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A Word from the President

Greetings everyone,

We have lots of great news to announce in this issue!

Sambo is growing in the US and a lot is going on to make that happen! Our annual tournament is moving to Texas this year; US will be represented in China at the First World Combat Games; the ASA will create a true national Sambo ranking system; ASA clubs continue to make waves!

Sit back and enjoy! It is a great time for Sambo in the US!

Sincerely,
Stephen Koepfer
ASA President

SAVE THE DATE! 2010 North American Freestyle Sambo Championships.

The 2010 North American Freestyle Sambo Championships will be on November 6th in Austin, Texas! This marks the first time our annual tournament will leave the New York Area and we are very excited with this growth!

The tournament will be held at the Central Texas Performing Arts Center and for the first time, we will also be offering on-line registration. Many thanks to ASA member Grant Gilliam of Eclectic Combat Systems for his assistance with this event. Texas is fast becoming a hotbed of American Sambo and we look forward to our first Texas tournament!

Keep an eye out on our website, Facebook Group, and your e-mail for event, hotel, and registration information.

Event Name: 7th Annual North American Freestyle Sambo Championships

Event Date: Saturday, November 6th, 2010

Event Location: Central Texas Performing Arts

Event Time: weigh-ins 9am, rules meeting 11:30am, tournament begins at noon

Event Divisions: This year we will have A and B divisions. A division is for coaches and those who have won the NAFSC in past years. People may fight up in this division if they choose. B Division is for everyone else.

Rules: Freestyle Sambo rules can be found at www.ussambo.com

***please note there will be some minor rule changes regarding dominance/pinning points. Please continue to check our website for updates.**

Rankings: All medalists will be eligible for inclusion in the ASA national Sambo rankings.

ASA Sambo Ranking Expanding to Include All National Sport and Freestyle Events.

The ASA National Freestyle Sambo rankings have grown in the 6 years we have been running tournaments. Now, we hope to create one true national Sambo ranking system. Inasmuch, starting 2010, we will also include official AASF events and other sport Sambo events into our ranking structure. We hope to create one unified national Sambo ranking list.

If you host sport Sambo events and wish for your results to be included in the ASA National Sambo Rankings, please take note of the following information:

- 1) You do not need to be an ASA member
- 2) You must submit your rules to the ASA for review prior to the event so we may establish the validity of your sport/freestyle Sambo event (2010 events will be grandfathered in).
- 3) Upon completion of your event, you must submit a complete place listing for all divisions including all athletes (not just the top 3 place holders).

- 4) If no ASA official was present at your event, you must submit video of at least the finals to the ASA for review.
- 5) Ranking points will be awarded to athletes in accordance with our ranking system at www.ussambo.com
- 6) Combat Sambo events are not eligible for the Sport/Freestyle Rankings.

Sambo in the News:

Support the US Team at the 2011 World Combat Games in Beijing, China!

Team American Sambo's own Doug Fournet, who recently took home a gold medal from the 2010 British Open Sambo Championships, along with Liberty Bell Judo/Sambo Academy coach Mikhail Kozitskiy will be attending as part of the US delegation! Please help support these gentlemen as they represent our country at this inaugural event!



Become a Sponsor of US Sambo Team at Combat Games 2010 Beijing



Douglas Fournet
90kg Sport Sambo



Mikhail Kozitskiy
Coach. Personally invited by FIAS



Only 2 Categories in Sport Sambo and 2 Categories in Combat Sambo. Each Category has 12 Athletes From Around the World.

Become a Proud Sponsor. Make Your Donation Today.

To help support Doug and Mikhail, please make a donation at the PayPal site linked below:



If you have difficulty with paypal, please contact Mikhail to see how you may support team USA directly: m_kozitskiy@hotmail.com

ASA Member News!

New York Combat Sambo – New York

July 10, 2010 - Congrats to NYCS team members Brad Desir (Silver Medal), Burt Engle (Silver Medal), and Dan Granke (Bronze Medal), for their performance at the Ultimate Sambo Submission Grappling Challenge.

Team Renegade – New York

July 10, 2010 - Congrats to Ben Syers who defeated Jamie Hadzima via guillotine choke at the Evolution AMMA III July Bash!

To view the fight, click here:

<http://www.gofightlive.tv/playVideo.do?videoid=3034&resolution=Medium&playerSize=Large>

July 19, 2010 - Congrats to all Team Renegade members that competed in the ACOM NY State Grappling Championships. Renegade's 10 member team collectively won 3- 1st place medals, 3- 2nd place medals, and 1 3rd place medal.

