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*Portland Boxing Club at the Northern New England Golden Gloves in Somersworth, NH.*

**PBC Wins Three Northern New England Golden Gloves Championships**

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PBC's Xavier Tiger Diaz, a 125-pound novice featherweight from Brunswick, Maine, completely dominated Zachary Zombeck of Somersworth, New Hampshire winning all three rounds and a unanimous decision.

PBC's Lindsay Kyajohnian Francois, a 139-pound elite light welterweight from Gorham, Maine, outboxed Stevie Theoharidis of Bangor, Maine to win the unanimous decision.

PBC's Abbas Ngoboka, a 156-pound novice welterweight from Portland, Maine, lost a split decision to Ryan Antonivich of Perkinsville, Vermont in a back-and-forth battle that was the best bout of the night.

PBC's Wade Faria, a 165-pound elite middleweight from Portland, Maine, won by first round knockout over Cody Zombeck of Somersworth, New Hampshire.

Diaz, Francois and Faria advance to the New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Lowell, Massachusetts starting on February 16, 2023. In addition, PBC's Kate Zehr, a 125-pound elite featherweight from South Portland, Maine; Max Kennedy, a 139-pound novice youth division from South Portland, Maine; Ilyas Bashir, a 139-pound elite division light welterweight from Auburn, Maine; and, Zordan Holman, a 203+ pound novice super heavyweight from Westbrook, Maine advance to this tournament by walkover.

Portland Boxing Club fighters have won 231 championships in the organization's 30-year history.

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*Lowell Mayor Sokhary Chau (left) awarding Portland Boxing Club president and head coach Bobby Russo (right) the key to the City of Lowell at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium on March 2, 2023.*

### **Russo Awarded Key to the City of Lowell**

Congratulations to Portland Boxing Club's president and head coach Bob Russo. He was awarded the key to the City of Lowell for his role as Executive Director of the New England Golden Gloves and his contributions to the sport of boxing.

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*Allen Bunmy, Xavier Tiger Diaz, Bobby Russo, Liz Leddy, Kate Zehr and Wade Faria at the New England Golden Gloves in Lowell, Massachusetts on March 2, 2023.*

## New England Golden Gloves Action

Portland Boxing Club athletes are off to a great start representing All-Northern New England at the New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Lowell, Massachusetts.

In a semi-final bout, PBC's Xavier Tiger Diaz, a 125-pound novice featherweight from Brunswick, Maine, won a clear-cut unanimous decision over Pedro Luna Sanchez of New Haven, Connecticut who was representing Western New England.

In a semi-final bout, PBC's Kate Zehr, a 125-pound elite featherweight from South Portland, Maine, dominated Brandy Young of Boston, Massachusetts who was representing Central New England with a relentless attack winning a unanimous decision.

In a semi-final bout, PBC's Wade Faria, a 165-pound elite middleweight from Portland, Maine, won a 4-1 split decision over Douglas Marroquin of Stamford, Connecticut who was representing Western New England in a bout fought in close quarters.

Also in a semi-final bout, PBC's Zordan Holman, a 203+ pound novice super heavyweight from Westbrook, Maine, out boxed Robinson Perez of

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In a final bout in the 139-pound novice youth division, PBC's Max Kennedy from South Portland, Maine, won a hard-fought split decision over James Harvey of Chelmsford, Massachusetts who was representing Central New England to win the championship title.

Diaz, Zehr, Faria and Holman advance to the finals at the All-New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Lowell, Massachusetts starting on March 9, 2023. In addition, Ilyas Bashir, a 139-pound elite division light welterweight from Auburn, Maine, and Lindsay Kyajohnian Francois, a 139-pound elite light welterweight from Gorham, Maine, advance to the finals by walkover.

With Kennedy's championship title, Portland Boxing Club fighters have won 232 championships in the organization's 30-year history.

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*Portland Boxing Club team captain Kate Zehr with her dogs Brutus and Agustus.*

### Team Member Spotlight - Kate Zehr

Featherweight Kate Zehr has been a team member since moving to Maine in 2016. She is a natural leader at the club and was elected as the Portland Boxing Club Team Captain by her teammates. Kate has won multiple Northern New England Golden Gloves and New England Golden Gloves championships and was a 2021 National Golden Gloves Silver Medalist.

In addition to her Team Captain role, Kate is always ready to assist at the Portland Boxing Club in other ways, including helping out with training new members, our on-line store and other administrative duties.

Kate is a product manager at Bitwerx, Inc. and is a personal trainer. She also volunteers at the Animal Refuge League of Greater Portland and has a passion

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Thank you Kate for all that you do!



### [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!

### [Get Ready for Spring!](#)

All t-shirts are 15% off during March - including cotton t-shirts, stay-dry t-shirts, long-sleeve t-shirts and children t-shirts! [Click here](#) to check out the selection.

### [New Item](#)

We now have Portland Boxing Club handwraps available in black! [Click here](#) to

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### 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](#)



### Time to Renew Red Corner Club Memberships!

Red Corner Club memberships are vital to our success and allows us to continue to have the impact you have come to expect from the Portland Boxing Club. We invite you to join or renew membership in the Red Corner Club.

We have some exciting new changes to the Red Corner Club for this year! New members receive a Red Corner Club polo shirt and renewal members receive a Portland Boxing Club t-shirt or sweatshirt of your choosing. To make it easier for us and for you to track renewals, Red Corner Club memberships will now be based on the calendar year – all 2023 renewals will expire on December 31, 2023. Lastly, we will be providing Red Corner Club members with advance access to purchase tickets to our annual All-Star Boxing event at the Portland Expo.

Thank you to the following new and renewal members:



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Thank you for being a member of the Red Corner Club!

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## Upcoming Events

### **New England Golden Gloves**

The New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions concludes on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium in Lowell, MA. Bouts begin at 7:30 pm. 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)

### **National Golden Gloves**

The National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions is scheduled for May 8-13, 2023 at the in Chester, PP. For more information and updates, visit: [www.goldenglovesusa.org/championship/](http://www.goldenglovesusa.org/championship/)

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