

Bay Area Sport Karate Association News



2007 BASKA Schedule:

June 22, 2007
Shark City Nationals
S.J. Civic Auditorium
San Jose, CA

August 25, 2007
BASKA Double Point Championships
Solano Fairgrounds,
Vallejo

October 19-20, 2007
BASKA Belt Finals & BASKA National Grand Sierra Resort
Reno, Nevada



Deborah Garner

Ultimate Action at April's Ultimate Slam

Richmond, CA-

There was no denying that competition was hot and heavy at Mauricio Lama's Ultimate Slam Tournament on Easter Weekend. Hundreds of competitors packed the DeAnza High School gymnasium a day before Easter to rack up BASKA points on the road to the Reno Belt Championship Finals.

Fans need to take note of the competitive Adult Black Belt Kata division for the rest of the 2007 season. In the Japanese/Okinawan division, the powerful show of Jose Gonzalez edged out the precision of Nicole Bently and the show of sharpness Sean Arceo had to place 1st. Gonzalez would later join other first place winners Jeffrey Morgan (Kenpo) and Ervic Aquino (Weapons) in the Adult BB Kata Grand Champion Runoffs. In the runoffs, all

three competitors strutted their best kata display. Morgan would score a 49.87 total score. Erstwhile a tie would ensue between Aquino and Gonzalez, who would each get impressive scores: 9.98, 9.98, 9.99, 9.99, and 10.00. But Gonzalez hit a snag as he went over the 3-minute kata time limit. He went eight seconds over the allowable performance time. This deducted points off of his total score and Aquino was crowned as the Grand Winner of the Adult BB Kata Division.

Before sparring began, there was a pleasant 20-minute ceremony for legendary martial artist/pioneer/tournament promoter Great Grandmaster Ralph Castro. Mr Castro has been involved in the tournament scene since the 1960's. He once hosted perhaps Northern California's most famed tournament the California



Joslynn Espinoza defeated Janelle Dugyawi in a close grand battle.

Karate Championships in San Francisco. A festive tribute was given to Mr. Castro and he received a warm applause from the attending crowd as the Ultimate Slam coordinators conducted a homage on his behalf.

In the Black Belt Men's Lightweight Sparring Division Sean Arceo swept past last tournament's Grand Champion winner Joshua Pittman and newbie Erick Gomez. (cont p2)

Reno Finals Spells Nothing But FUN !!

One hundred points. That's the magic number each BASKA competitor needs qualify for the Reno Belt Championship Finals in October. One hundred points.

Once a competitor receives 100 points to their name, it'll earn that person an invitation to Reno's most illustrious hotel resort.

While the BASKA Finals itself will be an entertaining event in its own right, it will be hard to stay focused with all the exciting and fun activities the Grand Sierra Resort will offer to the entire family!

The aforementioned 24-hour FunQuest arcade will certainly give kids and teens a reason to stay up after hours (cont.p3)



Top 10 BB

- #1 Sean Arceo
- #2 Paul Mendoza
- #3 Michael Jefferson
- #4 Jasmine Naraja
- #5 Joshua May
- #6 Joshua Pittman
- #7 Roman Versoza
- #8 Jordan Pallen
- #9 Sly Youngblood
- #10 Ryan Gonzalez

Email us your Top 10 list at
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**Top 10 BB
Adult Katas**

- #1 Sean Arceo
- #2 Ervic Aquino
- #3 Nicole Bentley
- #4 Joshua May
- #5 Jose Gonzalez
- #6 Jeffrey Morgan
- #7 Debra Garner
- #8 James Garner
- #9 Ryan Boe
- #10 Natalie Aquino

Ultimate Slam Results (continued page 1)

In the middleweight division, seven was the lucky number for Joshua May, as he defeated Jose Gonzalez 7-4 in the first round and then Rogue DeGuzman 7-5 in the championship round.

There were heavy blows exploding in the competitive Heavyweight Division. In the opening round, Ryan Gonzalez defeated Ariel Jacob 6-4. While Sylvester Youngblood beat out Jeffrey Morgan 4-1. The towering kicking prowess of Michael Jefferson overmatched Youngblood in the ensuing round 5-3. Things got testy in the championship round with the young Jefferson versus the feisty R. Gonzalez. After several heated clashes, R.Gonzalez would bow out with the ending score in Jefferson's favor 9-4.