Fusboxe – Colorado

July 17, 2010 – Congrats to the following grapplers who have medaled recently in grappling and/or BJJ tournaments: Maureen Lovell (1st place grappling), Brendon Brown (1st place BJJ), Brendon Brown (1st place grappling), Shane Record (2nd Place, Grappling), Kiera Blalock (3rd Place Grappling). Also congrats to Garrett Cupepper for his 1st Round TKO MMA win!

Eclectic Combat – Texas

Justo Medina –
June 2010 Fort Hood Army Combatives Tournament.
2-0 First win by straight armbar , Second win by choke from half guard.

Scottie Spassky -
Freestyle wrestling (Wrestling only had one division)
1st place - 2009 Texas State Freestyle Wrestling Championships (novice)
3rd place - 2009 Team Sandstorm freestyle/Greco tournament (novice)
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Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu

1st Place - 2009 Valley Throwdown Tournament (GI)
1st Place- 2010 Martial Arts Mania Tournament (GI)
2nd Place- 2009 King of the Mat Tournament (Gi)
3rd Place- 2009 Fight to Win Texas Open (GI)
3rd Place- 2010 Men's Tuff E Nuff Tournament (GI)

Submission Grappling

1st Place- 2009 men's King of the Mat Tournament (No-Gi)
1st Place 2010 AFC Round Robin Tournament (No-Gi)
1st Place- 2010 Martial Arts Mania Tournament (No-GI) 121 pounds
1st Place- 2010 Martial Arts Mania Tournament (No-GI) 122-134 pounds
2nd place - 2010 men's Texas State BJJ championships (No-GI)
2nd place - 2009 Valley Throwdown Tournament (No-Gi)
2nd place- 2009 Teens king of the mats tournament (No-Gi)
2nd place - 2010 Men's Tuff E Nuff Tournament (No-GI)

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.

Photo of the Month



Some attendees of the ASA Igor Kurinnoy training camp in Seattle – July, 2010.

2010-2011 Event Calendar

COMPETITIONS

-August 14, 2010. Chillicothe, Ohio
Sambo Joe summer nationals (Sport Sambo)
(non-ASA event)
For more information contact Joe Neely:
jneely@fuse.net
www.sombojoe.com

-SAVE THE DATE! The 2010 North American Freestyle Sambo Championships will be held in Austin, Texas on **November 6th**. Registration, hotel, and other info coming soon.

AMERICAN SAMBO ASSOCIATION SEMINARS AND CAMPS

-July 30 - Aug 1, 2010. Bettendorf, Iowa
ASA presents Igor Kurinnoy US Seminar Tour
Igor is a 3x world champion and 5x world cup champion
Owner/head coach of Borec in Moscow
Open to the public.
contact: Gregg Humphreys at dynamogregg@msn.com

-July 31, 2010. Austin, Texas.
Sambo Seminar with Stephen Koepfer
4 Hours of throwing and mat work.
Start time: 11:30am
\$50 for ECS Students, \$80 for non-ECS Students
Location: Eclectic Combat Systems
<http://www.eclecticcombat.com/>
Contact Grant Gilliam to reserve your spot

eclecticcombatsystems@gmail.com

To pre register with a credit card, contact the ASA office at 718-728-8054.

-Sept 3-5, 2010. Lewistown, Ohio
Sambo Grappling Seminar with Carlos Cummings, owner of Cummings Combat Sambo MMA Academy.
Contact Jon Rotroff-937-633-0140 for more information.
Address: 8144 County RD.54
Lewistown, Ohio, 43333
Cost: \$55.00 For Friday and Saturday and Sunday!
Seminar- Friday-10am-2pm & 5pm-8pm, Saturday 10am-2pm, and Sunday 9am-12noon. Will Cover: No Gi Throws, Takedowns, Belt grips, Ankle locks, Knee bars, Judo, Heelhooks, Toeholds, etc.

-September 25, 2010. North Branford, CT
Sambo Seminar with Stephen Koepfer
By invite only for ASA members
3-5PM
Location: <http://www.aikiacademy.com/>

-October 8-10, 2010, Bettendorf, Iowa
4th Annual Sambo Summit 4 day training camp.
Open to the public. Coaches Stephen Koepfer, Aaron Fields, and Gregg Humphreys. Required for ASA member club instructors.
This year we will offer an ASA Referee Certification!
Location: Miletich Fighting Systems
Pre-registration is required
\$500 include three days training, room & board, breakfast and lunch.
Download information and registration forms here:
<http://ussambo.com/stuff/2010summitregistration.docx>
<http://ussambo.com/stuff/2010summitinfo.docx>
<http://ussambo.com/stuff/2010summitcoaches.docx>

-January 15, 2011. Lewistown, Ohio.
One day Sambo seminar with Stephen Koepfer
Contact Jon Rotroff-937-633-0140 for more information