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End of Summer Issue!

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A Word from the President:

Greetings everyone,

October has been a great month for Sambo! We have lots of news to report. In fact, we are well on our way to scheduling our 2009 event calendar.

In this issue we report on the US Team going to the 70th Anniversary FIAS World Sambo Championships; the 2008 North American Freestyle Sambo Championships; the 2008 Pioneer of American Sambo Award winner; and much more! Additionally, there is a lot of exciting ASA member news to report.

Keep on grappling!

Sincerely,
Stephen Koepfer
ASA President

Sambo and ASA News:

- [American Sambo Association in the Press.](#)

September 13, 2009. Stephen Koepfer appeared on LA Talk Radio's "In the Can" with Kip Brown. The show hosted several guests and a round table discussion about MMA, Sambo, and martial arts in the movies.

<http://www.latakradio.com/Kip.php>

October 1, 2009. "Attack of the Show" on the G4 Network recently did a piece on military based martial arts and included sambo and the American Sambo Association in their coverage. Check out the video here:

http://www.g4tv.com/attackoftheshow/videos/28994/Fight_Like_An_Israeli.html

- [Sport and Combat Sambo comes to Disney in 2008!](#)

October 24 - 26, 2008. Orlando, Florida.

Disney Martial Arts Festival.

Sambo seminar with Vladislav Koulikov, Modified Sport (chokes allowed) and Combat Sambo tournaments. All medalists in Combat Sambo will earn points towards **ASA National Combat Sambo Rankings:**

<http://ussambo.com/rankings.html>

For registration, rules, and travel information please visit:

<http://tournament.info/do-sambograppling.htm>

For additional questions regarding this event, contact Yvonne Koulikov at:

ykoulikov@optonline.net

- **Dayn DeRose wins the 2008 ASA Pioneer of American Sambo Award.**

The result of this year's election ballot is in! From a field of nominees including Dr. Brett Jacques, James "Chico" Hernandez, and Dennis Hill, Dayn DeRose was voted in as this year's winner by active ASA members. Dr. Brett Jacques was this year's runner-up.

Dayn was born in Newark, New Jersey, in 1955. He began martial arts training in Judo, at the age of 10, under Sensei Mamoru Shimamoto. He began Karate training in 1973 under Teruhiko Uto, and Jujitsu under Alexander Vongries, in 1978. In 1984, he began to compete in Russian Sambo tournaments, at the national and Pan - American level, where he eventually earned an Honorable Master of Sport. His Sambo mentor was Alexander Kheyfets, a former Russian Champion. Dayn was a founding member of both the American Amateur Sambo Federation and the American Sambo Academy in the early 1990's. In addition, Dayn is an active member of the American Sambo Association. He has been a fixture in the US Sambo scene for over 20 years participating in nearly all events, regardless of political affiliation. He has trained many Sambo and Combat Sambo notables. In addition to his club in New Jersey, Dayn teaches a course in Sambo at Drew University. There are few more passionate about Sambo than Dayn as he has published, taught, organized, and actively promoted Sambo since starting in the sport over 20 years ago.

Dayn began fencing in High school, by training informally with the Newark Academy fencing team. He later received personal training from Dr. John Tobey, a former University of Pennsylvania Saber Team captain, while fencing for the Columbia High School fencing program, headed by Lawrence Lubkin. Dayn continued fencing at Clark University, coached by former

Olympic Bronze medalist Henrietta Bayer, and her assistant Francois, a native born and trained Hungarian saber fencer.

Dayn became coach for the Millburn High school boy's and girl's fencing teams, while in Graduate school, in 1984. Eventually, Dayn was responsible for coaching freshman, junior varsity, and varsity boy's and girl's teams (at the cost of all days off and much of his sleep). Millburn captured its first state Epee championship in 1989 and produced a number of national level fencers in the under 20 age division, notably 1996 Olympian and Pan - Am champion Tamir Bloom.

In 1995 Dayn became Head Fencing Coach at Drew University, and a member of the U.S. Fencing Coach's Association. He taught Judo and Karate for Sensei Mamoru Shimamoto, at his school in South Orange, New Jersey, for almost 20 years. He is now Chief instructor at South Mountain Martial Arts, in Madison New Jersey, which holds classes in Judo, Karate, Sambo and Jujitsu. He is ranked to teaching levels of Black Belt in Judo, Jujitsu, Karate, and the equivalent in Sambo.

