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Lastly, our association e-mail will be changing from:
americansamboassociation@att.net to
samboinfo@yahoo.com

Please make a note of this change!

Sincerely,
Stephen Koepfer
ASA President

A Word from the President

Greetings everyone,

Sorry for the delay in getting our first 2010 issue out. Many of you know that I recently suffered a broken ankle that required some corrective surgery. Needless to say, I got a bit backlogged during that time. But, here we are now with the first issue of our 8th volume of the ASA newsletter!

Time has flown by so fast. It is incredible to think about what has happened during the past 8 years! Don't forget, we have past issues archived at ussambo.com for your use and reference.

2010 looks to be a good year so far. **We've got nearly 2000 subscribers to our newsletter!** Lots of projects in the works, so stay tuned! Get out on the mat everyone! I hope to see you at this year's camps, seminars, and of course, tournaments.

Sambo in the News:

February 27, 2010

Stephen Koepfer appeared on Cage Radio to discuss sambo and issues concerning MMA Sanctioning in New York. Cage Radio is a weekly internet radio show covering various aspects of MMA in the Mid Atlantic region. To listen to Cage Radio, follow this link:

<http://mat.uscombatsports.com/news/mid-atlantic/catch-cage-radiomat-here.html>

February 18, 2010

Can the Olympics help MMA? Not in the way you may think. Stephen Koepfer interviewed regarding the topic of amateur sanctioning.

<http://mat.uscombatsports.com/news/mid-atlantic/national/olympic-dreams-out-of-reach-mma-may-benefit-from-ioc.html>

February 2, 2010

Freestyle Sambo comes back to Brooklyn at an event to honor USKBA President and founder, Paul Rosner:

<http://mat.uscombatsports.com/news/mid-atlantic/local/new-york/uskba-festival-brings-sambo-back-to-brooklyn.html>

Follow up story: The February 28th show at the USKBA Martial Arts Festival was great fun and the 3 Freestyle Sambo matches were very good, even, and tough matches.

I want to thank the following persons who volunteered to assist run the event:

Reilly Bodycomb: Referee

Oleg Savitsky: Time keeper/score keeper

Dan Granke: Time keeper

Chris Diaz: Photography

Megan Bodycomb: Photography

Here are the results:

66kg Division

Vincent Beurrier (NY Combat Sambo, NYC) defeats David Juliano (Ultimate Sambo, Florida, NY) via a score of 3-0

74kg Division

Tyga Maclin (NY Combat Sambo, NYC) defeats Breno Lima (Team Gigueto, NJ) via a score of 4-0

84kg Division

Ozzy Dugulubgov (K Dojo, NJ) defeats Preston Gagg (Top Control BJJ/Team Gigueto, NJ) via a score of 3-0

The ASA: Can You See Us Now?

Welcome to our newest ASA members!

Carl Lee Tolbert: Canton, Georgia

www.aplusmartialarts.com

McCusker's Ultimate Grappling: Kingwood, Texas

www.kingwoodmixedmartialarts.com

Boyd Ritchie: North Tonawanda, NY

ASA Member News!

New York Combat Sambo – New York

February 6 – Bobby Messina brings home gold from NAGA New England in the Advanced division!

February 7 – Reilly Bodycomb brings home the gold at the Renegade Grappling Tournament Advanced Division

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4TY3bYJ_bEo

February 21 – Brad Desir brings home the 185lb Amateur MMA belt from Fight Lab Promotions!

http://www.purefight.org/videos/coverage/view_video/235236-armbar-submissions/304987-adam-dehart-vs-bradley-desir

February 28 – NYCS brings home two Freestyle Sambo superfight wins from the USKBA Martial Arts Festival. **Tyga Maclin** (NYCS) defeats Breno Lima (Team Gigueto). **Vincent Beurrier** (NYCS) defeats David Juliano (Ultimate Sambo)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4CZYbvwc6ag>

more videos to come soon!

Carl Lee Tolbert – Georgia

March 6 - A Plus Martial Arts competition team went to the Sarasota BJJ Open in Sarasota, FL to compete in Gi and No-Gi divisions. Coach Carl Lee Tolbert acted as one of two ring coordinators for the event.

Richard Junkuntz took 1st and 3rd place in Gi and No-Gi divisions. **Steven Zalokar** took 3rd place in his respective Gi division

Team Renegade – New York

March 6 - Ben Syers makes MMA debut for Team Renegade fighting on the Evolution Amateur MMA card. Ben lost a close decision, but really made it a good fight landing several hard punches and scoring a knockdown, and threw his opponent with a nice Podvhat (Uchimata). He looked extremely comfortable in the cage and represented his team well! Ben is already back in the gym 2 days later, working on his game and preparing for his next fight.

