



The Newsletter of
**The International Association of
 Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists**

Spring 2005

Please join IAGLMA in supporting the following events for the GLBT martial arts

San Francisco, California
IAGLMA Get Ready for Gay Games VII Tournament
May 27th-29th 2005

IAGLMA will hold its San Francisco, CA 'Get Ready for Gay Games VII Chicago'. all styles tournament over the Memorial Day Weekend. There will be a 'Public Self Defense for Everyone' seminar hosted by **Triangle Tae Kwon Do**, an IAGLMA, a Gay Games Competitors/ Officials Clinic, Martial Arts Seminars, social gathering with Golden Gate Wrestlers, and an IAGLMA Martial Arts Forms, Point Sparring and Self Defense Tournament. This is being held in conjunction with the Golden Gate Wrestlers 21 Annual Tournament and Workshop.

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London, UK
IAGLMA 'Get Ready for Gay Games VII' Tournament
& Pink Power Weekend—July 30th,31st 2005

IAGLMA will hold its London, UK. 'Get Ready for Gay Games VII' July 28th and 29th. This event will be hosted by Ishigaki Ju-jitsu and will be held in conjunction with Pink Power martial arts seminars. There will be a Competitors/Officials clinic, Pink Power Martial Arts Seminars and an IAGLMA tournament with a Self Defense competition. IAGLMA will introduce two new divisions at the London Get Ready for Gay Games VII and Pink Power Martial Arts Seminars weekend. Participants in these demonstration divisions will be members of Ishigaki Ju-jitsu and will follow traditional Ju-jitsu Rules. We plan to include these divisions in IAGLMA events in the future. Registration information and other details about this event can be found on the [IAGLMA](#) web site the [Ishigaki](#) web site or by emailing the event contacts.

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IAGLMA Part of GLBT Historical Society Exhibit

Beginning April 2, 2005, the San Francisco GLBT Historical Society will have a new exhibit entitled "Sporting Life". This exhibit tells the story of how gay and lesbian sports have built bridges to the straight community by finding commonalities, breaking down stereotypes and challenging homophobia. Many sports will be featured in this exhibit including the early and pioneering soft ball and bowling leagues of the 1970s. The exhibit will be multimedia including historical film footage, news articles, athletic artifacts and more.

IAGLMA will be featured in this exhibit. We donated many items for use by the historical society in this exhibit including IAGLMA newsletters, photographs, video tape, memorabilia, martial arts weapons, belts, uniforms and more.

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

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GLBT Historical Society Exhibit

IAGLMA was formed in 1990 during Gay Games III in Vancouver B.C. That was the first time that martial arts were included in the Gay Games. Being in a gym full of some of the most experienced and talented martial artists in the world was exciting enough, however, the fact that these martial artists from every discipline were gay was overwhelming for most of us. Riding on this emotional high, David Lebovitz began a newsletter for this group of martial artists we called "HiMA!" HiMA later evolved into the current IAGLMA.

For this historical society event, we even found the old original art for the "HiMA!" logo (designed by Raymond Henry), and several original "HiMA!" fliers. Another prominent item is a copy of the "Best Defense" video series. This self defense instructional video series was developed by current IAGLMA co-president Darl Schaaf and features many top gay and lesbian self-defense experts. We also included photos and memorabilia from many past IAGLMA events including Vancouver, Berlin, New York, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Amsterdam and Sydney.

During the Memorial Day weekend IAGLMA "Get Ready for Gay Games" event in San Francisco, we will have a reception at the GLBT Historical Society where you will have an opportunity to see the exhibit with some fellow IAGLMA members. We hope that you can make it to the San Francisco event.

-Alan Wood

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Mardi Gras Tournament Results

Musical Forms

- 1. Adam Mlocek
- 2. Kristie Moore
- 3rd Ti Toki

Demonstrations

- 1st Kristie Moore and Hao Nguyen
- 2nd Adam, Mark, Stuart, Michael
- 3rd Michael Alcott

Drag Kata

- 1st Michael Phillips
- 2nd Michael Alcott
- 3rd Charlotte Walsh and Jenny Praszcalek

Beginners Intermediate Sparring-Men

- 1st Stuart Lokhee
- 2nd Russell Hewitt
- 3rd Ti Toki

Beginners Intermediate Sparring Women

- 1. Jenny Praszcalek
- 2nd Rebecca Harding
- 3rd Amy Robertson

Adv/Blackbelt Mens Sparring

- 1. Kerry Mealing
- 2. Hao Nguyen
- 3. Michael Phillips

Continuous Sparring

- 1st Ti Toki
- 2nd Thomas Brand
- 1st Hao Nguyen
- 2nd Mark Lee
- 1st Stuart Lokhee
- 2nd Kevin Kane
- 1st Amy Robertson
- 2nd Charlotte Walsh

Weapons

- 1st Hao Nguyen
- 2. Mark Lee
- 3. Bruce Day



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.



Travel Tips for transporting Traditional Martial Arts Weapons

For country specific policies and procedures on travel in and out of your homeland with Martial Arts weapons contact your local customs authority. Contact your airline for specific policies on the packing and transport of weapons. For flights originating in the US the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) does allow Martial Arts Weapons in checked baggage but not as carry-on baggage. All sharp objects in checked baggage must be sheathed or securely wrapped to avoid injury to baggage handlers and security personnel. While some airlines may have some different requirements, all will follow the policies set up by the government. It is not explicitly required to declare martial arts weapon by the TSA when entering into the US through customs as it is with firearms, but it may be prudent to declare any Martial Arts weapons for competition in the event of a baggage search through a customs check point. If you are traveling by train please note that Amtrak does not allow weapons, swords or any club-like items in either carry-on or checked baggage. Should any of these rules change information will be provided on the GGVII website. Contact



your airline for specific policies regarding the packing and transporting of your weapons. Please also check with your local customs authority and airline regarding the regulations for taking such Martial Arts weapons out of and back into your country.

Martial Arts/Self Defense Items	Carry-on	Checked
Billy Clubs	No	Yes
Brass Knuckles	No	Yes
Knives	No	Yes
Kubatons	No	Yes
Martial Arts Weapons	No	Yes
Night Sticks	No	Yes
Nunchakus	No	Yes
Sabers	No	Yes
Stun Guns	No	Yes
Swords	No	Yes
Throwing Stars	No	Yes

The office of Transportation Security Administration from the U.S Dept. of Homeland Security offers the following items as currently non-prohibited for checked baggage for airline travel.

Mark Your Calendar

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tournaments in London, UK.
& San Francisco CA.

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<http://www.gaygameschicago.org>

