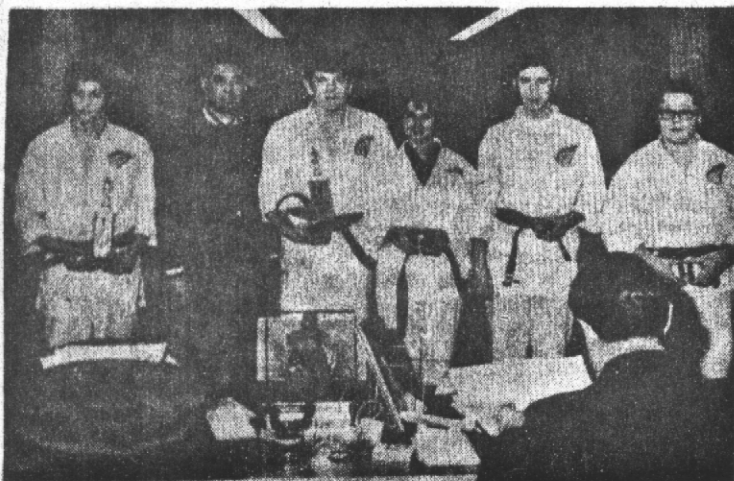


SPORTS

Self-Defense Championship



Winners of the kicking sequence combinations (Comsek), from l. to r. are: Jon Hanes, Downers Grove; Dr. Evan S. Baltazzi, originator of A.S.P., Brookfield; Jon Olafsson, LaGrange Park; Trudy Hueneker, Roselle; Tom Covi, Niles, and Peter Novy, Westchester.

The A.S.P. Association held its winter championships at Leaning Tower YMCA in Niles, on Sunday, Dec. 20, at 1:30 p.m. American Self-Protection, the newest YMCA sport and fighting art which comprises all facets of fighting, including kickboxing, grappling and self-defense sparring, has again demonstrated its versatility and increasing popularity. Grappling and kickboxing were particularly impressive events with many tightly fought matches. Duane Marquardt, demonstrated a brilliant mastery of choke and armlock combinations, with Roger Portner, and Doug Johnston as close contestants.

Bill Biewenga, lightweight grappling winner, made good use of his speed and suppleness to get behind his opponents and apply efficacious chokes. The most spectacular matches in kickboxing were those between Duane Marquardt against Jon Olafsson and Jon Hanes against David Donars. The caliber of the contestants was high but what was most impressive was their sportsmanship.

In self-defense competition, Jim Baltazzi made a good showing while Dave Donars and Leaning Tower YMCA instructor, Dean Rohner, and Chuck Joern, Jr. demonstrated their mastery

of advanced self-defense competition sparring.

In the childrens' division Steve Kazakoff won in grappling and Bill Ross won the kickboxing event.

Among the women and girls who excelled in their particular events were Trudy Hueneker, Cathy Ross and Colette Barton.

RESULTS

Grappling:

Heavy Weight Men: (1) Duane Marquardt (2) Roger Portner (3) Doug Johnston.

Light Weight Men: (1) Bill Biewenga (2) Adolfo Alejo (3) Gene McDaniel.

Women: 1st place tie — Catherine Ross and Colette Barton.

Children: (1) Steve Kazakoff (2) Bryan McGann (3) George Schaefer.

Comsek: (Kicking form competition)

Red Belt: (1) Darrel Murray (2) Catherine Ross; Tie for 3rd — Bill Ross and Kerry O'Connor.

Brown Belt: (1) Jon Hanes (2) Tom Covi, Niles (3) Peter Novy.

Black Belt I: (1) Jon Olafsson (2) Trudy Hueneker.

Black Belt II and III: (1)

Dave Donars (2) Dean Rohner (3) Chuck Joern.

Kickboxing:

Heavy Weight: (1) Duane Marquardt (2) Jon Olafsson (3) Chuck Joern.

Light Weight: (1) Jon Hanes (2) Dave Donars (3) Harry Dalley.

Children: (1) Bill Ross (2) Bryan McGann.

Sparring (A.S.P. Self-Defense):

Brown Belt: (1) Jon Hanes (2) Dave Offerdahl (3) Harry Dalley.

Black Belt I: (1) Jim Baltazzi (2) Jon Olafsson (3) Tim MacDonnell.

Black Belt I Women: (1) Ilona Tumpis (2) Pat Remsik.

Black Belt II: (1) Dave Donars (2) Chuck Joern (3) Dean Rohner.



Two area men finished high in competition during the American Self-protection Association's winter championships held at the Leaning Tower YMCA earlier this month. Doug Johnston of Skokie (above) finished third in the heavy-weight men's grappling category and Tom Covi of Niles (not shown) placed second in the Brown Belt class of the Comsek (kicking form) category.