophy.

The final line-up is always a happy but also a sad moment. We are still excited from the competition, from great demonstrations, from winning a medal, while on the other side we have to say goodbye to our TSD friends who we might not see for a long time. The friendship and camaraderie at the TGTSDA events are what brings us together and what makes us look forward to the next seminar, clinic and championship.



Take care everyone and hope to see you all healthy and happy next year! Tang Soo!

Tatjana Schwarz, Sam Dan, Bulsajo TSD Senden/Germany

Championship 2024 in Soln - the first time as a Black Belt



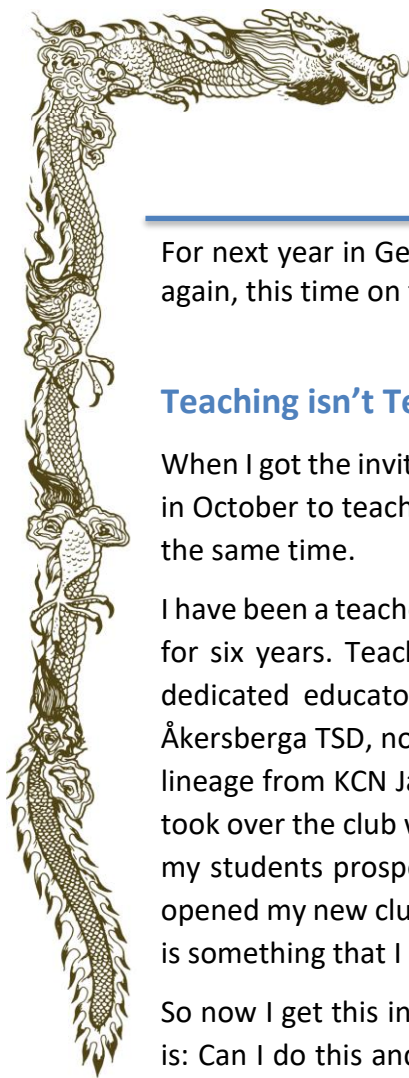
In September 2024, together with two other examinees, I successfully completed my Black Belt Test in Soln. I had taken a longer break from Tang Soo Do for private reasons and resumed training about three years ago. So it happened that I had taken my last exam for Cho Dan Bo on September 24, 2011. After more than 10 years, I had finally reached the first Dan.

At the championship, the new belts were traditionally awarded after the opening, greetings and opening words. Grandmaster Klaus Trogemann finally officially received his 8th Dan and thus took up his rank as Kwan Jang Nim in the TGTSDA. Afterwards, the new master ranks and finally the new Dan bearers were awarded.

Since I was still Cho Dan Bo at the time of registration, I was also registered as such for the championship. Due to the belt award, I slipped into the Dan group and was immediately confronted with a very high level of my competitors.

Over the years, I changed my attitude towards the championships. Today the exchange with the other studios and participants is my top priority. Everyone is there to give their best and if someone else is better, I can acknowledge that without envy and also learn something. This year there may not have been a first place, but next year I will try my best again to make it as difficult as possible for my fellow competitors.

This year's championship was, like last year, well attended, many studios and countries were represented and to see so many participants after the thinned-out Corona years gives me joy. I also had a lot of fun meeting many old acquaintances from other studios and exchanging ideas.



For next year in Geldern we have almost a year to train. At the latest then we will see each other again, this time on the other side of the "Yu Dan Ja E Kyung Yet".

Florian Decker, Cho Dan, TSD Neufahrn/Germany

Teaching isn't Teaching

When I got the invitation from KCN Trogemann a week before this year's Black Belt Clinic in Munich in October to teach Hyungs for Cho Dans to Sam Dans, I was honoured, excited and also scared at the same time.

I have been a teacher at schools in Bavaria for 21 years now and I was teaching at schools in Sweden for six years. Teaching is something I enjoy, and even after all these years I consider myself a dedicated educator with the best job in the world. When I opened my first club in Sweden, Åkersberga TSD, not only a dream came true but also a huge responsibility to teach the TSD in the lineage from KCN Jae Chul Shin and KCN Klaus Trogemann. My first ever Black Belt Nick Scardigno took over the club when I decided to return to Germany three years ago. To see the club as well as my students prosper and grow makes me a very proud teacher, and so it is not surprising that I opened my new club, Bulsajo TSD, last year. Teaching and educating children, teenagers and adults is something that I have always found to be a central and fulfilling part of my life.