<http://www.gofightlive.tv/playVideo.do?videoId=2331&resolution=Medium&playerSize=Large>

Trinity Combat Academy – Texas

April 23 – TCA Head coach Brandon Quick will be stepping on the mat for an 8 man tournament in Houston. His first match will be against ADCC Veteran and Gracie Barra Black Belt, Marcelo Azevedo.

Aiki Academy – Connecticut

February 27 - Ten people, representing **Aiki Academy of Self Defense**, American Top Team and the ASA, attended the NAGA East Coast Championship in RI. The following people placed in their respective divisions:

Bella Crotta – Bronze (youth)

Nicolas Crotta – Silver (youth)

Zachary Esposito - Gold (youth)

Austin Gibilisco – Gold (youth)

Hunter Hesse – Gold (youth)

Matt Przybyl – Gold (youth)

Nico Sommo - Bronze (youth)

David Silverstone – Silver (adult)

Tyler Sibley - Silver (youth)

Caterina Teodosio – Bronze (youth)

Help Team American Sambo Win at the British Open!

On April 11, 2010 Team American Sambo will be representing the United States at the British Open Sambo Championships in Kent, England.

As many of you know, obtaining sponsorship for Sambo is no easy task as it is a relatively unknown sport here in the US. We at the American Sambo Association are asking all our supporters and fans to consider donating to the cause and assisting our athletes in their journey to represent the US across the pond.

The team roster consists of:

Doug Fournet (Gladiator Academy, LA)

Anthony Sansonetti (Team Renegade, NY)

Vincent Beurrier (NY Combat Sambo, NY)

Stephen Koepfer - Coach (NY Combat Sambo, NY)

To assist the US Team, please follow the paypal link and donate as little or as much as you would like. Our goal is to raise \$3000. All donors will appear

on the donor page of this website, unless otherwise directed.

www.rdojo.com/donate

Building a Sambo “Fight Finder”

We at the ASA are attempting to build a database of domestic sambo tournaments and players. As sambo grows in the US & Canada, we consistently get inquiries regarding old tournaments, past athletes, etc. It is our goal to create a searchable database on our website.

We are asking all our readers to forward us any official results they may have from sambo events held here in the US and Canada, as well as any important places by North Americans at world or international sambo events.

March 15th Deadline to Order your Kurtki and Shoes!

The deadline for our next sambo kurtka (jacket) and shoe order is **March 15th!** Please get your orders in promptly.

We are proud to stock the highest quality Hadjiev brand kurtka and Igor Kurinnoy's "Sambo for Professionals" shoes. You will not find better jackets or shoes anywhere in the US. These products are made by people who know sambo and are not cheap knock-offs.

NO ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE 15TH!

Order form, size, price and jacket/shoe images can be downloaded here:

<http://ussambo.com/stuff/asaorderform.pdf>

Phone orders can be made by calling the ASA office at 718-728-8054. You may also call the office with any questions.

A discount of \$5 per jacket/shoes will be offered on any order of 10 jackets or more.

2010 Event Calendar

COMPETITIONS:

April 11, 2010. Kent, England

British Open Sambo Championships.

http://www.britishsambo.co.uk/british_sambo_federation.Sambo%20Open%202010.htm

May 2nd, 2010. Rahway, New Jersey

American Amateur Sambo Federation US Sambo Open

FIAS sanctioned Sport Sambo. For more information, visit here:

http://www.sambo.com/aasf/docs/XVII/XVII_USAOpen_Invitation.pdf

SEMINARS:

March 13, 2010. Kent, Washington.

Sambo seminar with Aaron Fields. Seminar will cover throws, transitions, and grappling.

Schedule: 2-5pm

Cost: \$25

Seminar Location:

Lion's Way Martial Arts

10603 SE 240th St.

Kent, WA 98031

253-856-2122

info@lionsway.us

www.lionsway.us

March 19-20, 2010. Tamp, Florida

Two day sambo seminar with Carlos Cummings

Contact: Jeff Ogborn - 813-516-6840 or

www.oldschoolgrappler.com

Seminar location: 7813 Commerce street,

Riverview, Florida.

Cost: \$50.00 for both Days.

Schedule: Friday, 5pm-8pm & Saturday, 10am-1pm

Will Cover: Gi and No Gi, Throws, Takedowns, Ankle locks, Kneebars, Heel hooks, Toeholds, ect...

April 3, 2010. Waxahachie, Texas

Sambo Seminar with Reilly Bodycomb

Schedule: 1-4pm

Location: Trinity Combat Academy/Team Trinity

200 N Monroe St Ste C

Waxahachie, TX 75165

\$55 pre register, \$75 door, \$10 spectator

Limited Space!!!

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