

The history of  
Hwa-Rang Taekwondo Denmark

화랑 태권도 덴마크의 역사



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# Preface

## 서문

This paper is written as part of my 4<sup>th</sup> dan grading under grand master Shin Boo Young in Hamburg on the 21<sup>st</sup> of September 2002. The subject of this paper is the history of Hwa-Rang Taekwondo in Denmark with focus on my club Hwa-Rang Ballerup.

My reason for writing about this subject is to enhance deep knowledge about the history. I find it interesting to know my own taekwondo roots. Besides that I find that all instructors are obligated to know the basic history in order to pass it on to their students.

The history written in this paper is based on the knowledge of people who know part of the history. Most of the facts are gathered through interviews of people related to taekwondo during the years. Besides that, old club magazines, newspaper cuttings, etc. have given many historical facts.

Historical facts will always be subject to uncertainty because some of it is based on people's memory. Therefore some details in this paper may be incorrect.

I have tried to follow every lead I got within the time frame of this paper. However, that became the biggest "problem" for my research. Before I started the research I knew that it would be a big project. But I never thought that it would be that big. The project got bigger and bigger for every step I took. Each piece of information opened new doors to interesting stories where further research was necessary. It has also been difficult to limit the project to Hwa-Rang Denmark because the clubs and persons within Hwa-Rang have played a central and leading role within Danish taekwondo in more than 30 years.

I could write a whole book about the history. Therefore this paper only treats the history superficially. As supplement to the writing I have started to make data profiles of the clubs and persons who have played a central role within Danish taekwondo. At the time of writing, the "database" counts 55 clubs and 28 students. In the beginning I wanted to write the profiles in English but over time I started to write in Danish instead and therefore the profiles are now written in mixed English and Danish. Some of the profiles are placed in the appendix.

Sometime in the future I would like to write the complete history of Danish taekwondo. However, it will take years to write. My vision is to establish an electronic medium, e.g. a homepage, where it is possible to jump between the history and the data profiles.

Finally, I would like to thank all the people who have helped me to procure historical information and material. This paper would not have been possible without their help. In particular I would like to thank Palle Petersen and Carsten Reenberg who have been very helpful.

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# Chapter 1

# Hwa-Rang Denmark

## 화랑 덴마크

Many years ago Hwa-Rang was an army of special trained warriors in the Silla kingdom in the old Korea. Two millenniums later on the other side of the globe Hwa-Rang is the name of clubs with special trained taekwondo athletes. In Denmark the bond between the clubs associated with Hwa-Rang were very strong in the seventies and eighties.

### THE HWA-RANG CLUBS

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In the seventies there was a strong bond between the taekwondo clubs in Denmark. People helped each other all over the country. If a club needed help with a demonstration or if someone needed help to start a new club people came to help. Taekwondo athletes were like brothers back then.

When Choi Kyoung An came to Denmark in 1976 it was natural for some clubs to join him while other clubs continued their collaboration with Shin Boo Young. However, the split between the two groups got bigger over the years because of political power games within Danish taekwondo and the federation.

It resulted in the clubs around Shin Boo Young being called the Hwa-Rang clubs or the clubs associated with Hwa-Rang Ballerup. Because of its history Ballerup was a central point for the clubs in the eastern part of Denmark. But also clubs in Jutland had close relations with Ballerup. It was Sønderborg Chung Un (Allan Paulsen and Gunnar Nielsen) and Midtdjurs (Wandy Nielsen).



### THE ROOTS OF HWA-RANG IN DENMARK

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Only few people know the identity of those who lend their name to the Hwa-Rang clubs in Denmark. In some clubs people would say that Shin Boo Young lend his name to Hwa-Rang Denmark. In other clubs the answer would be Tu & Thuy. Actually, it is both parties.

Ballerup and Midtdjurs as well as clubs emerged from here have got the Hwa-Rang name from Shin Boo Young. His school in Hamburg was named Hwa-Rang in the first place.

Tåstrup and clubs who emerged from here have got the Hwa-Rang name from the Dang family, i.e. Dang Van Nham and his sons Tu and Thuy. Before they came to Denmark they trained at a school called Hwa-Rang in Vietnam.

