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Portland Boxing Club's July 2020 Newsletter - Volume 5 Issue 7

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We Are Open!

The Portland Boxing Club has reopened with COVID-19 requirements in place. These requirements are posted throughout the gym and [on our Facebook page](#). We have a maximum occupancy of 20 people - for the time being, please avoid visiting if you are not actively working out.

The Saturday beginner drop-in class has also resumed. For class information and announcements, please visit [the class Facebook page](#).

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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!

Summer Sale - [Tank Tops](#) and [Stay Dry T-Shirts](#)

Performance tank tops and dry-fit t-shirts are both on sale for \$15 during July. Tank tops are available in black and white, stay dry t-shirts are available in black and gray.

New Item and Summer Sale - [Neck Gaiters](#)

Don't like wearing face mask? Portland Boxing Club now has neck gaiters available in light-weight stay-dry material to keep you cool while protecting yourself and others. On sale for \$15 in red, white and black. One size fits most.

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Our popular stay dry t-shirts are now available in gray and are on sale for \$15 during July.

Featured Item - [Face Masks](#)

Portland Boxing Club face masks are now available for \$12. Washable and reusable face masks. Breathable fabric with raw edges so that it is soft against the skin. Adjustable for two sizes.

Featured Item - [Boxing Gloves](#)

When Portland Boxing Club reopens, members will be required to use their own gloves to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. We have expanded our selection of boxing gloves that are available to give members affordable options.

Featured Item - [Hand Wraps](#)

Portland Boxing Club hand wraps are now available! They are available for \$10 on-line and in the gym.

[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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Portland Boxing Club assistant coach Ivan Papkee (left) with Teddy Atlas.

Volunteer of the Month - Ivan Papkee

Ivan Papkee has been around the Portland Boxing Club since he was a teenager. He now juggles a busy home and work life, with a young daughter, Iva and his wife, Erin while starting a business [First Choice Electric](#). However, he has not forgotten his roots and shows his gratitude to the Portland Boxing Club by finding the time to volunteer as an assistant coach and help out with many projects around the gym.

Ivan has been through ups and downs in life and this helps him relate to the boxers as they deal with issues in their lives. He is seen as a coach and a mentor to many of our members. His coaching is particularly appreciated during the New England Golden Gloves, where he works a ten to twelve hour work day, travels the two hours to Lowell, corners for the Portland Boxing Club team

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We appreciate Ivan's dedication to the Portland Boxing Club. Thank you for all that you do.

Thank you Ivan!

Bob Russo, President and Head Coach



Portland Boxing Club professional boxer Casey Streeter.

Streeter Honored with Lifesaving Award

Portland Boxing Club's professional super welterweight, Casey Streeter, 11-1-1,

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correctional officer, he has been honored with the Maine Department of Corrections Lifesaving Award. The award states it is "Presented to an employee for an on-duty act that resulted in the saving or preservation of a human life in which the rescued person would have died without your direct action."



Showcase: Portland Boxing Club by photographer Brian Fitzgerald

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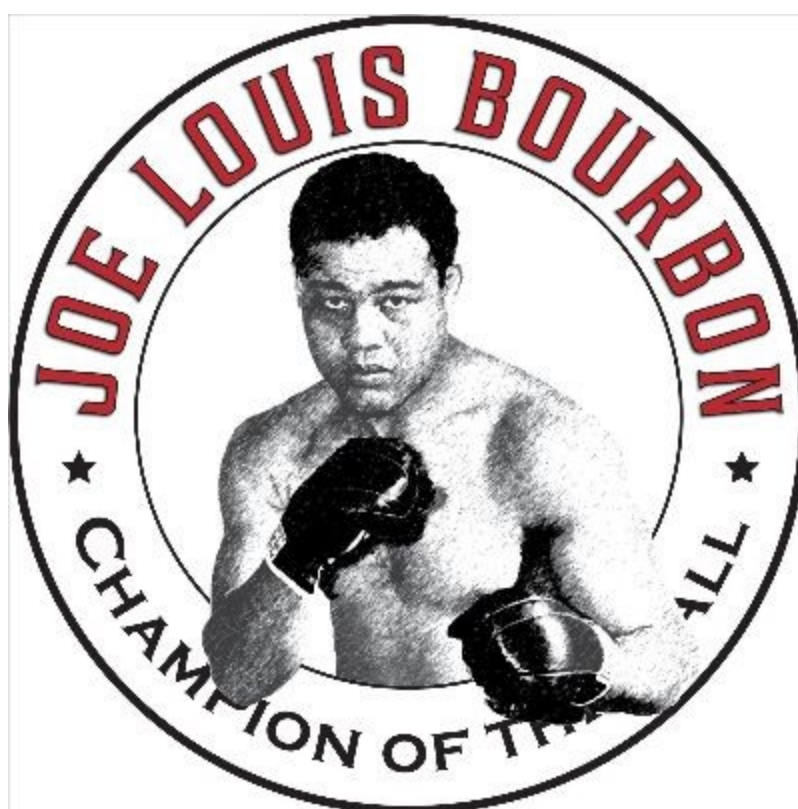
I'm fortunate that I get to meet a lot of very interesting and very cool people in the course of my daily work as a commercial photographer in Maine. Every person has their own unique story and are fascinating in their own special way.

Some just happen to work in environments that take 'interesting' to another level. The Portland Boxing Club, a 1900s-era former wood-drying kiln set tucked behind Morrell's Corner in Portland, is one such place. It's there, enclosed by thick brick walls and floors of concrete, sweltering in the summer and freezing in winter, that Head Coach and founder Bob Russo has honed fighters of all ages and sexes for almost 30 years. On concrete and on the canvas, they strengthen their bodies and toughen their minds.

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years ago but edited recently. Enjoy!

This appeared as a blog post by photographer Brian Fitzgerald. The blog can be seen [here](#) and the video can be seen [here](#).



Bourbon and Boxing - Joe Louis Happy Hour

Peter and Michael host the Joe Louis Happy Hour at the Portland Boxing Club and talk with our own Liz Leddy. Listen to the discussion [here](#).

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Boxing Collectables and Memorabilia

Portland Boxing Club now has boxing collectables and memorabilia available for sale on-line. Current items listed 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. Keep checking back as additional items are being added regularly.

Donations of boxing collectables and memorabilia are being accepted if you have items that you would like to contribute. "We have heard from people who want to make sure their collection goes to a good cause and from people who have been collecting for years and don't know what to do with their items. We will photograph them, research their value and offer them for sale to help PBC raise money," states Portland Boxing Club's President and Head Coach Bob Russo. All proceeds raised from the sale of these items go to supporting Portland Boxing Club's amateur boxing program.

The Boxing Collectables and Memorabilia page can be seen at www.portlandboxingclub.org/memorabilia

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Help Support the Portland Boxing Club

Join the Red Corner Club! It 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.

Memberships can also be given as a gift! [Click here for more information and to join the Red Corner Club](#)

New Red Corner Club Members

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

Mike Couture
Roberta Jackson
Steve Rosacha
Patricia Russo

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