



The Newsletter of
**The International Association of
 Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists**
 Spring-Summer 2000

TRAINING TOURNAMENT IN SYDNEY

By: Stuart Borrie, Director of Sports, Sydney 2002

A small but enthusiastic Training Tournament was held at Sydney University over Easter as part of the Australian Gaymes. Ten people registered and participated in the Forms, Self Defense and Sparring sections of the tournament, and there was a demonstration of breaking wood, tiles and softball bats. The tournament, using the rules and procedures of the International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists (IAGLMA) was seen as an important step towards the multi-style tournament being held as part of Gay Games VI and provided valuable skill development opportunities for the participants, organizing committee, judges and time keepers. A supportive environment and a cooperative approach by participants meant the main emphasis was on skill development. Apart from the monthly cross training sessions planned for 2000, the next



Above: IAGLMA director Teresa Galetti center refs match at IAGLMA/S2002 tournament in Sydney.

Bottom Left: IAGLMA member Gillian Booth (Sydney) and Karen Delves (Melbourne) practice some new techniques during the sparring seminar.



IAGLMA event will be on the 4 November 2000 when two US-based IAGLMA Directors will run Judges Certification Workshops and a Training Tournament in Sydney, supported by the Sydney 2002 Martial Arts Working Group.

PLEASE NOTE:
Dates for GG VI and Cultural Festival
have been changed to 25 October - 9 November
2002. See Sydney Web Site:
<http://www.sydney2002.org.au> for more info.

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Statement of Financial Activity

For The
International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists
 For The year ended May 31, 2000

	Membership Fees		720
	Contributions from Sponsors		0
	Donations from shirts & pins		0
	Corporate Sponsors		0
	Refunds		0
	Total Receipts.....		720
Expenditures:			
	Start-up Costs & Admin		0
	Dues/Contributions		0
	Newsletter		0
	Postage		0
	Promotions		0
	Seminar Costs		0
	Insurance (D&O)		0
	Telephone		0
	Banking Fees		0
	Total Expenditures.....		0
Net Change in Financial Position			720
	12/31/99 Cash Balance		1,426
	2000 Activity (above)		720
	5/31/2000 Net Assets		2,146

**Farewell to Co-President
 Allen Wood**

Change – even good change – is not always easy for us to accept, especially within a group of individuals with whom you have worked and played hard.

It is with sadness that I and other members of your board received Allen Wood's resignation from the co-presidency and from the board. Allen has been a driving force behind our organization since its founding in 1990.

Allen is a dedicated martial artist. He has spent many years promoting the inclusive nature of multi-style martial arts tournaments and seminars. He has taught judging certification clinics and self-defense workshops to our community in his travels for IAGLMA and for the Federation of Gay Games. Allen has been an outspoken advocate for the inclusion of all lesbians and gay martial artists of all styles and abilities in the Gay Games. For many years he has represented IAGLMA on the Federation board and as part of that job, has taken the lead on developing an organizational ergogenic substance policy for athletes participating in the Gay Games and has served as a Federation sports coordinator for the martial arts.

In spite of all this, Allen also finds time to train, teach students and compete at all IAGLMA and Gay Games events. We won't mention his reputation in the sparring division – but we all know his keen sense of humour and respect for the rules.

The only downside to Allen's success is that his personal life and career now demand more attention and care. Consequently, Allen has decided to resign his position as co-president and director, but assures all of us that he is still a dependable member of the IAGLMA team.

For me personally, working with Allen over the past many years has been an honor and a pleasure. Allen's commitment to IAGLMA and his vision for our organization has helped to build a strong foundation for IAGLMA to continue to grow and succeed into the future. I will miss his teasing and jokes during our weekly conversations and sometimes daily e-mail exchanges as we worked on various projects. But I do know that we all can count on him to be there for us and for IAGLMA – for Allen is my and our organization's true friend.

From all of us, Allen – Thank You.
-Kathleen Webster

Sad News....

Our condolences go out to David Lebovitz, a founder of IAGLMA, former director and our first chair.

David's partner, Fred Lech, passed away unexpectedly this past April and we extend our deepest sympathy to him for his loss.

We would also like to extend our condolences to the family and friends of Atsuko Nishimura, who was struck and killed this past February while she was crossing the street on her way to a martial arts class.

Nishimura was struck outside the Hand to Hand Self-Defense Center, where she was both an instructor and student of martial arts. The martial arts community is saddened by this tragedy.

Gay Games VI Sydney Australia: Under New Skies

For all you folks in the northern hemisphere February is summer in Sydney. The temperatures range from 28 to 35 C (mid to upper 80's F) in the daytime and 20 to 22 C (68 to 73 F) at night. The sun was bright and beautiful. Australian hospitality is warm and the beers and wines and variety of food are excellent.

IAGLMA Directors Kathleen Webster, Teresa Galetti, Allen Wood, and Darl Schaaff taught two days of martial arts events in Sydney, Australia on 27-28 February. The Martial Arts events were part of the Sports Festival which is held in conjunction with the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras celebration. The Mardi Gras Celebration has a month long cultural festival, a sports festival, and culminates with the Mardi Gras parade which receives national and international media coverage. The New South Wales police estimated that 500,000 spectators lined the parade route.