It is a sheer coincidence that the two Hwa-Rang “roots” met like they did. The following chapters follow the history of Shin Boo Young and the history of Dang Van Nham and his family.

## Chapter 2

# Shin Boo Young

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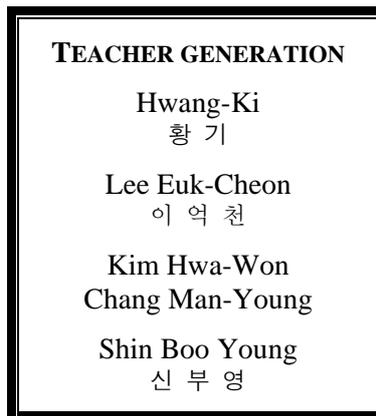
Shin Boo Young is considered the founder of Hwa-Rang taekwondo in Europe. He came to Europe in 1970 and was the national coach in Germany in the early seventies. He is the founder and president of Hwa-Rang Sportschule in Hamburg and he has contributed to the foundation of several taekwondo schools in Germany and Denmark.

### BACKGROUND

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Shin Boo Young was born in Pusan, Republic of Korea, in 1944. At the age of 13 (maybe 11) he began to practise taekwondo, probably because a friend of his brothers was a taekwondo teacher.

Shin Boo Young's first teacher was Chang Man-Young. Later he also trained under Kim Hwa-Won, and Lee Euk Cheon (a student of Hwang-Ki) who was the master of the taekwondo main school in Pusan.



It took Shin Boo Young about 4 years to get his black belt, which in those days was considered a long time. The reason was that the requirements for young people were the same as for adults. Therefore Shin Boo Young had to do the same kind of break tests etc.

Shin Boo Young enjoyed many kinds of sport. He was a competent football player at the school team and was also fond of table tennis. Athletics like running and long jumping also had his interest.

### GERMANY

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In July 1970 Shin Boo Young moved to Germany. Like many other foreigners he came to Europe because Germany and other European countries were short of labour. Shin Boo Young worked as a miner in Dortmund for 3 years.

After work Shin Boo Young practised taekwondo. At that time he was a 4<sup>th</sup> dan black belt.

## KWAN JAE-HWA

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In the late sixties highly-educated taekwondo instructors were sent around the world by the International Taekwondo Federation. The purpose was to popularise taekwondo in the world. One of the instructors was Kwan Jae-Hwa who went to Germany.

Kwan Jae-Hwa was a friend of Shin Boo Young's uncle (father's brother). Therefore Shin Boo Young started to train with Kwan Jae-Hwa in Germany. According to a quotation in a German karate magazine (1976) Shin Boo Young considered Kwan Jae-Hwa as one of the worlds best taekwondo instructors.

Shin Boo Young became Kwan Jae-Hwa's assistant. When Kwan Jae-Hwa moved to the USA (around 1972) Shin Boo Young took over the role of Kwan Jae-Hwa. About a year later Shin Boo Young was hired as national coach in Germany.

## TANGUN

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After the World Championship in 1973 (May 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>) Shin moved to Hamburg. Besides the job as national coach Shin also worked as an instructor at Tangun Sportschule. The chief instructor at Tangun was Ferdinan Hunkel whose daughter once became world champion.

Shin Boo Young stopped as national coach after 3 years.

## HWA-RANG SPORTSCHULE

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In May 1976 Shin Boo Young started his own taekwondo school in Hamburg. For many years he planned to use "Hwa-Rang" as the name for his school. Therefore the school was named Hwa-Rang Sportschule.

Hwa-Rang was the name of some special trained warriors in Silla (57 BC - 935 AD), which was one of three kingdoms in the old Korea. Translated from Korean, Hwa-Rang means "flowering youth".

Shin Boo Young's school also functioned as the Moo Duk Kwan main school in Europe.

## DENMARK

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At some point, the Dutch instructors Theo P. Salm and Bernd Denni brought Shin Boo Young to Denmark in order to teach with them at some training sessions. The date for Shin Boo Young's first visit in Denmark is unknown at the time of writing. At least it is known that Theo P. Salm, Bernd Denni and Shin Boo Young were instructors at a Vingsted Camp in Vejle (Denmark) in the Whitsun in 1973.

