



The Newsletter of
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 Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists**

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IAGLMA HAPPY NEW YEAR 2007

IAGLMA UPDATE --Overview 2006

The past year has been productive for the International Association of Gay and lesbian Martial Artists. With help from the members of the IAGLMA Advisory Board, IAGLMA is making progress on several long term goals. One goal, being to expand and utilize the IAGLMA Advisory Board, we have added Reid Benes, Ken Craig, Charles Chung, and Trevor Storrs to the standing member, Alan Wood. The Advisory Board made an immediate impact with help on a membership database, the restructure of the IAGLMA web site into a dynamic content site (*currently under construction*) and many other positive suggestions.

GAY GAMES VII CHICAGO –LOOKING BACK

Looking back on this summer's GAY GAMES VII in Chicago, the Martial Arts event was another historical tournament where battles were fought, katas were performed, techniques were executed, competitors were supportive, divisions ran smoothly, friends were made and the memories should last a life time. It is never too late to give a BIG THANKS to the volunteers, officials and all the participants, who all contributed in making the event a very good spirited and warm gathering of the GLBT Martial Arts community. There are always inner victories for all participants and at GG VII this was especially true. Congratulations to all that made this event special. Outer victories are also celebrated in the spirit of good will. With that, here are the results of the Gay Games VII medal winners .



Gay Games VII Chicago Martial Arts Results

Women's Sparring Beginner / Intermediate

- Gold** Pamela Duys
- Silver** Jennifer Seymour
- Bronze** Maureen MacPherson
- Women's Sparring Advanced**
- Gold** Denis Michel
- Silver** Abigail Christmann
- Bronze** Hannah Schafer

Women's Sparring Black Belt (35—49)

- Gold** Cathy Masin
- Silver** Adelina Santiago
- Bronze** Jo Willis

Women's Sparring Black Belt (50+)

- Gold** Claudia Mosier
- Silver** Jules Willis
- Bronze** Pam Sargent

Women's Sparring Black Belt Light Weight

- Gold** Mytien Duong
- Silver** Erin Marks
- Bronze** Annie Ferguson

Women's Sparring Black Belt Middle Weight

- Gold** Janya Ford
- Silver** Priya Premkumar
- Bronze** Jennifer MacNaughton

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Tournoi International de Paris 2007 PINK POWER

Chers amis, Dear Friends, Liebe Freunde,

First of all, in the name of Niji-Kan Karate Do Paris, let me wish you a Happy New Year !

Some of you may not know me. Let me then introduce myself briefly : I am Marie Bouard, new President of Niji-Kan Karate Do, the French LGBT karate association. Alain Nottelet, who was until recently our President, decided to leave some responsibilities to new people. So, here I am.

I take some time to inform you that the Tournoi International de Paris / Paris International Tournament (TIP) will take place this year from May 23rd to 28th, 2007. More than usual, it will be an important event for LGBT sports, because the swimmers' associations organize their World Championships, and we expect at least 2,500 people. Niji-Kan, as in 2004 and 2006, will participate and organize a Kata Tournament. But, with the blessing of our friends from Munich, we decided to organize also the Pink Power, which will consist of many workshops in various martial arts.

Please tell your members about the TIP and encourage them to come to Paris! I'll send you information about the TIP as soon as I have some more, but you can already visit the FSGL website (<http://www.fsgl.org>) and the TIP website (<http://www.paris-tournament.org>), which seems down these days, for upgrading I suppose.

Finally, I am calling for volunteers who would wish to participate and lead some of these workshops!

Briefly, the kata competition will take place on Saturday morning, and after a quick lunch, the workshops will start on Saturday afternoon, till Sunday noon. It leaves us time for approximately 8 workshops. If you are interested, please send me and Christian Lemesle (chlemesle@yahoo.fr) a mail with your proposal, that we can start making a program.

Best regards to you all !

Marie Bouard
Niji-Kan Karate Do

Registration will be open on the 1st of January 2007.

Registration will close on 30 April 2007.

Saturday, 26 May 2007

- Saturday 9 am : Men's & Women's Katas Tournament
- Saturday pm : Martial Arts workshop

Sunday, 27 May 2007

- Sunday 10 am : Martial Arts workshop (continued).

Competition rules :

IAGLMA's rules and referees, www.iaglma.org



IAGLMA Martial Arts Conference Club NIN-Oct.2007

Much discussion and planning is underway for next year's conference in Dallas. For those who have not yet heard about this event, let me fill you in on plans thus far.

