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Local Black Belts Crowned World Champions!

Benidorm, Spain - The International Taekwon-do Federation hosted its World Championships October 24-27th in Benidorm, Spain. Nearly 1,100 competitors from around the globe gathered for the largest event of the federation's history.



The event consisted of Junior (14-17 year old) and Seniors (18+) competing in Sparring, Patterns, Breaking and Traditional Sparring. Local Taekwon-do School, Red Tiger Tkd (1912 Welsh Road, Phila, Pa, 19115) represented the largest group in the country with 11 competitors and 3 coaches.

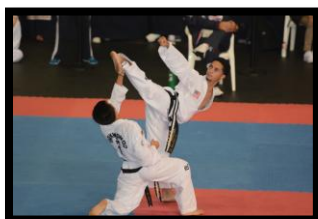
A stronghold in ITF Taekwon-do since the 1980's, Red Tiger Tkd is led by former National Team Member, Coach, International Medalist and the National Federation's (ITF-USA) Sr. Vice-President Master Marcello F. Cancelliere.

The eleven - member team made up of local black belts from Philadelphia and Bucks County returned with 10 medals including one World Championship.

Bustleton black belts Bryan Eng and Adrian Santana began the long week with Silver and Bronze Medals in the Junior Patterns Category. Feasterville's Brandon Yan followed up the competition with a bronze of his own. The 5 boy Junior team tied for a Gold with Poland and New Zealand in the Special Technique (Flying breaking Competition) but finished with a Bronze in the tie breaker.



In Sparring, Mayfair resident, Allison Hanusey captured a Bronze in the Female Heavyweight Sparring Division after losing to Russia in a hard fought match.



The final medal was won on the last day of competition but well worth the wait. The USA's lone gold medal came compliments of the Traditional Sparring Team of Adrian Santana and Brandon Yan.

This competition consists of two competitors choreographing a fight scene that must last between 60-75 seconds and includes aerial acrobatics. It is a crowd favorite and one that the USA has never medaled in competition. The team defeated Puerto Rico, Hungary, New Zealand and host country Spain in the final on its way to the Gold!.



Here are the official results:

Gold Medalist- Adrian Santana/Brandon Yan (Traditional Sparring)

Silver Medalist - Bryan Eng (Patterns- III degree)

Bronze Medalist - Brandon Yan (Patterns - III degree)

Adrian Santana (Patterns - II degree)

Allison Hanusey (Sparring - Hvy -70 kg)

Noel Rivera (Special Technique Breaking)

Nicholas Santana (Special Technique Breaking)

Bryan Eng (Special Technique Breaking)

Brandon Yan (Special Technique Breaking)

USA TEAM MEMBERS from Philadelphia:

Coaches -

Master Marcello F. Cancelliere, Sa bum Carlos Resende & Bob Hanusey

Team Members:

Shree Gandhi, Suzanna and Alex Aloian, Mohammed J. Ali, Matthew Buechel, Bryan Eng, Brandon Yan, , Noel Rivera, Nicholas and Adrian Santana and Allison Hanusey.