- **US Team prepares for FIAS World Sambo Championships!**

The American Amateur Sambo Federation has chosen Red Bear Sambo Academy's Oleg Savitsky (multiple time medalist at the FIAS World Combat Sambo Championships) as head coach for the 2008 US National Team. Additional coaching staff for the team includes **Victor Tatarkin** and **Stephen Koepfer**. The Worlds will be held in St. Petersburg, Russia on November 13-17.

It has been several years since a full US team has represented at the Worlds. Oleg has worked hard towards putting together a solid American team that will be able to represent the US in the most successful fashion. Additionally, I am very glad to announce that the **Washington Post** will

be covering the event from Russia. **Yahoo Sports** also plans on reporting on the event.

The team roster includes:

- 1) **Combat - Oleg Savitsky** (Red Bear Sambo/Zealuo Nation MMA)
- 2) **Combat - Michael Ruesch** (Red Bear Sambo/Zealous Nation MMA)
- 3) **Combat - Vlad Koulikov** (Ultimate Sambo)
- 4) **Combat - David Juliano** (Ultimate Sambo)
- 5) **Combat - Rinat Myrzabekov** (Renzo Gracie/Ultimate Sambo)
- 6) **Sport - Reilly Bodycomb** (New York Combat Sambo/Remix Dojo)
- 7) **Sport - Zezva Ebelashvili** (Team Tatarkin)
- 8) **Sport - Jevgeni Fastov** (Team Tatarkin)

It is very exciting to see the ASA work with the AASF to achieve this very important goal!

Here are some of the team members who were present at the 2008 North American Freestyle Sambo Championships:



(Left to right – Stephen Koepfer, Reilly Bodycomb, Rinat Myrzabekov, David Juliano, and Vlad Koulikov)

- **5th Annual North American Freestyle Sambo Championships Results!**

This year's tournament presented some of the highest levels of competition yet with some full divisions and VERY competitive matches.

Here are the results:

(All divisions were double elimination with the exception of the 60kg which was a single match and the women's open which was best of three)

Women's Open Weight Division (2 Players):

- 1st place - Christine Sansonetti - Team Renegade
- 2nd Place - Ariel Elghanayan - NYCS

Men's 60kg (2 players):

- 1st Place - David Juliano - Ultimate Sambo
- 2nd Place - Mike Chesbro - Remix Dojo

Men's 66kg (5 Players):

- 1st Place - Ben Syers- Team Renegade
- 2nd Place - Vincent Beurrier - NYSC
- 3rd Place - Alex Ecklin - Brooklyn BJJ
- 4th Place - David Juliano - Ultimate Sambo

Men's 74kg (8 players):

- 1st Place - Tyga Maclin - NYCS
- 2nd Place - Chris Reitz - Alliance BJJ NYC
- 3rd Place - Farkhad Sharipov - Gracie Barra
- 4th Place - Reilly Bodycomb – NYCS

Men's 84kg (7 Players):

- 1st Place - Jeremy Piaser - Team Renegade
- 2nd Place - Gilberto Castillo - Remix Dojo
- 3rd Place - Marshall Gelbman - Brooklyn BJJ
- 4th Place - Vladimir Grinberg - Brooklyn BJJ

Men's 96kg (4 Players):

- 1st Place - Joseph Fricione - Team Renegade
- 2nd Place - Alexius Phoenix - NYCS
- 3rd Place - Cameron Brett- ?
- 4th Place - Khari Russell - Remix Dojo

Stats:

- Sumbissions: 9 arm bars, 1 Gi Choke, 3 toe holds, 1 achilles lock, 1 anaconda choke
- Technical victories: 15
- 4 matches went into overtime
- 2 matches ended due to injury
- 2 matches ended by forfeit

Fastest Submissions:

- 1- 44 second arm bar: Alex Ecklin defeats Mike Chesbro
- 2- 45 second arm bar: Vincent Beurrier defeats Alex Ecklin
- 3- 49 second arm bar: Alex Ecklin defeats David Juliano

To view this tournament on line, please visit our youtube page where we have been

uploading one match daily since October 10th. We started with the light weight divisions and uploading each entire division one match at a time. So be sure to check our youtube page every day to view the newest tournament match: www.youtube.com/ussambo

- 2009 Sambo Training Camps and Seminars are Gearing up!