The Martial Arts weekend began with a meeting and welcome dinner given by the Sydney 2002 Martial Arts Working Group. The events that followed included a judges and competitors workshop run by Webster and Galetti on Saturday, followed by a tournament, and seminars on Sunday. On Saturday martial artists from Sydney, Melbourne, New South Wales and the State of Victoria practiced their competition forms, weapons forms, sparring, and self defense. Among the styles represented were Tae Kwon Do, Shaolin Kung Fu, Tang So Do, Ninjitsu, Shotokan, and various



Okinawan Ryu. The Black Belts attending had a chance to practice as competitors and as well as judges and referees.

The competition was governed by IAGLMA Rules. Some of the questions and issues that arose during the question and answer period were 1) the criteria for judging multistyle 2) how to apply the multistyle criteria to internal styles like Internal White Crane, Bagua, Hsing I, 3) what constitutes excessive contact, 4) issues concerning weapons 5) all facets of tournament administration. Many of the questions centered on the self defense competition. For example how realistic can/should the self defense be, the competitive edge of having one attacker vs. multiple attackers, the reasoning behind having a set pool of attacks versus random attacks.

The tournament was held on Sunday 28 February at the Paddington Police Gymnasium. Since this was the first tournament run by the Sydney 2002 Working Group, Kathleen Webster assisted the Martial Arts working group in all aspects of tournament administration. Tournament divisions were standard IAGLMA ones which include Self Defense.

The weekend of events was a great success and the Sydney 2002 Working Group decided to have another event in November and invited IAGLMA to

assist.

Congratulations to all participants -- and thank you to the Sydney 2002 martial arts working group for working toward a great Gay Games martial arts event.

Resignation of Bente Ottersen

The IAGLMA Board sadly accepted the resignation of director Bente Ottersen from Oslo, Norway. The Board thanks Bente for her contributions to IAGLMA and looks forward to continuing our work together in international outreach, education and inclusion.

Mark Your Calendars

The next IAGLMA-sponsored event with the S2002 Martial Arts Working Group will be on Saturday, 4 November 2000 in Sydney. Details in the next IAGLMA Newsletter.

Get Ready for IAGLMA and Gay Games VI

Do you want to sponsor an IAGLMA Judges Certification/Participants' Learning Workshop for martial artists in your area? For more information, please contact Teresa Galetti by telephone/fax at (+1)-610-940-1434 or by e-mail at PeoBumJong@aol.com.

Congratulations to our New Male Co-President

The IAGLMA board of directors proudly welcomes Jim Nickoff as the new IAGLMA Co-President. Jim is a longtime member of IAGLMA and has served as a director and our Treasurer since 1995. Jim also serves on the IAGLMA's Rules Committee and is certified to teach IAGLMA Judges Certification and Participants Workshops.

As chief financial officer of Project Open Hand in San Francisco, Jim brings a wealth of personal experience in nonprofit management -- in addition to his martial arts expertise in teaching and training -- to the IAGLMA board.

Jim has participated in Gay Games IV and V where he has earned several medals in sparring competition, and is now busy training for his next dan test in November. After that, he will be ready to take on the martial arts at the 2002 Gay Games VI in Sydney.

Australian Gaymes Martial Arts Tournament Results

Empty Hands Form - Intermediate
Khyiah Angel (Second)
Trevor Fry (First)

Empty Hands Form - Advanced
Karen Shea (Second)
Michael Phillips (Third)
Katya Quigley
Karen Delves (First)

Weapons Forms
Karen Delves (Second)
Michael Phillips (First)

Self Defence
Beginner
Michael Birks (First)
Trevor Fry (Second)
Self Defence

Intermediate/Advanced
Mikail Banfield
Karen Delves (Third)
Michael Phillips (First)
Katya Quigley
Catherine Schnell (Second)

Women's Sparring
Intermediate/Advanced
Lisa O'Connor (First)
Khyiah Angel
Katya Quigley (Second)
Karen Delves (Third)

Men's Sparring
Mikhael Banfield (Third)
Michael Phillips (Second)
Richard Stanley (First)

IAGLMA Annual Board Meeting

The IAGLMA board met by teleconference for its annual meeting on 18 June 2000. Some of the highlights of the meeting include:

- Reelection of director Darl Schaaff to Secretary position;
- Rules Committee updates on approved revisions to the IAGLMA Official Rules;
- Translation of IAGLMA Brochures into French, Spanish and German;
- Progress of updates to the IAGLMA web site;
- Renewal of IAGLMA's membership in the International Lesbian and Gay Association (ILGA);
- Vote to send a letter of support to the organizers of World Pride Roma (see below);
- Election of Jim Nickoff as the new IAGLMA alternate delegate to the Federation of Gay Games, effective November 2000.

Letter of Support to World Pride Roma

The Board of Directors wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Roberto Mantaci (International Gay and Lesbian Aquatics delegate to the Federation of Gay Games) for his assistance in translating the Italian portions of the letter.

Alla World Pride Roma

Esprimiamo il nostro sostegno alla World Pride Roma, ai suoi organizzatori e al festival Sportivo.

Ci sentiamo uniti a voi per la conquista dei nostri diritti.

We are pleased that the organizers have chosen to have a Sports Festival and we look forward to seeing many of the sports organizations and participants at Gay Games VI and its Martial Arts events to be held in Sydney, Australia in November 2002.

Best wishes to all who will gather in Roma to celebrate pride and sport.

United in Pride and Sports,

The International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists
Associazione Internazionale Gay e Lesbica per le Arti Marziali

Federation of Gay Games



IAGLMA is a Director Organization of the Federation



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