Athletes from Oregon, Virginia, California, El Salvador, and Italy marched into the beautiful Heater-Newman gym in Grants Pass, Oregon to participate in the annual Saito Karate-Do Classic.

Hosted by Del Saito's Martial Arts Training Center and directed by Tony Mendonca Shihan, this year's event was sponsored by some 120 businesses from Grants Pass, Italy, Hawaii, California and Virginia.

The three-day event began on Friday with a well attended sparring clinic taught by Pan American Champion Carlos Galan Perez, an all day competition on Saturday and a workshop taught by Master Del Saito on Sunday.

Athletes ranging from 4 to 65 years of age competed in sparring, forms and weapons for medals and trophies. A special team competition for families was also included in this year's competition.

Serving as Chief Referee was Dwight Grover Shihan from Virginia.

Dominic Isom from Chico, California was named Outstanding Youth Male athlete, Marita Grover, Outstanding Youth Female from Dulles, Virginia, Jesse Elliott Outstanding Male Adult from Grants Pass, Oregon, and Alessandra Arabi Outstanding Female Adult from Rome, Italy.

The Carl Raskin Jr. Memorial Outstanding Sportsman award was presented to Kristyana Roberts from McMinnville, Oregon.

A celebration party attended by over 130 athletes, parents and volunteers was held at the Black Forest Family Restaurant right after the competition. Many great door prizes including a beautiful vase by the Glass Forge, gas certificates, golf play, shirts and caps were won by lucky ticket holders.

Open karaoke had many great talented singers take the stage including a special treat by "Mr. Fabulous", a "10th dan" Las Vegas entertainer.

WINNERS

KATA Boys and Girls 5 and Under

First - Natalie Lai – Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Second - Dylan Mayben – Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Presley Pastrell - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys Boys and Girls 6 years

First - Elise Gattey – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Dean Bird – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Branson Whitney – Haley's - Chico, California

Girls 7 & 8 Beginner

First - Lorraine Selva- MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Paige Pastrell – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third -Kennedy Whitney – Haley's - Chico, California

Boys 7 year Beg/Novice

First - Logan Treanor – Haley's - Chico, California Second - Justin Maben – Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Justin Roberts - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon

Girls 8 year Beg/Novice

First -Trinity Coll – Pacific Crest - Truckee, California Second -Ella Elliot – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Maria Cross - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 8 & 9 Intermediate/Advanced

First -Matthias Gattey – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second -Cross Thornton – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third -Gabriel Wyant - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 8 & 9 Beg

First - Kalvin Diaz – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second -Abe Selva – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Ethan Carter - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon

Girls 9 & 10 Beginner

First - Samantha Manuel – Medford, Oregon Second - Circe Hudson – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Ysabelle Miller-Dias - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 10 & 11 Beginner

First - Bond Manuel – Medford, Oregon Second - Elijah Elliot – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Isaac Hudson - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 10 & 11 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Sebastian Gattey – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Jeremiah Noga – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Wolf Hill - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 14 & 15 Beginner/Novice

First - Dominic Isom - Haley's Chico, California Second - Mark Bickell - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Andrew Ross - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 13 & 15 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Olek Yardas - Ichiban • Daniel Salazaar – Salazar Dojo - Sangar, California Second - Isaac Manuel - Medford, Oregon Third - Gabriel Goad - Pendleton, Oregon

Girls 15 & 18 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Marita Grover – Ichiban - Dulles, Virginia Second - Stetson Sundin – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Idalynn Manuel - Medford, Oregon

Boys 17 + Intermediate/Advanced

First - Renzo Marchini – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Jason Salazar – Salazar Dojo - Sangar, California Third - Seth VonEggers - Pendleton, Oregon

Men Open Advanced

Carlos Galan – Ichiban - El Salvador Sean Marquez – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Jared Clark – Pendleton, Oregon

Women Open Advanced

Alessandra Arabi – Tempusport - Rome, Italy Quintyn Fazio – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Samantha Bates - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Women Beginner/Novice

Sunisa Chanyaputhipong - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Katie Elliott – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Shae Pastrell - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Men Beg/Novice

Jesse Elliott – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Ken Frownfelter – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Tony Lai – Mendonca MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Men over 35 Advanced

Nedd Wyant – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Charles Aoto – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Brian Banta - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Women's Masters

Irene Salazar - Salazar - Sangar, California Julie Lee - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Rose Bedrossian - Haley's - Chico, California

Youth Team

First - MATC 1 - Grants Pass, Oregon Ysabelle Miller-Dias Sara Mckee Lorraine Silva