We are especially privileged to host Diana Lee Inosanto (god-daughter of Bruce Lee and daughter of the equally legendary Dan Inosanto) and her husband, Ron Balicki, both being world-class martial artists, instructors and actors. Diana has just submitted her new gay-themed movie, "The Sensei" to Sundance for upcoming film distribution. We will be hosting a special screening of this movie on Friday night of the conference, hosted by the Cathedral of Hope in Dallas. You may view clips of the movie at www.thesenseimovie.com as advanced audiences are already dubbing it as "the Gay Karate Kid." On Saturday, both Ron and Diana will be teaching seminars to fortunate attendees, as well as possibly several other celebrity guests still being worked on.

We are of course honored for this opportunity and are therefore looking at our timetable during the weekend as well as logistics to determine "if" we can still offer a limited "mini tournament," possibly for the benefit of practice for colored belts, and the benefit of judging experience for black belts. More information will be given in future correspondence.

Club NIN, Dallas will be hosting the event. Check out photos of this new 1,850 foot facility at www.ClubNIN.com under the "Photos" section of the website. The studio/dojo is housed within a 30,000 foot health club facility with separate steams, saunas, whirlpools, showers, etc for easy clean-up when the day's activities are done. In addition, the club's basketball court and other rooms will be available for use for separate clinics, meetings and workshops all free of charge to IAGLMA and its attendees.

The club is just one block away from the GLBT business district of Dallas with several nearby hotels, so transportation needs will be limited if needed at all. More information on these hotels will also be given in future correspondence, but all is located to nearby restaurants, stores, GLBT clubs, etc in the Dallas community.

Texas, as well as neighboring states, is/are known for their "Southern Hospitality" so we hope you will take advantage and judge for yourself by attending this event slated for October 12-14 in Dallas. So grab your hats, your boots and saddle up your horses for a great time down South this October!

Jeff McKissack
IAGLMA Board Member
Club NIN, Dallas



IAGLMA Update*Continued from page 1.*

Thanks to all of the people who became IAGLMA certified officials and to the competitors who took time to learn IAGLMA rules, the Martial Arts event at Gay Games VII Chicago was another successful multi-style event. As a result, the competition went off as fair and consistent as possible. This is a feat that is not easily achievable, and always has areas for improvement.

In addition to Gay Games VII, 2006 saw successful events at Pink Power Munich hosted by Bushido Munich and Paris International Tournament TIP 2006 hosted by Niji Kan Do.

IAGLMA is a member of the Federation of Gay Games and we were well represented by Kathleen Webster and Darl Shaaff who server on the Federation of Gay Games Board of Directors. The Federation of Gay Games had a big year with GG VII Chicago, the selection of Cologne Germany as the site of GG VIII and with a lot of organizational growth, <http://www.gaygames.com>.

We look forward to two IAGLMA sanctioned events coming up in 2007. Niji Kan is hosting Martial Arts Paris International Tournament TIP2007 on the 27th, 28th of May. Club Nin of Dallas is holding an IAGLMA Martial Arts Conference in October.

IAGLMA Board Elections Notice 2007

IAGLMA will be holding a Board Election for the term 2007-08. There are twelve seats on the IAGLMA Board of Directors with 7 standing members and the addition of Adelina Santiago, there are eight persons running.

Section 3 Bylaws: Voting Rights,

Each member not in default of annual dues who been and who has been a member of IAGLMA for at least six (6) months, as agreed to by the Board of Directors, shall be be entitled to one vote on each matter submitted to a vote of the members.

Term 2007-08 standing for election to the IAGLMA Board:

Teresa Galetti
John Heine
Andy Maguire
Jeff McKissack
Sandy Mackay
Adelina Santiago
Darl Schaaff
Kathleen Webster

Board CV/Bios and ballot will be posted on www.iaglma.org on 21 January 2007. Voting will commence on posting and end on 28 January 2007.

-IAGLMA Board**Is IAGLMA Ready For Continuous Sparring?**

The Gay Games has always used point sparring as the format for sparring competition. In point sparring, the fight is stopped every time there is score, and then fighters are reset. In contrast, in continuous sparring, the fighters go un-interrupted for a set length of time and judges keep track of scoring. Both formats are some-what unrealistic and are for sport and both hold pros and cons.

When Martial Arts was offered as a sport for the first time at the Gay Games III in Vancouver in 1990, the majority of Martial Arts tournaments were considered either "open" or "closed" style tournaments. Closed tournaments are where the rules for sparring and kata competition are specific to the style. A closed tournament didn't necessarily dictate other styles weren't welcome but the rules and often the language were reflective of that Martial Art. Open tournaments were multi-style and not style specific. The predominant format for sparring competition at open tournaments were the, stop start, type of point sparring. Since its inception, one of IAGLMA's vision statement principals is *to ensure that open, inclusive, multi-style martial arts seminars and tournaments are included in all Gay Games events*. That's why, it was the correct choice when IAGLMA chose the point sparring format for the Gay Games and IAGLMA Official Rules.