Since then Shin Boo Young was often in Denmark. He was a great support and great teacher to Gunnar Sørensen who was the only Danish taekwondo teacher at that time.

In 1975 Palle Petersen from Ballerup (Denmark) contacted Shin Boo Young. The club in Ballerup wanted to establish a closer collaboration with Shin Boo Young. During the following years the collaboration with Ballerup and many related clubs was increased and Shin Boo Young became the grand master for those clubs. Please see the chapters "Hwa-Rang Denmark" and "**Error! Reference source not found.**" for further information.



## **CHIEF INSTRUCTORS DURING THE YEARS**

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In 1994 Dang Dinh Ky Thuy moved to Hamburg in order to succeed Shin Boo Young as chief instructor at the school. However, this collaboration ended after a year because of disagreements.

After some time Nguyen Thanh Long moved to Hamburg in order to be chief instructor at Shin Boo Young's school. But he also resigned after some years from the role of chief instructor. However, Nguyen Thanh Long is still training at the school.

## **TODAY**

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Since 1995 Shin Boo Young has been an 8<sup>th</sup> dan black belt. Today he is still active in taekwondo and still doing some teaching at the school in Hamburg. Besides taekwondo he plays tennis every week.

For some years now, Shin Boo Young has practised oriental medicine such as acupuncture as a living. His interest for this area began many years ago and today he considers some of it as part of his taekwondo.

## **OVERVIEW**

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- 1944 Born in Pusan, Korea.
- ~1958 Begins taekwondo.
- 1970 Moves to Dortmund in Germany where he works as a miner for 3 years.
- ~1972 Assistant to Kwan Jae-Hwa.
- ~1973 First daughter Shin Su Joung is born.
- 1973-75 Coach for the national taekwondo team in Germany.  
The national team won a silver medal at the world championship in 1973 or 1975.
- ~1973 Was instructor in Denmark for the first time
- 1973 Moves to Hamburg and starts teaching at Tangun Sportschule.
- 1975 Passed the international referee examination.
- 1976 Starts own taekwondo school in Hamburg.
- 1980 Marries Lee Jung Ok.
- 1980/81 First son Shin Jung Ho is born.
- 1984 7<sup>th</sup> dan black belt.
- 1984/85 Second son Shin Jung Hun is born.
- 1995 8<sup>th</sup> dan black belt.
  
- ? - ? Member of the International Technical Committee in WTF.

# Chapter 3

# Dang Van Nham

## 당 우안 남

**B**efore the Vietnamese war Dang Van Nham trained at the Hwa-Rang taekwondo school in Vietnam. In 1975 Dang Van Nham and his family came to Denmark as political fugitives. Since then two of Dang Van Nham's sons have played a central role within taekwondo in Denmark and the rest of the world.

### FUGITIVES

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During the war in Vietnam, Dang Van Nham became a political fugitive. When the war stopped on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 1975, he and part of his family were in a fugitive camp in Hong Kong. Dang Van Nham could not return to Vietnam so he asked the USA and Denmark for residence permit. Soon he received a positive answer from the Danish government. He waited about 3 months but never got an answer from the USA. Therefore Dang Van Nham decided to bring his family to Denmark.

Dang Van Nham's wife was working for the South Vietnamese government in Morocco. She moved to Denmark shortly after the family arrived in Denmark by an A. P. Møller ship around August. A few months later (probably in October or November) the son Thuy arrived from France where he had been studying since 1973.

In 1976 or 1977 Dang Van Nham got a visit from general Choi Hong Hee (I.T.F.) who was a friend of him. Choi Hong Hee was a fugitive himself because of political "disagreements" with the South Korean president. Therefore Choi Hong Hee lived in Canada at that time. Dang Van Nham and Choi Hong Hee knew each other from the past in Vietnam and Korea.