Second - MATC 2 - Grants Pass, Oregon Abe Silva Ella Elliot Kalvin Diaz

Family Kata

First - MATC A - Elliott Family - Grants Pass, Oregon Jesse Elliott Elijah Elliott Ella Elliott

Second - Haley's - Bedrossian Family - Chico, California Rose Bedrossian Peter Bedrossian Mary Bedrossian

Third - MATC – Gattey Family - Grants Pass, Oregon Sebastian Gattey Matthias Gattey Elise Gattey

KUMITE (Sparring)

Boys and Girls 5 and Under Class B

First - Presley Noga - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Koda Spencer – Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Natalie Lai - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon

Boys and Girls 5 and Under Class A

First - Mattix Embury - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Hannah Newhouse - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Logan Mendonca - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon

Boys 6 years

First - Cameron Hyder - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Second - Branson Whitney – Haley's - Chico, California Third - Dean Bird - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Girls 7 & 8 Beginner

First - Kennedy Whitney – Haley's - Chico, California Second - Baylee Spencer - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Lorraine Selva - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 7 year Beg/Novice

First - Justin Roberts - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Second - Braysen Pfrehm - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Logan Treanor – Haley's - Chico, California

Girls 8 year Beg/Novice

First - Maria Cross – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Sarah McKee – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Trinity Coll – Pacific Crest - Chico, California

Boys 8-9 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Matthias Gattey - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Cross Thornton - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Gabriel Wyant - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 8 & 9 Beginner

First - Ethan Carter - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Second - Jason Smith – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Kalvin Diaz - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Girls 9 & 10 Beginner

First - Ysabelle Miller-Diaz – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Samantha Manuel – Medford, Oregon Third - Circe Hudson - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 10 & 11 Beginner

First - Elijah Elliot - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Isaac Hudson - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Bond Manuel - Medford, Oregon

Boys 10 & 11 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Jeremiah Noga – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Sebastian Gattey – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Cooper Howard – Haley's - Chico, California

Boys 14 & 15 Beginner/Novice

First - Dominick Isom – Haley's - Chico, California Second - Mark Bickell - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Third - Andrew Ross - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Boys 13 & 15 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Olek Yardas - Ichiban Second - Isaac Manuel – Medford, Oregon Third - Daniel Salazar - Salazar - Sangar, California

Girls 15 & 18 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Marita Grover - Ichiban - Dulles, Virginia Second - Stetson Sundin - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - IdaLynn Manuel - Medford, Oregon

Boys 15 & 18 Intermediate/Advanced

First - Seth Von Eggers – Pendleton, Oregon Second - Logan Goad – Pendleton, Oregon Third - Renzo Marchini - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Men Open Advanced

First - Carlos Galan – Ichiban - El Salvador Second - Jared Clark – Pendleton, Oregon Third - Joel Clark - Pendleton, Oregon

Women Open Advanced

First - Alessandra Arabi – Rome, Italy Second - Samantha Tipler – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Quintyn Fazio - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Women Beginner/Novice

First - Kristyana Roberts - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon Second - Codi Ooghe – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Kathryn Newhouse - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon

Men Beg/Novice

First - Jesse Elliott - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Ken Frownfelter - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Scott Bonney - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Sean Roberts - Mendonca AMA - McMinnville, Oregon

Men over 35 Advanced

First - Brian Banta – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Nedd Wyant – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Beecher Ellison - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

Women's Masters

First - Irene Salazar - Salazar - Sangar, California Second - Margaret Sundin - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Julie Lee - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon

KOBUDO (Weapons)

15 and under Beginner Mixed

First - Dominick Isom - Haley's - Chico, California Second - Logan Treanor - Haley's - Chico, California Third - Mark Bickell - Mendonca AMA- McMinnville, Oregon

14 and under Advanced Mixed

First - Sebastian Gattey – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Matthias Gattey – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Cooper Howard – Haley's - Chico, California

16 & 18 Advanced Mixed

First - Renzo Marchini – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Mary Bedrossian – Haley's - Chico, California Third - Idalynn Manuel – Medford, Oregon Third - Seth Von Eggers – Pendleton, Oregon

Adult Advanced Mixed

First - Carlos Marchini – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Second - Samantha Tipler – MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon Third - Silva Bedrossian – Haley's - Chico, California Third - Jared Clark - Pendleton, Oregon Outstanding Youth Male – Dominicn Isom – Haley's - Chico, California
Outstanding Youth Female – Marita Grover- Dulles, Virginia
Outstanding Male Adult — Jesse Elliott - MATC - Grants Pass, Oregon
Outstanding Female Adult – Alessandra Arabi – Rome, Italy
Outstanding Sportsman – Kristyana Roberts - McMinnville, Oregon