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Frequently martial art practitioners tell me that they don't have a qualified instructor in town to study from. People are happy if they can see a master. They feel great when they actually meet a lineage holder. So how would you describe an event that you can rub elbows with a dozen of masters and grandmasters? You probably will be overjoyed. And how would you feel if you are with over 50 masters/grandmasters in one room? Trust me that you will have to pinch yourself and to realize it is not a dream.



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I was one of a couple of thousands luckiest practitioners who witnessed the great events put together by [Kung Fu Tai Chi Magazine \(KFTCM\)](#), Tiger Claw Group and Shark City Nationals to celebrate the 20th anniversary of [Kung Fu Tai Chi Magazine](#) on June 9 -10 in San Jose, California.

Established in 1992, KFTCM has been one of the most important establishments that promotes Chinese [martial Arts](#) and [Qigong](#) in the world. It is the largest English print media on Kung Fu, Tai Chi, [Wushu](#) and Qigong with distribution in the U.S. and overseas. Later with its online magazine eZine and now with its mobile version, [Kung Fu Tai Chi Magazine](#) is accessible anywhere and anytime in the world.

In the past 20 years, KFTCM has spent great effort to discover hidden treasure and presented the best of the Kung Fu in each category to the global community. KFTCM has introduced hundreds of masters to the global arena to educate practitioners of all interests. Readers enjoy learning the secret techniques and profound theories of the various Wushu as well as the exciting story behind the success of a master. KFTCM is a staple for martial artists.

In an Internet age when news is free for all online, newspapers and magazines folded one after the other. Martial Arts print media has been severely impacted. But the leadership of [Kung Fu Tai Chi Magazine](#) continues to invest for better printing, high quality reporting and new technology and the magazine is surviving well or thriving. They appreciate the support from the martial art community so they put on world-class events to show their gratefulness to celebrate its anniversary. They invited all the past cover masters along with many other masters/grandmasters to the three major celebration events. At least 50 paid their own way to San Jose and many came as far as China just for the two-day extravaganzas.

[The 4th Annual Tiger Claw Kung Fu Magazine Champions](#) was hosted on Saturday 6/9. The turnout was totally unexpected. There were over 500 contestants coming from various parts of the North America and China competing in 206 divisions and ended up with 23 grand champions in various categories – see a video on the left for the highlights. For the list of the grand champions, click the link [here](#). Additionally, Qibo Sun won Wildaid Tiger Claw Champion and Yang Chengjun won Songshan [Shaolin](#) Champion -- You can click a link here to see some the highlights of the Wildaid tournament. Many of the masters served as judges for the tournament making it a high-standard international competition.

The KFTCM Gala Banquet was a sold-out. Actually, due to the overwhelming participation, KFTCM had to add tables to accommodate 450 celebrities, masters and guests. Forty masters/grandmasters performed on stage. The entire banquet room was electrified with high energy.

Audience's jaws dropped when the 74-year old Wah Lum Mantis Grandmaster Chan Pui descended on the floor swiftly and popped right up effortless, the 70-year old Eagle Claw Grandmaster LiLy Lau did a double lotus kick with the foot touching her forehead and the 70-year old Grandmaster Liang Shou Yu flew in the air with a straight sword.

You would not know which one of the astonishing stunts hurt most, whether it was Master/Monk Shi Yanran staying flat in the air with few spears "supporting" his entire body, Master Jin Le turning his foot totally backwards, Master/Monk Shi Yongyao letting others kick his crotch, the 20-year old Jenny Tu bending a spear at her throat, or Master Phillip Wong throwing himself on the ground hard like a drunkard.

Master Helen Liang's Wuji boxing and Master Chen Bing's Chen Style Tai Chi were exquisite so was Master Yang Chenhan's Free Spirit Taking Down. Grandmaster Ren Guangyi delivered a thunderous impression with his Chen Style Tai Chi.

Masters/Grandmasters Grace Wu-Monnat, Wayne Peng, Li Siu Hung, Benny Meng, Jack Fu, Wang Zhihai, Daniel Tomizaki, Dino Salvatera, Jimmy Wong, Yang Jwing-Ming and Mai Yu Qiang all performed not-commonly practiced traditional Kung Fu forms, which really brought the richness of Chinese martial arts to the audience.

Masters/Grandmaster Mimi Chan, Bai Wenxiang, He Tao, Dennis Brown, Zou Yunjian, David Chin, Zhang Hongmei, Alex Tao, Chen Yanyang, Chen Tongshan, Daniel Weng, Hoy Lee, John Leong, and Wang Tat Mau all demonstrated their own specialty.

Grandmaster Tu Jin-Sheng had not performed his famous amazing act of Chinese Calligraphy for a while. It was a special treat for the audience to witness him do the beautiful Chinese calligraphy live in front of them while standing on eggs.

There was star power at the banquet. Hollywood superstar Jet Li's famous coach Wu Bin made a special trip from China for this event. His new protégé martial art champion and movie star gorgeous Monica Wang was a co-host for the Banquet show. Action movie superstar Jacky Chan's only inheritor movie star Jack Tu came from Beijing to celebrate. He co-hosted part of the show and also performed his own creation Kung Fu Whip. Appeared in many Kung Fu movies, Grandmaster Chiu Chi Ling is best known for his part in [Kung Fu Hustle](#). He demonstrated a Hung Gar form. Prominent global business leader and CEO of Digital Media [Jonathan Miller](#) first time publicly demonstrated his passion for Tai Chi by performing a Chen Style Tai Chi routine.

On Sunday 6/10, KFTCM hosted a large Kung Fu Tai Chi Day, which is a free Street Fair from 10 am till 3 pm in downtown San Jose and attracted close 2,000 people. Masters/Grandmasters Bai Wenxiang, Jack Xueli Fu, He Tao, Benny Meng, Shi Yanran, Alex Tao, Jin Le, Jack Tu, Monica Wang and others performed. Beijing Shaolin Wushu School and Beijing Shaolin Wushu School along with many U.S. and Californian martial art schools provided all kinds of exciting Kung Fu demonstrations. There were also free Shaolin Kung Fu, Tai Chi and Wing Chun workshops hosted by various schools. KFTCM Publisher Gigi Ou said that they want to use this event to promote Chinese martial arts to the general public.

Financially, it was extremely costly for KFTCM and Tiger Claw Group to host all three major events. Employees of both companies spent more than a year and countless hours to prepare and execute the plan. Everything went well. Not only the competitors and audience were grateful for KFTCM/Tiger Claw Group's effort to put these together. Masters were very excited that such a large event was so well organized for the benefit of the global martial art community. Masters also cherished the opportunity to reunite with their peers whom they have not seen for years in some cases.

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