### TAEKWONDO

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In 1975 the Danish television (DR) broadcasted a program about the Vietnamese fugitives who came to Denmark by ship. On that occasion two young boys gave a demonstration in taekwondo. Some members in Ballerup Taekwondo Club saw the broadcast. Afterwards one of the managers in Ballerup (probably Per Harms) called the Danish Refugee Council (Dansk Flygtningehjælp) to get in contact with the two taekwondo black belts who were sons of Dang Van Nham.

The Danish Refugee Council set up a meeting and Palle Petersen, president of Ballerup Taekwondo Club, went to visit Dang Van Nham and his family. They lived in Tåstrup near Ballerup. Dang Van Nham agreed that his two sons, Tu and Thuy, could train in Ballerup (Måløv) if Palle Petersen drove them between home and the club in his car. Palle Petersen had a red two-seated Volvo sports car but Tu and Thuy managed to sit on one seat.

A few days later Tu and Thuy had their first official taekwondo training session in Denmark. In Ballerup they were very fascinated by Tu and Thuy's taekwondo skills. They were also very good with nunchagu and other martial art weapons.

Tu and Thuy were black belts and much better than the instructors in Ballerup. However, they were only 13 and 15 years old. Therefore they had to take part in the training instead of teaching in the beginning. It might have seemed wrong in the eyes of their father according to Palle Petersen.

However, Dang Van Nham and Palle Petersen became friends and today Dang Van Nham says that Palle Petersen was his first friend in Denmark.

One of the first times when Palle Petersen could pick Tu and Thuy up in Tåstrup they first had to take the bus to Ballerup Station. Here they met 3 drunken men who were bothering two ladies. Afterwards, the men wanted to tease these two small Vietnamese boys. But instead Tu and Thuy (who wore patters) beat them up. When Palle Petersen came to the station to pick them up the police was already there. Afterwards everyone in Ballerup knew about the incident and the three drunken fools.

## **TÅSTRUP AND BRØNDBY STRAND**

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In January 1976 Dang Van Nham and his two sons started to teach taekwondo in Tåstrup. Dang Van Nham was also a black belt (2<sup>nd</sup> dan).

Around February Dang Van Nham and his sons started to teach taekwondo in Brøndby Strand as well. They were asked by a friend of the family; a lady within the Catholic Church. There was already some kind of a club in Brøndby Strand where self-defence (maybe karate and jiu-jitsu) was practised. It was mostly Tu and Thuy who did the teaching in Brøndby Strand. However, they stopped after a few months because it was too difficult to take public transport between Tåstrup and Brøndby Strand.

In the summer of 1976 the Dang family founded a taekwondo club in Tåstrup.

## **DURING THE YEARS**

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Tu and Thuy trained in Ballerup for a couple of years. At tournaments they always competed in the name of Ballerup even though Tåstrup was their “own” club. In 1977 they competed at the world championship in Chicago together with John Petersen and Bo Dethlefsen from Ballerup. Tu lost his first fight but Thuy got 4<sup>th</sup> place.

From 1978 to 1984 Tu and Thuy concentrated mainly on their club in Tåstrup. Around 1982 they helped Cho Won Sup who was chief instructor in Rødovre. In 1984 Tu and Thuy moved to Rødovre where they took over the club after Cho Won Sup had started his own club in Lyngby.

In 1994 Thuy moved to Hamburg in order to be the chief instructor at Shin Boo Young’s school. However, this collaboration ended after a year because of disagreements. Thuy stayed in Hamburg but resumed his civil work as graphic designer. Today Thuy still lives in Hamburg with his wife Kim Nhung and their two daughters.

Today Tu is coach for the Danish National Technical Team and is also a member at the Danish Taekwondo Demonstration Team. He is also coach for the national team in Israel. Besides that he teaches taekwondo all over the world whenever he can get off from his work as a navigator.

## Chapter 4

# Ballerup Taekwondo Club

## 발러룹 태권도 클럽

In 1974 Palle Petersen started Ballerup Taekwondo Club as the first taekwondo club in Zealand (eastern part of Denmark). The following year the club began to train with master Shin Boo Young, which soon made Ballerup the leading club in Denmark. People from other clubs came to train in Ballerup, which also became the starting point for new clubs. On top of that Ballerup became the centre of Hwa-Rang Denmark. After some years with varying success Ballerup started to rise again in the mid-nineties. Today Ballerup is one of the most successful clubs and has a leading role within Danish Taekwondo.

