

We congratulate Master John Trudgill for hosting the largest All Tang Soo Do Tournament in our organization's history. The event, held May 6th thru May 8th in Cardiff, Wales, was an overwhelming success with over 1,060 competitors.

Representatives from 25 countries were in attendance as well as many Grandmasters including myself, Grandmaster Robert Cheezic from Connecticut and Grandmaster Fred Scott of Pennsylvania. And, at a special moment in the opening ceremonies, the Lord Mayor of Cardiff gave an inspirational speech.

During my speech, I stated that my lifelong ambition in Tang Soo Do was to develop an event where countries worldwide could compete no matter what organization they belonged to - a tournament without politics and that exemplifies good sportsmanship, honor and unity. Truly, all of this happened in Cardiff that weekend.

I want to congratulate all those who traveled near and far and competed, whether win or lose. You all contributed to the success of this history-making event. (Photos will be posted shortly.)

Master Trudgill and his staff of devoted students did an incredible job of running the event like a well-oiled machine. He was a gracious and generous host to all the dignitaries who attended as well as many of their students, no matter what country they were visiting from. What a great job! The UTC and the ATA are growing larger and stronger because of men like Master John Trudgill and the example he sets.

The poster said this was going to be a history-making event. It absolutely was and everyone there knew they were part of Tang Soo Do history. Next year the *Journey* continues as we bring the 2012 World Event to Boston on March 23-24, 2012 (at the Woburn Hilton Hotel). Information will be coming soon. *Tang Soo!*

Respectfully,

Grandmaster Richard Byrne