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Get Ready for Gay Games VII Chicago Events A Rousing Success

Both the San Francisco and London 2005 IAGLMA ‘Get Ready for GAY GAMES VII’ events have concluded. Each event lived up to there billing as a prelim for Gay Games VII Chicago next summer and were huge successes for Martial Artists and spectators alike. While there isn’t any need to qualify for any Gay Games competition and nobody ever really needs to ‘get ready’ to have a great time, many who attended looked to be quite ready for competi- tion.

London, UK. IAGLMA “Get Ready for GG VII”

The London 2005 ‘Get Ready for Gay Games VII’ Pink Power event concluded over the July 29th, 30th weekend. The ISHIGKI Ju-Jitsu Club hosted this years Pink Power 2005 which featured the IAGLMA tournament. Like the San Francisco event was a huge success with over 70 participants from all over Europe and the United States. Sandy Makay and the ISHIGKI Ju-Jitsu Club threw a fantastic tournament with 8 martial arts seminars and a Jujitsu ground fighting exhibition bout.

San Francisco, CA. IAGLMA “Get Ready for GG VII” Event

The San Francisco ‘Get Ready for GAY GAMES VII’ was held over the 2005 Memorial Day weekend, May 27th, 28th & 29th. The activities started Friday night with a Self Defense seminar by Triangle Tae Kwon Do. Solid common sense tactics and role en- acting were some of the items covered. The focus of the seminar was primarily for the non-martial arts community and the majority of the participants were practiced martial artists. The entire affair was the per- fect ‘meet and greet’ for everyone.



Sandy Makay shown in black with some of the men’s medal winners

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Saturday morning registration was a busy time but confirmed that the tournament would be well attended despite recent terrorist attacks in London. 66 people from 6 countries participated in the weekends events. Saturday was scheduled to be competition . To start off the day there was a judging clinic led by the co-presidents of IAGLMA Teresa Galetti and Darl Schaaff. Then the tournament director, Sandy Mackay, welcomed everybody to London and to this event and Ishigaki club sensei, Simon Powell, led the formal bow which commenced events.

The morning of competition saw 5 divisions of empty hand kata, 3 divisions of weapons kata and 3 divisions of sparring. All divisions were competitive but the highlights were the black belt divisions.

There were 11 black belt competitors for the Empty Hand kata including several styles of karate, tae kwon do, tai chi and ju-jitsu. A tough job for the 5 judges as all the competitors performed exceptional kata and the small differences in final scores reflected the closeness of the competition. Sebastian Kuhnen from Munich Bushido won the gold just ahead of Darl Schaaff (anchorage, Alaska) and Reid Benes (Denver Colorado) confirming this team’s strength in this discipline. Both the Munich team and Paris Niji Kan team won 4 medals in the kata divisions. Ishigaki (London & Brighton) dominated the weapons kata divisions with 7 medals with Simon Powell with his naganata kata narrowly pipping Darl Schaaff’s (Anchorage, Alaska) sjambok kata and Sakari Myllymaki’s (Helsinki, Finland) katana kata in the fascinating black belt division.

The sparring divisions saw the strength of Amsterdam Tijgertje win 4 medals but in the ferocious black belt division all the medals were won by Americans with Trevor Storrs from Anchorage, Alaska wining a thrilling final against Reid Benes of Denver, Colorado.

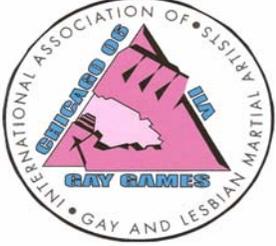
The afternoon session resumed with an explanation of the role of IAGLMA, outlining the goals and objectives of the organisation. The afternoon competition would include the Self Defence and the demonstration division of Ground fighting.

The Self Defence divisions were dominated by Ishigaki (London & Brighton) taking 9 medals with Simon Powell pipping another Ishigaki competitor, Oscar Fernandez, for the gold with Trevor Storrs (anchorage, Alaska) third in the highly competitive and spectacular black belt division.



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The afternoon finished with a demonstration of groundfighting. This event had never been seen in an IAGLMA tournament and this would allow the spectators, and IAGLMA board, to see the event in action. 4 volunteers from Ishigaki competed and both Brighton boys won against the London boys to make it an all-Brighton grudge match final. After a tough and gruelling bout, Sean Tonkin defeated his friend Michel Le Borgne to take the gold.

Sunday was Pink Power seminar day which saw 8 seminars lead by leading international gay martial artists. Each of these seminars was well received by the participants and the enthusiasm of everybody exceeded the tournament director’s expectations as everybody was still fully engaged until the last seminar ended at 4pm.