The American Sambo Association has already started gearing up its 2009 seminar and training camp schedule. Please keep checking our website and future editions of this newsletter for details about our 2009 events. Here is where we stand so far:

April 24-25, 2009. Two day Sambo seminar with Stephen Koepfer in San Antonio, Texas. Exact dates are still in the works, but please contact us if you are interested!

June, 2009. The **2009 Sambo Summit Training Camp** in **Tortola, British Virgin Islands**. This will be a five day camp with daily training and recreational activities. Coaches will include Aaron Fields, Dayn DeRose, Gregg Humphreys, and Stephen Koepfer. Many thanks to our ASA member Mike Pringle who will be assisting us with planning this camp!

July 1-5, 2009. Ultimate Camp 2009. Ohio. This 5 day camp is the next incarnation of the famed annual Ohio Judo camp. This year Judo, Sambo, BJJ, and other martial arts will be covered. The camp is open to children and adults of all levels. Many noted coaches will be instructing at this camp including, but definitely not limited to, Mark Tripp, Chris Herzog, Stephen Koepfer, Mark Hunter, and Steven Velasquez. Contact the ASA for more registration information.

ASA Member News:

- **Name Change! Champion's Training Center: Watauga, Texas.**

October, 2008. Champions Training Center has changed its name to **Red Scorpion Combat Sambo**. The club is now a private group only open to law enforcement, military, fire, and security professionals. The club continues to be an active ASA member and works directly with Vlad Koulikov as well. For more information about this club, contact: texas.sambo@yahoo.com

- **Kim's Tae Kwon Do. Portland, Oregon.**

November 29-30, 2008. ASA Vice President Aaron Fields will be conducting an open 2 day Sambo clinic open to all level of grappler. The clinic will run on Sat from 3-6pm and Sunday from 11am-2pm. \$25 for both days. The clinic is hosted by ASA member Aaron Brown. Contact Aaron Brown for travel and registration information aaron.brown@comcast.net

- **NY Combat Sambo: New York, NY.**

October, 2008. Reilly Bodycomb brings home the gold in the advanced lightweight grappling division from the "Battle on the Battleship" tournament. <http://www.thegoodfight.tv/>

- **Brooklyn, New York: Remix Dojo.**

October, 2008. Chuck Riena wins the lightweight intermediate Bronze at the "Battle on the Battleship" grappling tournament. Brian Farni made his grappling debut in the intermediate division (because he wanted to do leg locks) and came out with one win under his belt. He did not place, but made a great showing for his first time out on the mat.

- **Ronald Hill: Jolliet, Illinois.**

November 1, 2008. The Hill Brothers will be hosting a Destruction and Joint Manipulation Seminar at Hill Brothers Jiu-Jitsu & Vale Tudo. For more information please contact (815) 347-1480.

- **Aiki Academy: North Branford, Connecticut.**

Dennis Hill of Aiki Academy offers kettlebell training and workshops. If you are interested in attending or scheduling a kettlebell workshop, contact Dennis at: www.aikiacademy.com

Photo of the Month



Vladimir Grinberg throws Jon Sichel at the 2008 North American Freestyle Sambo Championships. Photo by Chris Diaz.

Upcoming 2008 Events:

- **October 24-26 , 2008.** Orlando, Florida. **The Ultimate Sambo Open moves to Disney!** Modified Sport and Combat Sambo seminar and competition will be hosted at this year's Disney Martial Arts Festival! **Medalists in Combat Sambo will earn points towards ASA national Combat Sambo rankings.** Contact ykoulikov@optonline.net or visit www.disneymartialartsfestival.com for more information
ASA Co-Sponsored Event
- **November 1, 2008.** Findlay, Ohio. Sambo Seminar with Mark Tripp. Findlay YMCA East Branch
1400 Manor Hill Road
Findlay, Ohio 45840
419-422-9922
Cost \$25.00
1PM to 4PM

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ASA Sponsored Event
- **November 29, 2008.** Montreal, Canada. Pancrase Catch Wrestling Tournament at Club Kozak. For more info contact: info@pancrasemontreal.com

Upcoming 2009 Events:

- **February, 2009 (tentative date)**
Canadian Combat Sambo Open. Sanctioned by the Canadian Combat Sambo Federation. Contact Eugene Shewchuk for more information. www.clubkozak.com or www.combatsambocanada.org
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