So in the end, three fighters remained in the Men's BB Sparring Grand Champion Runoff: Sean Arceo (Lightweight), Joshua May (Middleweight), and Micheal Jefferson (Heavyweight). In round one, Arceo would defeat May 8-4. The ensuing finale for the grand award would bit the vivacious and lively fighting style of Arceo against the imposingly high kicking fighting style of Jefferson. The highly anticipated match up went as advertised but in the end Arceo would win a 11-6 classic.

While much attention tends to go to the adult black belts, several young martial artists shined

during the daytime as well. First Timer's divisions offers spectators a chance to see the superstars of tomorrow. Three that stood out included Jacob Lavalle, Marc Gray, and Elijah Sa-lazar.

In the 9&under Intermediate Kata Grand Champion Division the high score of Taylor House's Gage Wendell (26.95) beat out Veronica Padua (26.92), Armando Garcia (26.89), and Jared Royster (23.36).

Taylor's House of Karate wasn't finished as Yasmine Bakhtiari won the 10-13yr. Old Advanced/Expert Kata Grand Champion Division with a high score of 29.93.

Ever since the '06 Reno Nighttime Show grudge match between Joslynn Espinoza and Janelle Dugyawi, the two female sparring superstars have shared invigorating sparring fights. They shared another one at this event, as Espinoza edged out Dugyawi in the girls 10-13yr Adv/Exp Sparring Grand Champion match.

Precious Gatela continued her winning ways with a Grand Champion victory in the 14-17yr. Old Adv/Expert Grand Division. Gatela, representing Arceo's Shotokan, outshined Chris Velasco, Samantha Padua, and Santos Vallejo. While Velasco and S.Padua scored a total tally of 29.93, Gatela earned three 9.98 scores for a total tally of 29.94, winning by a mere tenth of a

point in this hotly tested division!

The lively kata performance of Josiah Nunley continues to stand above the rest as he won the 9&under Novice/Intermediate Kata Grand Division.

Black Belt Women's Fighter Jasmine Naraja hasn't missed a beat all year long with her third consecutive Women's Grand Champion win. She defeated Allison Narasaki in the women's black belt sparring division to place first. Naraja went on to win grands with wins over Monique Chanduvi, Rosie Wendell, and Nikole Gother.

Marissa Rojas was triumphant in the crowded 10-13yr girls Grand Champion Division. With tough wins over Shaniquia McCoy (6-0), Yasmine Bakhtiari (5-2), and Brigitte Hillesheim (10-3), Marissa enjoyed a well deserved Grand Champion victory lap.

A classic battle and a continued rivalry between Gabriel Rojas and Clay Machado was building up in Ring 7. The 8-9yr. Old Adv/Expert Boys Sparring Grand in 2007 has always been between Rojas and Machado. The two gritty youngsters tend to bring out the best between one another. In round one it was all Machado as he jolted out to a 5-2 lead. But the tenacious G.Rojas came soaring back into the fight in round two as he scored seven points in the deciding round to win a 9-6 nail biter.

Fun, Championship Fights, Vacation.....(cont.page 1)

Outdoors, the whole family can enjoy the scorching Nevada breeze as they skid around three separate race tracks at more than 30 mph!!!

For the adventurers and true thrill-seekers of the BASKA league, the Ultimate Rush presents an 185-foot drop where up to three people can bungee drop at one time!! It will certainly be a fantastic way for competitors to get rid of their Championship Belt jitters before they

compete.

For the more mellow BASKA followers, four island golfing greens are available to tee off on. There are hole-in-one prizes and equipment rentals are available just in case you don't want to lug along your own personal golfing equipment.

The BASKA league is at their halfway point in the 2007 season. While some competitors have already reached the 100 point

qualifying marker, competitors are still jockeying for ranking positions in each division. Of course the primary goal is to be the point leader in each division. Being the divisional point leader in katas means a player will get the coveted last-person-to-perform position. While the divisional point leader in sparring basically equates to an automatic bid to the belt championship round.

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Friends can go "Fast Like A Nascar!".....



Or they can Fly and Touch the Sky.....



While the rest can swing away like Tiger Woods.....