There is debate within sport karate practitioners between continuous sparring vs. point sparing formats that has been around for decades. Both sides have merit and are a good topic for another article. With the growth and development of sport karate, many of today's open tournaments do offer both point sparring and continuous sparring formats at the same tournament. This is the best of both worlds for multi-style tournaments. It is logical for IAGLMA to grow in this direction. IAGLMA can adopt rules to facilitate holding light contact continuous sparring divisions at IAGLMA sanction tournaments.

The first step is to hold demonstration bouts at a pre-Gay Games tournament. Rules would be defined and submitted to the IAGLMA Advisory Board for approval. Another component is that there must be a certain amount of interest.

A similar demonstration was accomplished at the July 2005 "Get Ready for Gay Games VII" event in London for Jujitsu ground fighting bouts. If you or your school would like to see light contact continuous sparring OR Jujitsu ground fighting bouts at the Gay Games or another IAGLMA sanctioned event, please take part in an in-formal poll by emailing

John@watsonservices.net

-John Heine - IAGLMA Board Member

GGVII Martial Arts Results *Cont. P. 1*



**Congratulations
To
Master Ken Craig
Promoted
To the Rank of
GRAND MASTER**

Of Triangle Martial Arts Association

Men's Sparring Beginners

Gold Benjamin Pancipanci

Silver Russell John Hewitt

Bronze Deno Marcum

Men's Sparring Intermediate

Gold Eugene Wong

Silver Charles Go

Bronze Jeremy Manning

Men's Sparring Advanced

Gold Hao Nguyen

Silver Nuniez Dario

Bronze Harry Faddis

Men's Sparring Black Belt Light Weight

Gold Gary Daniels

Silver David Bohn

Bronze Serafia Martinez

Men's Sparring Black Belt Heavy Weight

Gold Trevor Storrs

Silver Jie Zhang

Bronze Anthony Perez

Men's Sparring Black Belt Senior +35

Gold Joe Eldridge

Silver Allen Wood

Bronze Mike Pierce

Men's Weapons Forms Beginner

Gold Russell Hewitt

Silver Martin Keenan

Men's Weapons Forms Intermediate

Gold Jonathan Retamoza-Davila

Silver Juan Ramos

Bronze James Russel Wallace

Men's Weapons Forms Advanced

Gold Hao Hguyen

Silver Stuart Singleton

Bronze Harry Faddis

Men's Weapons Forms Black Belt Soft Style

Gold Victor Tang

Silver Darl Schaaff

Bronze Hao Thai

Men's Weapons Forms Black Belt Hard Style

Gold Allen Wood

Silver Gary Daniels

Bronze David Bohn

Men's Weapons Forms Black Belt

Gold Reid Benes

Silver Charles Newson

Bronze Sakari Myllymaki

Women's Weapons Forms Beginner / Int.

Gold Kristie Moore

Silver Pamala Duys

Women's Weapons Forms Advanced

Gold Ren Willis-Frances

Silver Hannah Schafer

Bronze Judy Wenning

Women's Weapons Forms Black Belt

Gold Martha Ha

Silver Maya Wilson

Bronze Jo Willis

Women's Weapons Forms Black Belt (35-49)

Gold Michele Miller

Silver Lynda Sense

Bronze Heather Coyle

Women's Weapons Forms Black Belt (50+)

Gold Laura Cuzzille

Silver Claudia Mosier

Bronze Marth Fourt

Men's Empty Hand Forms Beginner

Gold Long Wu

Silver Russel John Hewitt

Bronze Martin Kleinken

Men's Empty Hand Forms Int. (34-)

Gold Eugene Wong

Silver Dustin Finkle

Bronze CJ Willoya

Men's Empty Hand Forms Int. (35+)

Gold Vasilia Kouis

Silver Jay Larson

Bronze Charles Go

Men's Empty Hand Forms Advanced

Gold Richard Brown

Silver Hao Nguyen

Bronze Chirstopher Druk

Men's Empty Hand Forms Black Belt Hard/Soft

Gold Victor Tang

Silver Gary Daniels

Bronze Hao Thai

Men's Empty Hand Forms Black Belt (35- 44)

Gold Reid Benes

Silver Allen Wood

Bronze David Martinez

Men's Empty Hand Forms Black Belt (45+)

Gold Darl Shaaff

Silver Thomas West

Bronze Kirk Tellier

Men's Empty Hand Forms Black Belt 3rd Dan

Gold Allen Wood

Silver Charles Chung

Bronze Andrew Maguire

Men's Musical Forms Black Belt

Gold Gary Daniels

Silver Darl Shaaff

Bronze David Martinez

Women's Empty Hand Forms Begin/Int.

