

LARRY MCGILL

1963: After doing about a year of Japanese Shotokan Karate I joined with Ralph Krause and his first partner Chuck Sereff at their little school at Colfax and Clarkson, 830 E. Colfax.

1964: The school was small & crowded so as soon as I earned my Black Belt I started teaching at the Downtown Denver Central YMCA and all of my pay from there went to the school as they needed help financially.

The YMCA had a physical education program for The University of Colorado at Denver so I started teaching a University level phys. ed. course in TaeKwonDo and because of that I was invited to teach the same course at The University of Denver. So, as far as I know, I'm the first person in the U.S. to teach Martial Arts as a University credit course. Over the years the YMCA connection led to other recreation centers and as I created Black Belt students with teaching abilities I branched out and opened recreation center programs all over the Denver Metro Area and eventually in five states.

1965: Founded The United Tae Kwon Do Federation.

1966: Metropolitan State College entered the picture and I began teaching for them so I was teaching part time evening classes for three colleges at once. In 1976 we opened the Auraria Campus and I moved there and began teaching days as well as evenings and ended up teaching courses in the "Sports Industry Program", part of the Human Performance Dept. The academic classes I taught were how to manage and market sports franchise business's. I taught four separate courses in TaeKwonDo every semester for 35 years, two classes in the morning and two classes in the evening on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I also ran my own studios during that time. (busy boy, huh)

1974: We put together the first US National Team by virtue of a national competition in Chicago and I became assistant coach and team manager of the US Team that competed at the World TKD Championships in Montreal Canada. This was the beginning of the pilot program to put Taekwondo in the Olympics. It failed for the International Taekwondo Federation as it did not meet Olympic standards and the Hierarchy wouldn't change it's way of doing things.

1979: I was invited to join the World Taekwondo Federation and head

this region for the Olympic Program that was accepted by the USOC & IOC.

1979 - 1987: President Colorado State TKD Association, help start the National Junior Olympic Program, Hosted the 1986 World Cup at The Olympic Training Center in CO Springs, traveled extensively on behalf of the United States Olympic program, Assistant Coach and men's team manager 1987 Pan American Games. Too many things to list.

1988: US Mens Team Manager and an Ambassador of Sport for Taekwondo for the Seoul Olympics. Retired from the Olympic Committee after returning home, enough is enough. For my work in the Olympic program I was promoted to 6th Degree Black Belt at an Olympic reception at The Kukkiwon in Seoul (World Taekwondo HQ).

1988 - 2001: Continued to teach at Metro State. Retired from Metro & TKD as a business in 2001.

2001 - current: Teaching small group lessons at Bally Total Fitness, selling Real Estate as an Agent with Prudential Colorado Real Estate.

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