### **PALLE PETERSEN**

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At some point in 1973 a young man named Palle Petersen started to train taekwondo at the training sessions arranged by the Danish Judo Union. The training session often took place in Sønderborg and Oksbøl. In November 1973 the first train session on Zealand was arranged in Brøndby. Like in Jutland the instructor was Gunnar Sørensen from Sønderborg.

Palle Petersen was 25 years old at that time. He trained judo and was manager of the judo division in the sport club IF Frem in Bjæverskov. In the meantime Palle Petersen moved to Ballerup where he made preparations to start a taekwondo club. Meanwhile he trained taekwondo in the back yard with some friends.

In 1974, probably around May, Palle Petersen founded the club together with Niels Viborg and Otto Christensen. On September 2<sup>nd</sup> the first official training took place in the fitness room in Måløv Hallen (sportshall) where the club could train late at night three days in the week.



### **COLLABORATION WITH SHIN BOO YOUNG**

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In the beginning Gunnar Sørensen came to Ballerup to teach taekwondo. However, eventually Ballerup had enough of Gunnar Sørensen who made a lot of money each time he visited Ballerup. On

top of his teaching fees he also made money on gradings and the sale of belts afterwards. In one weekend Gunnar Sørensen made 5-10,000 DKK, which was a lot of money at that time.

Some time in 1975 Ballerup called Tangun Sportschule in Hamburg, Germany, where Shin Boo Young was teaching taekwondo. Shin Boo Young was also national coach in Germany. Students from Ballerup had already taken part in training sessions with Shin Boo Young, which were held in different parts of Denmark.

The following years Ballerup used Shin Boo Young as their taekwondo master. Shin Boo Young was a superb martial artist. The close collaboration with Shin Boo Young resulted in Ballerup becoming the leading club in Danish taekwondo for many years.

## **DIFFERENT CLUB NAMES**

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In January 1975 the club had no alternative but to train in both Ballerup and Måløv. There were too many classes in proportion to the available space of time in Måløv. In addition to that, after the summer in 1975 the club also established satellite clubs in 4 cities nearby (Ølstykke, Skovlunde, Herlev and Albertslund). Because of that the club changed name from Ballerup Taekwondo Club to Copenhagen Taekwondo Club.

In May 1976 Shin Boo Young started his own school in Hamburg, Germany. He named the school "Hwa-Rang". He also gave this name to Ballerup. Therefore the club name was changed (again) to Hwa-Rang Taekwondo Club.

Over the years the club name has been changed 1 or 2 times for technical reasons. Today the club name is Ballerup Taekwondo Club (like in the beginning) and has "Hwa-Rang" as a supplementary name. Often the club is called Hwa-Rang Ballerup depending on the occasion.

The club logo has been changed in accordance with changes to the club name.

## **FIRST BLACK BELTS**

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In July 1975 Morten Vedel Nielsen went to Korea. There he trained taekwondo for 8 months and was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> dan black belt. As a result, Morten Vedel Nielsen became the first black belt student in Ballerup.

Unfortunately, Morten Vedel Nielsen did not train much in Ballerup after that time. Among other things he wanted to give private lessons and earn some money from that. Maybe that was to retrieve some of the 26,000 DKK he spent on his trip to Korea. Of course, he was entitled to do so even though it did not match the big expectation that his club had of him and his trip to Korea. 10 months later Morten Vedel Nielsen started a club in Rødovre.

Palle Petersen became the next black belt in Ballerup. Shin Boo Young promoted him to 1st dan in November 1976. Since then over 100 students have been promoted to black belt.

## **NATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS**

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In the seventies there was no national team in Denmark. Instead people from Ballerup and the related clubs, e.g. Sønderborg Chung Un, competed around Europe with a club team. In 1976 the team went to a tournament in Haag, Holland. When they arrived in Hamburg to stay overnight a poster from the tournament surprised them: "European Championship for Teams". They thought that they were on the way to a small tournament. However, it did not scare them off and the team got 4<sup>th</sup> place.