Gold Kristie Moore

Silver Jennifer Saymour

Bronze Pamela Duys

**Women's Empty Hand Forms Ad-
vanced**

Gold Denise Michel

Silver Siochaim Hughes

Bronze Judy Wenning

**Women's Empty Hand Forms Black
Belt Hard/Soft**

Gold Anne Ferguson

Silver Cory Wechsler

Bronze MyTien Duong

**Women's Empty Hand Forms Black
Belt 3rd Dan +**

Gold Michele Miller

Silver Martha Ha

Bronze Lynda Sense

Women's Black Belt Musical Forms

Gold Cory Wechsler

Silver Erin Marks

Bronze Kelly Vanna

Self Defense Beginner

Gold Martin Keenan

Silver Benjamin Pancipanci

Bronze Deno Marcun

Men's Self Defense Int. / Adv. (34-)

Gold CJ Willoya

Silver Eugene Wong

Bronze Jeremy Manning

Men's Self Defense Int. / Adv. (35+)

Gold James Russell Wallace

Silver Eduardo Gaurdarramas

Bronze Jonathan Retamoza-Davila

Men's Self Defense Black Belt (34-)

Gold Trevor Storrs

Silver Jacob Fisher

Bronze Jonathan Lee

Men's Self Defense Black Belt (35+)

Gold Darl Shaaff

Silver Jeff McKissack

Bronze Charles Chung

Woman's Self Defense Int. / Adv.

Gold Hannah Shafer

Silver Pamela Duys

Bronze Denise Michel

Womens's Self Defense Balk Belt

Gold Jennifer MacNaughton

Silver Jamy Ford

Paris International Tournament Success TIP 2006

The Paris International Tournament was a big success. Martial Arts was one of 17 different sports competitions and was organized by Niji Kan Karate Do. The Martial Arts event was on the 3rd and 4th of June 2006 and held a Kata tournament and Martial Arts workshops.

**Mark Next Year's Calendar Now
Tournoi International de Paris - 2007**

Next year's Paris International Tournament dates have been set for the 26th and 27th of May 2007. So start planning to attend.

Event: Karate competition organized by Niji Kan Karate DO.

Date: Saturday, May 26, 2007 to Sunday, May 27, 2007

Location: Paris, France.

Link in English:

<http://www.paris-tournament.org/en/arts-martiaux-tip.htm>

<http://www.paris-tournament.org>
<http://nijikan.free.fr/>

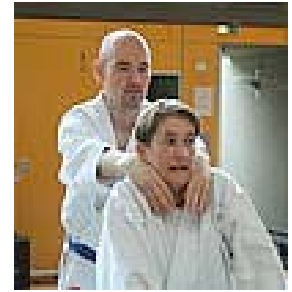
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Pink Power Munich 2006

Congratulations to BUSHIDO Munich e. V. on there ten year Anniversary and hosting a fantastic Pink Power lesbian and gay martial arts event. Pink Power 2006 is over now and it was fabulous to say the least ! This was the third PINK POWER and is an important year for BUSHIDO Munich e.V. as this year their 10th anniversary – and they celebrated this with friends from all over the world. There was a lot of interesting workshops and performances with different Martial Arts and styles.

PINK POWER was held on the opening weekend, of the famous "Oktoberfest" in Munich, starting on Friday evening, 15th September, and finishing up on Sunday, 17. September at noon. Sunday after the closing of PINK POWER, there was a big gay and lesbian event at the Oktoberfest in the "Bräurosl" beer-tent.



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



Federation of Gay Games



IAGLMA is a Director Organization of the Federation of Gay Games



CALENDAR of Events

PINK POWER—Paris International Tournament 2007 -Kata competition and workshops hosted by Niji Kan Karate DO.

Date: Saturday, May 26, 2007 to Sunday, May 27, 2007 www.paris-tournament.org

IAGLMA Martial Arts Conference

October 2007 Hosted by Club NIN in Dallas, Texas www.ClubNIN.com

Winter Triangle Games Hosted by Triangle Martial Arts Association in San Francisco Jan 27th 2007 www.TriangleMAA.org / info@TriangleMMA.org