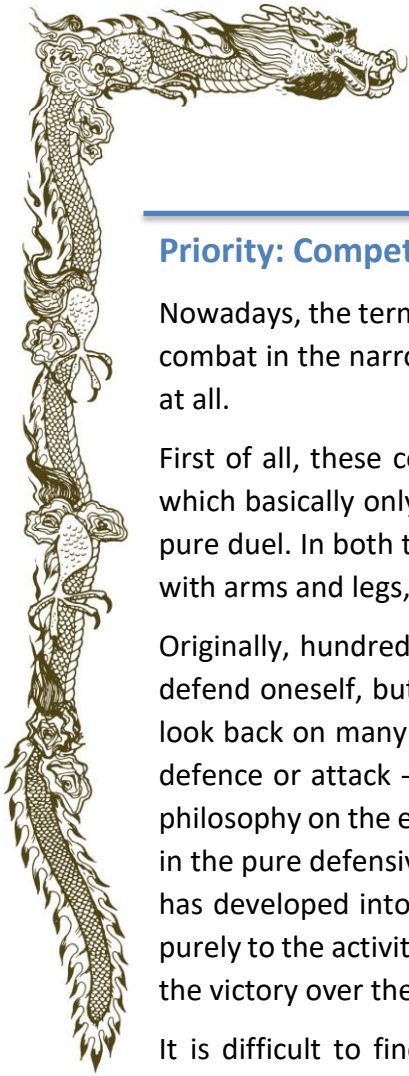
So now I get this invitation from KCN and, even after all these years of teaching, my first reaction is: Can I do this and how should I do this? So, before the clinic I went through all the forms from Bassai to Kong Sang Koon again (thanks Master Thomas Krause for all the videos you have shared on our cloud!) just to make sure I get the techniques and the counting right.

When I eventually stood there in front of the Black Belts, I have to say I was pretty nervous, which I am never at school. Of course, it is always a balancing act to not overcharge the lower belts or underchallenge the higher belts but then again, I have the same challenge in my everyday school life. So we started with Naihanchi Cho Dan, continued with Sip Soo, went through Naihanchi E Dan and, since some of the Cho Dans and E Dans haven't done Naihanchi Sam Dan, we spent some time to go through the movements in this form, and had some discussions about timing, the correct techniques and stances. As always, time was not on our side, but I hope that everyone could take something home, even if we didn't get to the higher Sam Dan Hyungs.



What I got to take home was the great feeling of being trusted with my teaching, by my fellow Black Belts but also by KCN. Thank you for that! It was a pleasure and an honour to be your instructor at that day. And if KCN is watching you at one of the upcoming clinics: Get prepared, he might choose you as an instructor next time!

Tatjana Schwarz, Sam Dan, Bulsajo TSD Senden/Germany



Priority: Competition Against Techniques in the Tang So Do of the TGTSDA

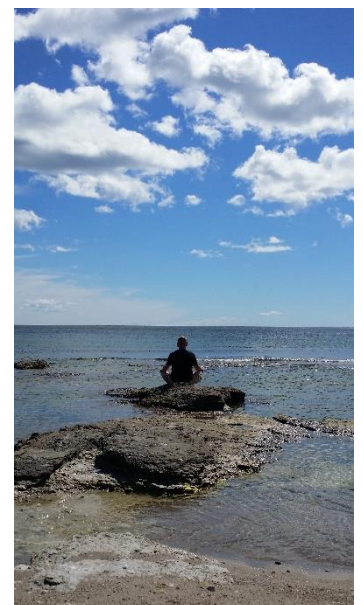
Nowadays, the term *martial arts* is all too often used for everything that has to do with Far Eastern combat in the narrower and broader sense. Most of those who deal with it have no real idea of it at all.

First of all, these combat systems can be roughly divided into two categories: First, the system, which basically only serves self-defence, and second, a system that serves more the practice of a pure duel. In both types of systems, there are not only open hand forms that are practiced purely with arms and legs, but also those that are also practiced with weapons.

Originally, hundreds of years ago, both forms of the system arose out of the need to be able to defend oneself, but as in many cases, to be able to use them as a form of attack. Some systems look back on many hundreds of years of history. Depending on where the respective focus was - defence or attack - the respective systems have developed over the centuries. Some focus their philosophy on the exclusive combat in the aggressive attacking form and others in their application in the pure defensive and yet effective defensive form. Over the centuries, the martial application has developed into an idea of competition, which, limited by a created set of rules, is dedicated purely to the activity and practice of combat, according to the motto: The winner takes it all or only the victory over the opponent counts. It is therefore reduced to purely physical exercise.

