

### **WTA International Goodwill Tournament held in Dallas, Texas.**

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17 countries and 23 US states took part in the 2011 International tae kwon do Goodwill Championships at the Downtown Sheraton Hotel, Dallas, Texas, USA.

The worlds most senior tae kwon do grandmasters were in attendance, namely Grandmaster Nam Tae Hi, Grandmaster C. K. Choi, Grandmaster Kong Young Il. Grandmaster Kong Young Bo. Grandmaster Woo Yup Yang. Grandmaster Park Dong Kenum, Grandmaster Cho Sang Min. Grandmaster Nam is famous for his demonstration in front of the South Korean President more than 60 years ago when he broke thirteen roofing tiles with a single blow. The President was so impressed that he decreed that the armed forces should begin training in this art. This event launched one of the most popular martial arts in the world.

Grand Master Nam was pleased with the high level of competition demonstrated during the tournament.

The World Tae Kwon Do Alliance who hosted the Goodwill championships on July 22-24th are now a working member of Tae Kwon Do International and they are also recognized by the WTF Olympic organization.

The TAGB took the competition by storm, they won many gold and silver medals and bronze in the individuals, they also won the men's 3 man point team event and the men's international 5 team event. The ladies also won the 3 woman point event and the 5 ladies national team event. Grandmaster C.K. Choi said it was the best display he had ever seen from an international team. By the end of the tournament everyone was talking about the TAGB and their style of fighting, they said that their movement, use of angles and kicking ability was the best they had seen in the USA. The team went on to win many gold, silver & bronze medals in the individuals making them the most successful team at the championships by a long way.

Special thanks to 3 officials who traveled from the TAGB and worked all week-end: Mr. Bill Line 5th Dan from Southam, Mrs. Ann Thomas 3rd Dan from Brighton and Mr. Will Thomas 3rd Dan from Brighton and two yellow belts from Monmouth TAGB, Mr. Darren Wood who won gold in the sparring and his son Jodi Wood who won gold and silver, making their trip well worth while.

The TAGB squad members were:

Tamsen Clark, Nicky Line, Claire Sharples & Heather Braeken. Gordon Fearn, Warren Vice, Tyrrell Belony, Steve Fox, Munib Bhatti, Jackson White jnr, James Watson, James Reed, Darryn Duncan, Tim Chow, Michael McRobert, Carl Betty, Greg Dunlop.

ON OUR OWN WE'RE GOOD TOGETHER WE'RE AWESOME!

The TAGB