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Portland Boxing Club's January 2023 Newsletter - Volume 8 Issue

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*Portland Boxing Club's Jason Quirk lands a punch to Anthony Hines' at All-Star Boxing at the Portland Expo on November 12, 2022. Photo courtesy Kineo Photography.*

## **PBC Wins Two Championships in Front of Sold-Out Expo**

The Portland Boxing Club hosted its 107th event in its 30-year history on November 12, 2022. A sold-out crowd of nearly 3,000 people packed the James A. Banks Exposition Building to see boxers from Portland Boxing Club win two championship belts.

In the main event, PBC's Jason "The Fighting Fireman" Quirk from Scarborough, Maine faced Anthony Hines of Dorchester, Massachusetts. Both boxers put their perfect record of 9-0 on the line in this 8 round match up for the ABF/USA Middleweight Title. Although this was only Quirk's second fight in 5 years, he did not show any ring rust with back-and-forth exchanges with Hines

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In the co-feature event, PBC's Jorge "Mantequilla" Abiague from Portland, Maine was clearly the aggressor over the first five rounds to defeat Eder Clervoix of Montreal to win the Northeast Regional Super Bantamweight Title. Clervoix suffered a hand injury and refused to come out for the sixth of the scheduled eight rounds giving Abiague the win by TKO.

Brandon "The Cannon" Berry, a welterweight from West Forks, Maine, overwhelmed Miguel Angel Suarez from Buenos Aries, Argentina with a punishing body attack scoring five knock downs. The referee called a halt to the action at 2:03 into the fifth round.

On the undercard, Cristiano Pedro, a cruiserweight from Lewiston, Maine, won a unanimous decision over Jimmie Levins of Buffalo, New York in a slow moving four-round bout that featured a lot of holding. Jahyae Brown, a junior middleweight from Schenectady, New York won by knockout over Jader Alves de Oliveria of Framingham, Massachusetts at 2:43 into the first of the six scheduled rounds. Xavian Ramierz, a junior welterweight from Morrill, Nebraska, won a unanimous decision over Mike Fowler, of Madison, Wisconsin, in a four-round bout.

The evening started with two amateur bouts featuring Portland Boxing Club boxers. PBC's Zordan Holman, a super heavyweight from Westbrook, Maine, won by TKO over Joseph Jones, of Sharon, Massachusetts, at 1:36 into the second round. PBC's Wade Faria, a middleweight from Gorham, Maine, looked impressive winning a unanimous decision over Bopol Tshiunza, of Lewiston, Maine.

In honor of Veteran's Day, Alan "Hooker" Johnson was introduced. Johnson is the recipient of the Defense Medal of Freedom and the Secretary of Defense Medal of Valor. Portland Boxing Club president and head coach Bobby Russo was awarded a Veteran's Choice Award for his continued support of veteran's causes.

Special guests were James "Buster" Douglas and Rob Ninkovich who signed autographs and took photos.

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*Congratulations to Portland Boxing Club's Wade Faria and his wife Darbi on their wedding on November 19, 2022! Photo courtesy Stephen Shea.*

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Photos with Buster Douglas and Rob Ninkovich are available for download here:  
<https://www.brucehaskellphotography.com/proofing/portland-boxing/nov-12th>



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## In Memory of Steve Smoger

The Portland Boxing Club is very sad to hear of the passing of world famous Hall of Fame referee, Steve Smoger. Smoger refereed over 200 world title fights and was considered one of the best. He was known as a referee who gave a fighter every chance to win before stopping a fight. Among the fights he worked were epics like Pavlik-Taylor I, Micky Ward-Augustus, Trinidad-Hopkins, Forrest-Mosley I, and many more. Although Steve was the referee to the boxing greats, he loved coming to Portland, Maine and refereed many of our events here at the Expo to support our grass roots program. Smoger was inducted into the International Boxing Hall of Fame in 2015.

Rest in Peace, Steve.



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## [PBC On-Line Store](#)

Portland Boxing Club's [on-line store](#) has a wide selection of merchandise featuring the Portland Boxing Club logo. These make great gifts for the hard-to-buy-for boxer or boxing fan in your life!

### **Gear Up for Winter!**

Portland Boxing Club has a variety of sweatshirts, hoodies, sleeveless hoodies and quarter-zip sweatshirts available. [Click here](#) to check out the selection.

### **Gift Certificates**

[Gift certificates](#) are now available! Gift certificates can be redeemed towards membership initiation, monthly dues and in-club purchases. Not sure what amount to purchase? Consider \$30 for one months' dues, \$50 for a sweatshirt and t-shirt, \$105 for a new member's initiation and second month's dues, \$180 for 6 months' dues or \$360 for one years' dues.

Check out these and the other store items at: [On-line Store](#)

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## **Upcoming Events**

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

The Northern New England Golden Gloves will be held on Saturdays, January 14, January 21 and January 28, 2023 at Tri-City Christian Academy in Somersworth, NH. Doors open at 4:30 pm and bouts start at 6:00 pm all three days. Winners will advance to the New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. For more information and tickets, visit: [www.jassboxing.org](http://www.jassboxing.org)

### **New England Golden Gloves**

The New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions will be held on Thursdays, February 16 - March 9, 2023 at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium in Lowell, MA. Novice class semi-finals are February 16 and finals are February 23. Open class semi-finals are March 2 and finals are March 9. Bouts begin at 7:30 pm each night. Open class winners will advance to the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions. For more information and tickets, visit: [www.lowellgoldengloves.com](http://www.lowellgoldengloves.com)

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### Red Corner Club

Portland Boxing Club's Red Corner Club is a great way to show your boxing pride and support the Portland Boxing Club. For an annual tax-deductible donation of \$100 or greater, you can join this exclusive club of Portland Boxing Club supporters. The Red Corner Club is open to anyone who wants to support the Portland Boxing Club, including current and past members, boxing team alumni, fans and community supporters.

Benefits include Portland Boxing Club shirt with the Red Corner Club member logo, recognition in upcoming souvenir programs, recognition in Portland Boxing Club newsletters and recognition at Portland Boxing Club events.

For more information or to join, visit [www.portlandboxingclub.org/red-corner-club](http://www.portlandboxingclub.org/red-corner-club)

### Portland Boxing Club Merchandise

Portland Boxing Club's on-line store has a wide selection of merchandise featuring the Portland Boxing Club logo. These make great gifts for the hard-to-buy-for boxer or boxing fan in your life! Our most popular items include hooded sweatshirts and stay-dry t-shirts. We also have facemasks and neck gaiters to help protect yourself and others. Boxing equipment including gloves, headgear, hand wraps, mouth guards and jump ropes are also available.

To shop these and many more items, visit [www.portlandboxingclub.org/store](http://www.portlandboxingclub.org/store)

### Boxing Collectables and Memorabilia

Portland Boxing Club now has boxing collectables and memorabilia available for sale on-line. Items include autographed boxing gloves from famous boxers such as Micky Ward, Dicky Eklund, Muhammad Ali, Jake LaMotta and Gerry Cooney along with local favorites such as Liz Leddy and Russell Lamour. Other items include vintage boxing magazines such as The Ring, KO Magazine, Boxing Illustrated and World Boxing from 1978 to 1992. Additional items are



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### AmazonSmile

Support the Portland Boxing Club when you shop on Amazon with AmazonSmile! Customers pay the same Amazon prices, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the price of eligible purchases to the Portland Boxing Club.

Select Portland Boxing Club as your charity then when time you shop on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com).

Your support of the Portland Boxing Club through any of these methods would be greatly appreciated. The Portland Boxing Club thanks you for your continued support.

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