It is difficult to find or recognize a higher philosophical value in this form of practice. After a competitive career more or less exercised over a limited period of time, nothing remains, except for the injuries that are inevitably more or less incurred. The competitor gets old prematurely in his so-called martial sport, because he has also inevitably used up the energy of his body. As the old competition saying goes: The medals rust and gather dust over the years. The temporary fame has faded as time has progressed. What ultimately remains is only one's own positively oriented personality formed or acquired over this period.

In the last aspect, I would like to address the form of a combat, which is aimed at pure self-defence. Here, the focus is exclusively on the idea of being able to defend oneself effectively through permanent appropriate training and practice of the required techniques, as well as the intensive practice of techniques. This also happens based on a corresponding existing philosophical edifice, which one has to internalize more and more over the years and make one's own. Even in this form of exercise, you can't do without appropriate regular and rigorous training, which of course also demands the body, but is not as injury-prone as competition-oriented training. Permanent respect for one's practice partner is required and is constantly practiced. On the basis of such a form of training and the respect demanded by it, the existing good qualities of a person are inevitably promoted, and the





existing bad qualities are combated and minimized as much as possible. A more defensively minded person shows more of a peaceful appearance. According to this motto, it is better to be a warrior in the garden than a gardener in war.

This form, the more defensively practiced less injury-prone form of training, can be practiced unharmed into old age. It maintains the body, which has been strengthened and steeled over many years, at its reached level and additionally demands the individual mind through intensive occupation and practice of various forms (Hyungs) that increase in difficulty and shapes its personality in a positive sense.

KCN Klaus Trogemann

Germany has a new club - Clinic in Xanten

We welcome our newest addition to the TGTSDA family: TSD Birten in NRW under the leadership of Master Viviane Roelofs. Master Roelofs was able to prove her organizational skills right away when she made the hall in Xanten available at short notice because the hall of TSD Menzelen, where the two-day course in northern Germany was planned, was occupied.

KCN Klaus Trogemann and I set off for the clinic on Saturday morning, November 16. The planned train ride together - KCN comes from Munich, I wanted to get on the train in Ulm - had to take place separately "thanks" to the Deutsche Bahn, but our way finally led us to Duisburg, where we were picked up by our dear friend Daniel.

In the afternoon, 35 participants from Germany and our TSD friends from the Netherlands with Master Richard Suijker met for the first part of the course, where self-defence techniques and sparring were the central learning contents of KCN Trogemann.



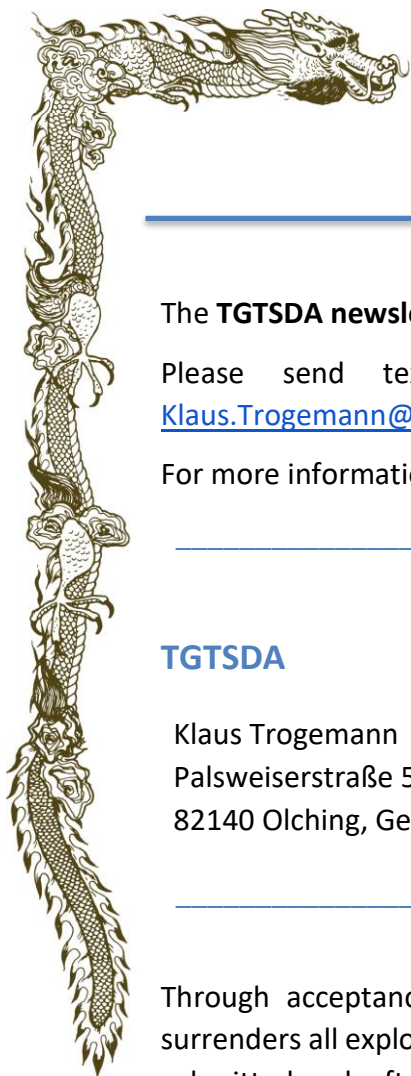
At the evening buffet, which Master Engenhorst had organized, was a lot to discuss and with delicious food and drinks the evening was very entertaining, and very long.



On Sunday morning, one or the other may not have been quite fit, but KCN's black belt training quickly woke up even the most tired bones and brains. Weapon forms with staff, knife and sword made the practitioners sweat a lot and occasionally you had the feeling of having eight arms and legs.

The clinic ended with a nice lunch before we went down south again in the late afternoon – this time together on the train to Munich – and we even arrived home in Ulm and Munich on time!

Tatjana Schwarz, Sam Dan, Bulsajo TSD, Senden



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