In 1977 the Danish Taekwondo Federation informed the clubs that the federation did not have money to send fighters to the world championship in Chicago. Therefore the clubs were free to go if they could raise money for the trip. Ballerup used the opportunity and sent 4 fighters to Chicago: Bo Dethlefsen, John Pedersen, Dang Dinh Ky Tu and Dang Dinh Ky Thuy. All of them lost their first fight. However, Thuy's opponent won the tournament and therefore Thuy got another chance. In the end he lost the fight for the bronze medal and got a 4<sup>th</sup> place.

### **Fighting Team**

In 1980 when the Danish Taekwondo was re-united into one federation the Danish National Team (kireugi) was established. In the period until 1985 Ballerup had 9 members on the team:

- John Pedersen
- Bo Dethlefsen
- Jimmy Stålkjær
- Laust Palle
- Laila Jensen
- John Villy Scheerer
- Flemming Kristensen
- Lars Einar Hansen
- Jimmy Nakel

Most of them were on the team throughout the whole period. However, from time to time people were dismissed from the team depending on tournament results – and the mood of the national coach. It was a curious system without continuity. For instance, John P., Bo and John S. were dismissed from the team that was selected for the world championship in 1983 because they raised objections to some of the other selections. Afterwards they were selected onto the national team again.

The best result for Ballerup in those years was in 1980 when Laila Jensen won the European Championship. Please see the club profile for further results.



After some years without national team members from Ballerup being selected onto the national team, it happened again around 1990. This time it was Lennart Mortensen, Martin Nicolic and Tina Howard.

After a decade without any members on the national fighting team Allan B. Pedersen was selected onto the team in 2002. It was after a great performance at the national championship where he was honoured as the best male fighter even though he “only” came second. Allan was also on the national team in 1991-94 when he trained in Gladsaxe.

### **Poomse Team**

In 1994 the first National Championship in poomse took place. At that tournament the Danish National Technical Team was established as a second national team. The selection for the team was based on the tournament results. Randi West Hansen from Ballerup came second in her group at the tournament and was selected onto the team.

The following years the technical tournaments became more popular and Ballerup became more focused on the technical disciplines. The technical level in Ballerup had always been very high because of Shin Boo Young. However, the level was increased even more in the 1994-95 when Ballerup hired Dang Dinh Ky Tu, coach for the National Technical Team (who trained in Ballerup from 1975-1978), as guest instructor.

In 1996 Claus D. Thomsen and Peter H. Kristensen were also selected onto the team. The following years Ballerup became one of the leading clubs in Denmark within the technical disciplines – just like Ballerup was within kireugi until the mid-eighties.

In April 2001 the number of national team members was increased when Trine B. Jørgensen changed club from Tåstrup to Ballerup. In October that year all 4 students participated in the European Championship in Germany. Claus and Peter became European Champions while Randi and Trine won silver and bronze. Besides the medals the Danish Team received a prize of honour from the German interior minister because of their spirit in good sportsmanship. The prize of honour was established because of the terror attacks on USA on September 9<sup>th</sup> a few weeks before the European Championship.



Later, Randi, Claus and Peter were selected amongst 6 people who were going to Korea in the summer of 2002. They were to compete at the “Korean Open” (4<sup>th</sup> International Muyae Taekwondo Championship). The purpose was to show the Danish flag and observe the Korean tendency within the technical tournaments in order to prepare Denmark for the first World Technical Championship some time in the future. The Danish Team had no expectations in winning the Korean Open because they did not know the conditions of technical tournaments in Korea. However, the Danish Team won almost everything at the Korean Open. Each of the team members returned to Denmark with 3-5 gold

