

The Big Five Chinese Martial Arts Events (continued)

Here are the other four events that will be held that week:

USAWKF/USANTCCF Instructors and Judges Examination Course. July 24-29. Candidates will learn the official competition rules and take a series of tests at the end of the course. Those who pass will be given priority as judges at major events, and be eligible to test for international certification at a future judging course organized by the International Wushu Federation. Master Malee organized the first such event in 2005 and then another in 2008.

U.S. Junior Team Trials. July 28-29. Twelve athletes under the age of 18 will be selected for the U.S. Junior Team, which will compete at the 4th World Junior Wushu Championships in Macau, September, 2012.

USAWKF National Championships. July 28-29. National rankings will be awarded in a variety of internal and external styles, forms, dual and group events, and sparring.

4th New England International Chinese Martial Arts Championships. July 28-29. Master Malee organized the previous three events, in 1999, 2002, and 2008, which have all been huge successes, with as many as 500 competitors. The championships feature a big selection of competition events for all ages and experience levels.

Malee's School to Perform Again at Mohegan Sun
For the Chinese New Year
February 5, 2011

For the second year in a row, Mohegan Sun has invited Malee's School to perform Chinese martial arts in celebration of the Chinese New Year. Alongside Malee's School will be Master Khow's friends at Calvin Chin's Martial Arts Academy from Newton, Massachusetts, who will perform a lion dance.

The event is scheduled to take place on Sunday, February 5th. The performances will take place around 2 pm in the shopping area of Mohegan Sun, not far from the waterfall. The lion dance will begin an hour before. You can also pick up a red envelope with money in it from the Money God there from 12 noon to 2 pm.

Because it will not be in the casino proper, anyone under 21 can attend (including young children). As with last year, the performances will be kung fu, but we encourage anyone who would like to watch to stop by that day!

You can find directions to Mohegan Sun on their website at www.mohegansun.com.



MALEE'S SCHOOL OF TAI CHI & KUNG FU

WINTER 2012 NEWSLETTER

SAVE THE DATE!

Malee's School's 18th Annual
Chinese New Year Celebration
Sunday, February 19, 2012
2:00-3:30 pm
Dinner: 4 pm

Every year since opening its doors in 1994, Malee's School has put on a Chinese New Year Celebration, with free performances of kung fu, tai chi, lion dance, classical Chinese dance by our friends at Asian Performing Arts, and special performances by our friend Master Chen Sitan, former world champion and winner of 32 gold medals in national and international tai chi and kung fu competition.

The program will be followed by a Chinese buffet dinner for students, friends, and family.

The next Chinese New Year will occur on January 23, 2012. According to the Chinese calendar, it will be the year 4710 (or 4709, or even 4649, depending on whom you ask).

Malee's School, on the other hand, will celebrate it a few weeks later, on Sunday, February 19, though still in the first lunar month of the Chinese year.

The performances are free and open to the public. Please feel free to bring your family and let your friends know about it.

The Chinese buffet dinner will take place after the celebration at the school.

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Chinese New Year Celebration (continued)

Tickets for the dinner will be on sale shortly. The cost per ticket is:

Student Adults and Family (12+): \$14
Student Children and Family (under 12): \$10
Non-student Adults (12+): \$15
Non-student Children (under 12) non-students: \$12
Seniors (65+): \$12

Please set aside February 5th to come to this wonderful annual event!

Malee's School Holds Grand Opening in Celebration of Its New Location

On Saturday, December 3, 2011, Malee's School of Tai Chi & Kung Fu held its Grand Opening at its new location, attracting an audience of over 200.

Since 1994, Malee's School has been providing quality instruction in Chinese martial arts to residents of Manchester, Connecticut, and surrounding towns. Hundreds of students have come for health, relaxation, and balance in their lives; and to improve their physical fitness, learn self-defense; and to compete in both contemporary wushu and traditional kung fu, as well as tai chi and other internal martial arts.

Now Master Malee Khow, owner of Malee's School, has moved to a beautiful new building with twice as much practice area as before. To celebrate the new location, Malee's School held a Grand Opening with free demonstrations of lion dance, tai chi, and kung fu, by Master Khow and her students. Also joining the festivities was Master Chen Sitan and two of his students.

World champion Master Chen is one of the most accomplished masters of tai chi and kung fu in the world. His 32 gold medals in national and international competition earned him the name "Prince of Tai Chi" (*taiji wangzi*).

The Grand Opening was a rousing success. After a traditional lion dance to welcome everyone, the audience was wowed by the athletic martial skills of Master Malee's top kung fu students. The beauty and grace of the tai chi demonstrations by Master Malee and her students was breathtaking. The younger children's speed and power were wonderful to watch. Master Chen and his students displayed top class skills.

Master Malee performed the rare Zhaobao He Style of Tai Chi that she learned from 10th generation Grandmaster Kei Cheong-Sau, followed by a demonstration of Zhaobao He Style push hands applications with instructor Anthony Roberts.

It marked an auspicious beginning to a new chapter in Malee's School's history. Thanks to everyone who attended and supported us!

Master Malee and Instructor Susan White
Serve as Officials at 2011 USAWKF National Championships
December 10-11, 2011

The USAWKF National Championships is the most important annual event in the U.S. wushu (tai chi and kung fu) community. This year, it was organized by Master Kam Lee in Jacksonville, Florida.

Master Malee Khow was helped supervise the event in her capacity as Chairperson of the USAWKF Competition & Events Management Committee. She also performed Zhaobao He Style Tai Chi at the Masters Demo. Instructor Susan White judged contemporary wushu. Susan is a USAWKF-certified instructor and judge.

Competitions wrapped up on Saturday, December 10. The next day several visiting masters taught workshops. Master Malee gave two seminars on Medicinal Chi Kung (Daoyin Yangsheng Gong).

All in all, it was a very successful tournament, with a good showing of athletes from around the country. Congratulations, Master Kam Lee!

UPDATE:

The Big Five
Chinese Martial Arts Events
July 24-29, 2012
University of New Haven

As most of you know, Master Malee is organizing a series of big Chinese martial arts events for this summer. At its recent annual meeting, the USAWKF Board of Directors approved the creation of a National Duan Ranking System for wushu (tai chi, kung fu, and other Chinese martial arts). A similar ranking system exists in China.

The Duan Ranking System is offered to advanced practitioners of Chinese martial arts of various styles. It is the equivalent of the black belt "dan" rankings of Japanese arts like karate. The System is being developed by accomplished wushu grandmasters from China.

The Duan Ranking Examination will be held on Friday, July 27, the day before competitions begin.

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