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# PORTLAND BOXING CLUB

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Happy New Year from Portland Boxing Club



Portland Boxing Club's pro middleweight Russell "The Haitian Sensation" Lamour, Jr. (right) at the Skowhegan Pro-Am event on December 1, 2018. *Photo courtesy Kineo Photography.*

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Portland Boxing Club's Kate Zehr (right) at the Skowhegan Pro-Am event on December 1, 2018. *Photo courtesy Kineo Photography.*

## Skowhegan Pro-Am Results

Portland Boxing Club's Kate Zehr and pro middleweight Russell "The Haitian Sensation" Lamour, Jr. both scored victories at the Skowhegan Pro-Am show promoted by Team Berry Boxing at the Skowhegan Community Center on December 1.

PBC's Kate Zehr, of South Portland, a novice class featherweight (125 lbs), kept her winning streak alive, winning her eighth fight in a row. Zehr won a hard-fought battle by a close split decision over Willow Crawford, of Goffstown, NH.

In the six-round co-main event of the evening, PBC's Russell Lamour, of Portland, a professional middleweight (160 lbs), won by technical knock-out in the fourth round over the veteran Larry Smith, of Dallas, TX. Lamour looked impressive in his comeback showing sharp boxing skills. After a tentative first round, Lamour scored three knock downs that included a brutal body attack.

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Portland Boxing Club's (left to right) Chi Wong, Lindsay (Kyajohnian) Francois, Josniel Castro and Danny Pang singing karaoke at the Annual PBC Christmas Party on December 15, 2018.

### 'Twas the Night Before a PBC Christmas

'Twas the night before a PBC Christmas, when all through the gym  
Not a creature was stirring, that damn mouse, Skip killed him;  
The gloves were hung by the ring with care,  
In hopes that Coach Russo soon would be there;

The Team were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of golden gloves danced in their heads;  
And Julie in her 'kerchief, and Johnny in his cap,  
Had each just settled down for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
Skip sprang from the bed to see what "F" was the matter.  
Away to the window Skip shuffled with a crash,  
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

It was hard to make clear, from the new-fallen snow

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But a white Honda Van, and eight eager fighters, with gear,

He was a lead-footed driver, sporting a lively Italian glow,  
I knew in a moment it must be Coach Russo.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, RUSSELL! now, MARIO! now, DANNY and CASEY!

On, QUIRKY! on IVAN! on, TG and LINDSAY!

"Get your ass in the gym, train hard for the win!

Is that Kate over there? Did Skip finally trim off the Lynn?"

As wet sweaty hand-wraps at my feet they do lie,

With a flick of my wrist I let them fly,

So up to the gym the coursers they flew,

With the van full of gear, and Coach Russo too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the floor

The prancing and pawing of each little rodent, one and more.

As Skip reset his traps, and was turning around,

Down the chimney Coach Russo came with a bound.

He was dressed in red, white and black, from his head to his foot,

And his PBC suit was all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of gear he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.

That PBC sign in two color neon, oh how it twinkled, how merry!

Coach's cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the 'stache of his face was as white as the snow;

The end of his cigar he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;

A cell phone, that thing was stuck to his face,

Slip left, slip right, that phone never once out of place.

He started buzzing around, a right jolly old elf,

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If your hands were up, you had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,  
And filled all the gloves; then turned with a jerk,  
And laying his fist aside of your nose,  
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his van, to his team gave a whistle,  
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.  
But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,  
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL, AND TO ALL A GOOD-NIGHT!

*Hal Pierce is a long time member of the Portland Boxing Club and the  
Chairman of the Combat Sports Authority of Maine.*

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## Upcoming Events

### **Northern New England Golden Gloves**

The Northern New England Golden Gloves have moved closer to Portland! Portland Boxing Club team members will be competing in the 2019 Northern New England Golden Gloves at the Tri-City Christian Academy in Somersworth, NH on January 19 and 26 with the winners advancing to the New England Golden Gloves in Lowell, MA.

### **New England Golden Gloves**

Qualifying Portland Boxing Club team members will be competing in the 2019 New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Lowell, MA. The

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### Help Support the Portland Boxing Club

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### Red Corner Club Members

Thank you to the following new members of the Red Corner Club:

Jaed Coffin

Jennifer Higgins

Sean O'Hare - O'Hare Associates

Al Valenti

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membership:

Vinko and Jelena Buble - Backlog Zero  
Michael Griffin



Portland Boxing Club's Liz Leddy's pet Nala sporting a PBC bandana. These bandanas, along with many other accessories, gifts and clothing are available at the Portland Boxing Club on-line store.

[PBC On-Line Store](#)

Portland Boxing Club's on-line store has a wide selection of merchandise

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### Winter Sale

Winter hats and headbands are on sale for \$10. Boxing glove pendant necklaces are on sale for \$10. Special Limited Edition Portland Boxing Club KO Hot Sauce is on sale for \$5.

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[On-line Store](#)

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