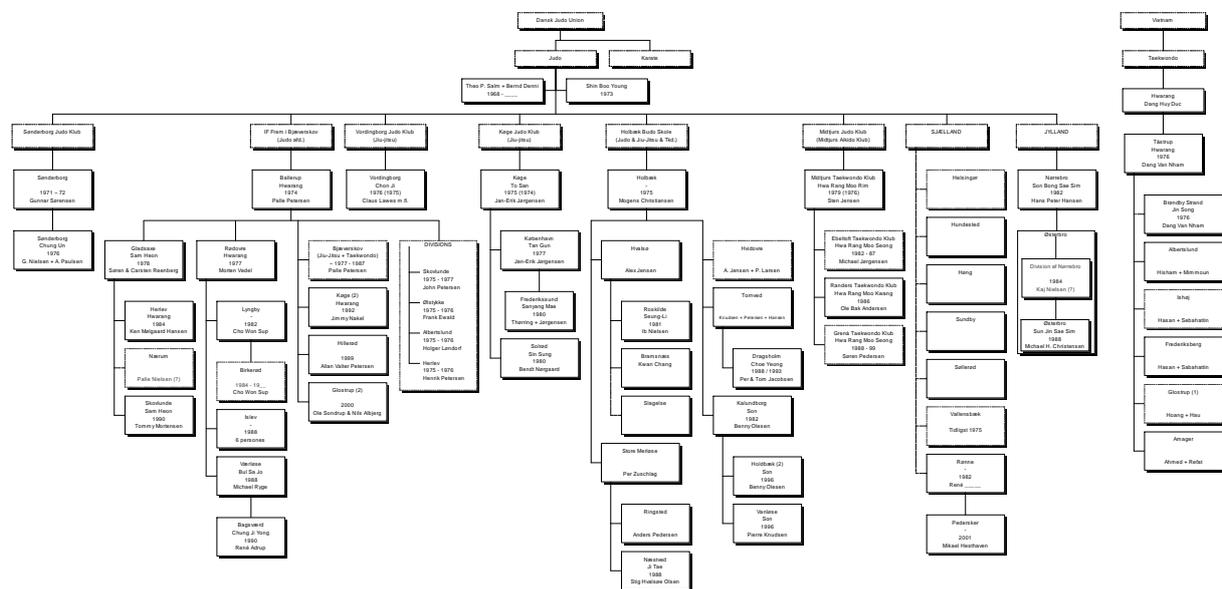
medals. The Danish Team became so popular that the organizers asked the Danes to perform a show at the closing ceremony.

## Demonstration Team

Besides the two national teams, the Danish Taekwondo Federation re-established the national demonstration team before the federation's 25th anniversary in February 2000. Randi West Hansen, Claus D. Thomsen and Peter H. Kristensen were selected from Ballerup. Later Trine B. Jørgensen was selected onto the demonstration team as well. Finally, in 2002 Ali Ijaz was selected as the fifth team member from Ballerup.

## GENEALOGICAL TREE

Since Ballerup was the first club in Zealand, almost every club in the eastern part of Denmark – and some clubs in the western part (Jutland) – is related to Ballerup in some way. A genealogical tree of those clubs is shown below. The tree is enlarged on the following pages.



Only 7 of the clubs in Zealand are not defined in relation to which clubs they emerged from (cf. the broken connection lines). Federations and clubs with broken box lines are either non-taekwondo units or taekwondo clubs that have closed.