WORDSEARCH: TOP 10 LIST LAST NAMES

R I Y N A R A J A J
 W E O A Z O D N E M
 A E U I Q Q W F K Y
 Z D N N E U F U E A
 O M G O A E I L D R
 S R B V R M T N V C
 R K L S A N T K O E
 E G O Y E I R T N O
 V N O B F Q E U I F
 M S D J D X V G O P

Find These Words:

- AQUINO
- NARAJA
- JEFFERSON
- YOUNGBLOOD
- ARCEO
- MAY
- PITTMAN
- BENTLEY
- MENDOZA
- VERSOZA

Top 20 Youth Fighters

#1 Jamal Albini
#2 Bobby Seronio
#3 Josylnn Espinoza
#4 John Ralph Manuel
#5 Marissa Rojas
#6 Jason Albini
#7 Patrick Salientes
#8 Janelle Dugyaw
#9 Gabriel Rojas
#10 Landry Whitted
#11 Alex Arceo
#12 JP Bautista
#13 Jon Paul Corpuz
#14 Clay Machado
#15 Anthony Lagdamen
#16 James Gilbeaux
#17 Yasmine Biakhtiari
#18 Taualee Lepolo
#19 Kyle Remigio
#20 Jasmine Miyamoto



DOJO SPOTLIGHT: Matsumoto's House

In 2006, Head Instructor Paul Matsumoto carried out a lifelong dream and opened up his own karate dojo in Sacramento, California. He would name that dojo...Matsumoto's House of Karate.

Matsumoto's House specializes in Kempo, Karate, and Arnis. The dojo even participates in stick fighting. Alongside his partner Mr. Hollis Moore, Mr. Matsumoto instructs more than 60 young martial artists.

One of the highlights for the young dojo came early this year when their Demonstration Team highlighted a riveting performance for the Sacramento Kings Halftime Show

Since the dojo just opened in '06, the school is fairly new to the tournament circuit. Their 21-member competition team has 15 members in sparring and 6 members in forms. Some top competitors to look out

for include: Kendall Phillips (16yr./Beginner Sparring), Isaiah Bolton (12yr./Beginner Sparring), Derrick Wilson (12yr./Beginner Sparring), Jameel Henderson (11yr./Beginner Sparring), and Kevin Ear (6yr./Beginner Sparring & Forms).

Matsumoto's House is at 4381 Gateway Park Blvd in Sacramento. (916) 285-9135.

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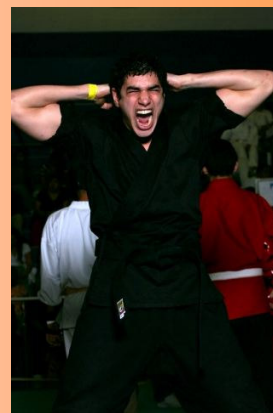


Odee & Geng-Geng Arceo:

"Look, if you want to learn how to Polka you have to keep still..."



Avanni Montgomery:
"Who... took... my Nachos !!"



Anis Cheurfa:

" I can't believe it ain't Butter !"

Top 10 Youth Katas

#1 Precious Gatela

#2 Josiah Nunley

#3 Alex Sansano

#4 Adryanne Angat

#5 Clay Machado

#6 Bob Machado

#7 Nathan Thephavongsa

#8 Adam Tiscareno

#9 Yasmine Bakhtiari

#10 Michael Truly

THE RULEBOOK

Here's some food for thought for you. There are several rules that you may not be aware of. We'll pinpoint some rules that a lot of you may not know:

> **Kata Time Limit:** Each forms or weapons routine must be 3 minutes or less. Any form that goes over the allowed time limit will have a deduction of .05 off of each judge's score-card. The deduction will be taken off by the scorekeeper and will not show up on the judges' given score. The time

starts once the competitor steps into the ring.

> **Kata Ties:** To break ties for first, second, and third place, the competitors must perform the same form for a second time. If there is a tie after the second performance a winner will be determined by hand point. The competitors will stand in front of the judges with their backs turned away. The judges will then be forced to point to the one competitor they felt won. Majority vote wins.

> **Kata Starting Over Penalties:** In Novice divi-

sions, a competitor may re-start up to 3 three times without a penalty deduction. After the third time, if the competitor cannot finish his/her form they will receive a base score plus .50 (7.50 or 8.50). For all other intermediate/advanced/expert divisions, a player may restart their form if requested, but their score will be penalized as the base score plus .50 (8.50 or 9.50).