This was a fantastic event, well organised, great participation and all in an excellent spirit of friendship.



Self Defense Competition in action

San Francisco “Get Ready for GG VII” Event

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Saturday’s activities began with an IAGLMA rules clinic where Black Belts were certified to officiate at the Gay Games and under belt participants were able to learn the some valuable competition strategies and perform some forms. Empty –hand / weapons forms, point sparring and self defense competition were covered.

Five seminars were held Saturday afternoon with Jeff MacKissack’s padded stick weapons, Ju-Jitsu ground fighting/defense by Scott Moresi, KAV Mega by Steve Rapport and Point Sparring Strategies by Alan Wood.

The tournament was held on Sunday. There was good spirited yet fierce competition in empty hand forms, weapons forms, point sparring and self defense with a lively music forms demonstration by Darl Schaaff.

San Francisco Tournament Results

Empty Hand Forms

Beginners (female & male combined)

- 1st Dustin Finkle
- 2nd Tom Houston
- 3rd Dennis Veite

Advanced (female & male combined)

- 1st Patricia Wright
- 2nd David Stewart
- 3rd Jie Zhang

Black Belt (female & male combined)

- 1st Reid Benes
- 2nd Trevor Storrs
- 3rd Hoa Thai

Point Sparring

Beginner (male)

- 1st Dustin Finkle
- 2nd Tom Houston
- 3rd Dennis Veite

Advanced (female)Exhibition

- 1st Patricia Wright 1st Place against Andy Maguire

Advanced (male)Exhibition

- 1st Jie Zheng 1st Place against Andy Maguire

Black Belt (male)

- 1st Trevor Storrs
- 2nd James Beucler
- 3rd Reid Benes

Weapons Forms

Black Belt (female & male combined)

- 1st Darl Schaaff
- 2nd Alan Wood
- 3rd Zachary Tyson



Musical Forms

Black Belt (female & male combined)

Darl Schaaff Exhibition

Self Defense

Beginners

- 1st Dustin Finkle
- 2nd Dennis Veite
- 3rd Greg Cruz

Advanced male

- 1st Dave Stewart
- 2nd Harry Faddis

Black Belt male

- 1st Darl Schaaff
- 2nd Trevor Storrs
- 3rd Alan Wood



Yellow Belts battle it out!



WuShu competitor Hoa Thai





Federation of Gay Games Offers Scholarship Program

For some participants of the Gay Games, the key question is not where and when the Games are, but how can I afford to go? To answer this question for Gay Games VII in Chicago (and future Games), the international Federation of Gay Games (FGG) established the Federation of Gay Games Scholarship Program.

The Federation's plan builds on successful scholarship programs at the past two Gay Games in Amsterdam and Sydney. Those host organizations identified regions of the world and demographics that were under represented at the Games, developed outreach networks to inform the LGBT communities in those regions, and dedicated funds and in-kind services to bring new participants to the Gay Games.

Apply. If you need financial assistance to attend Gay Games VII, check [FGG website](http://www.gaygames.com) at <http://www.gaygames.com>, for Federation Scholarship Program application procedures.

Gay Games VII Scholarship Program started 1 October 2005 and applications are due by January 2006



Federation of Gay Games



IAGLMA is a Director Organization of the Federation of Gay Games



IAGLMA is a Member Organization of the International Lesbian and Gay Association.



**Upcoming Events
Mark Your Calendar**

**Niji Kan Paris
June 3rd & 4th, 2006**

**Pink Power Munich
September 15th-17th, 2006**



**Gay Games VII
Chicago
Sports and Cultural
Festival
15th-22nd, July 2006**



**From the Federation of Gay Games
COLOGNE, GERMANY, ANNOUNCED AS
HOST FOR 2010 GAY GAMES**
*Federation of Gay Games makes announcement in
Chicago, Host of 2006 Games*

CHICAGO, 13 November 2005 --- The Federation of Gay Games announced today Cologne, Germany, as the prospective Host City for Gay Games VIII in 2010. Cologne was selected at the conclusion of an extensive bidding process in which Johannesburg, South Africa, and Paris, France, also sought to host the Games.

"Cologne will be a great place for the LGBT athletes from around the world to compete in 2010 at Gay Games VIII. Each of the bid cities brought various strengths, and all were committed to seeing the legacy of the Gay Games continue to open doors for people everywhere through Sport". said Kathleen Webster, Co-President of the Federation of Gay Games.

Read more online at the [FGG web site](http://www.gaygames.com) at <http://www.gaygames.com>