## OVERVIEW

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- 1973 Palle Petersen starts to train taekwondo under Gunnar Sørensen in Sønderborg and Oksbøl.
- 1974 Palle Petersen founds Ballerup Taekwondo Club. First official training takes place in Måløvhallen (sportshall) on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 1975 New classes for boys and girls below 15 years are started.  
Besides training locations in both Måløv and Ballerup, affiliates are opened in Ølstykke, Skovlunde, Herlev and Albertslund. Because of that, the club name is changed to Copenhagen Taekwondo Club.  
The club starts collaboration with master Shin Boo Young from Germany.
- 1976 Master Shin Boo Young gives the club the Korean name "Hwa-Rang" and the club name is changed to Hwa-Rang Taekwondo Club.
- 1977 Ballerup participates with 4 fighters at the 3<sup>rd</sup> World Championship in Chicago. Dang Dinh Ky Thuy gets a 4<sup>th</sup> place.  
Ballerup and about 12 other clubs are forced to leave the Danish Taekwondo Federation and return to the Danish Judo Federation (the karate section).
- 1978 The club gets its own facilities at the club centre Tapeten.
- 1980 Laila Jensen wins the European Championship. Five other national team fighters from Ballerup win silver and bronze.  
Ballerup and the other Hwa-Rang clubs are united with the Danish Taekwondo Federation and the Danish Taekwondo Union.
- 1982 Palle Petersen stops in Ballerup after many years of hard and successful work. Holger Løhndorf and Leif Marek take over the club management.
- 1994 Randi West Hansen is selected onto the Danish National Technical Team.
- 1995 Claus D. Thomsen and Rasmus Petersen take over the management of the club.
- 1996 Claus D. Thomsen and Peter H. Kristensen are selected onto the Danish National Technical Team.
- 1997 After many years without organizing any tournaments the Regional (Zealand) Technical Championship is organized in Ballerup. A new tournament concept, which is created by Claus D. Thomsen, becomes a success.
- 1998 Peter Kristensen and Jens Hyldahl are promoted to 4<sup>th</sup> dan and become the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> sabeum nims in the clubs history.
- 1999 Ballerup celebrates its 25 years anniversary. About 35 black belts from the "old days" participate in a special training session with Shin Boo Young.
- 2000 Randi West Hansen, Claus D. Thomsen and Peter H. Kristensen are selected onto the Danish Taekwondo Demonstration Team.  
Claus D. Thomsen, Karsten W. Nielsen and Heidi Gøse start to rebuild the club facilities.
- 2001 Members on the Danish National Technical Team and the Danish Taekwondo Demonstration Team increase from 3 to 4 as Trine B. Jørgensen moves from Tåstrup to Ballerup Taekwondo Club.  
Claus D. Thomsen and Peter H. Kristensen win the European Technical Championship. Randi West Hansen and Trine B. Jørgensen win silver and bronze. The Danish Team gets a prize of honour from the German Interior Minister.
- 2002 Jean Schiller Løve, Rasmus Petersen and Claus D. Thomsen finish the rebuilding of the club facilities (January 12<sup>th</sup>).  
Allan B. Pedersen is selected onto the Danish National Fighting Team (March 26<sup>th</sup>).  
Randi West Hansen, Claus D. Thomsen and Peter H. Kristensen win the Korean Open (July 2<sup>nd</sup>).

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### INTERVIEWED PERSONS

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Type of interview</u>		
Palle Petersen	Ballerup	☺	☎	
Holger Løhndorf	Ballerup		☎	
John Petersen	Ballerup	☺	☎	💻
John Villy Scheerer	Ballerup		☎	💻
Carsten Reenberg	Ballerup / Gladsaxe	☺	☎	💻
Ole Sørensen	Ballerup / Glostrup			💻
Flemming Rolander	Bramsnes			💻
Henrik Grum	Brøndby Strand		☎	💻
Jan Hansen	Dragsholm			💻
Tom Foged	Frederikssund		☎	
Shin Boo Young	Hamburg	☺		
Lee Jung Ok (Frau Shin)	Hamburg	☺		
Shin Jung Ho	Hamburg	☺		💻
Shin Su Joung	Hamburg	☺		💻
Dang Dinh Ky Thuy	Hamburg	☺		💻
Momme Knutzen	Hinnerup		☎	💻
Mogens Christiansen	Holbæk		☎	💻

Jacob Haning	Hvalsø			
Allan Olsen	Islev			
Benny Olesen	Kalundborg			
Jan-Erik Jørgensen	København			
Niels Ulrik Johnsen	Midtdjurs			
Dang Dinh Ky Tu	Rødovre			
Peter Klinder	Rødovre			
Mikael Hestehaven	Rønne / Pedersker			
Lis Borring	Rønne			
Allan Paulsen	Sønderborg C.U.			
Dang Van Nham	Tåstrup			
Birger & Tinna Krogh	Tåstrup			
Claus Lawes	Vordingborg			
Keld Danefred & Lise Neble Nielsen	Vordingborg			
Hans Larsen	Vordingborg			
Per Buxbom	Vordingborg			
Michael & Monica Ryge	Værløse			
Albert Birch	Østerbro			
Mårten Florentz	Østerbro			
Ib Roesen	Dansk Judo Union			
Henning J. Viktor Nielsen	Måløv Judo Club			

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