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**Get Your Tickets Now! Only Two Weeks Left!**

The Portland Boxing Club is having a Getaway Raffle. The winner will be awarded two roundtrip tickets on jetBlue to anywhere they fly! The drawing will

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Portland Boxing Club's Facebook page.

Tickets are One for \$10, Six for \$50, or Thirteen for \$100. Tickets will be available at the All-Star Boxing event, at the Portland Boxing Club, from the boxers and on-line at [www.portlandboxingclub.org/raffle](http://www.portlandboxingclub.org/raffle).

Thank you to jetBlue and Captain Phil Spiller for sponsoring this raffle.



Portland Boxing Club's Kate Zehr (right) at the New England Golden Gloves Championships in Lowell, MA on February 27, 2020.

**Portland Boxing Club Boxers Win Two Championships at New**

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Several Portland Boxing Club's athletes earned the opportunity to represent Northern New England at the New England Golden Gloves at the historic Lowell Memorial Auditorium in Lowell, MA.

PBC's Jordan Lindsay, a novice class super heavyweight (201+ lbs) of Windham, lost a competitive, close bout to the elusive Quintin Sumpter, of Pittsfield, MA, who was representing Western New England in Novice Semi-Finals. Lindsay also had a special non-tournament bout later in the tournament where he won a unanimous decision over Jerry Polanco, of Brooklyn, CT.

PBC's Wade Faria, a novice class middleweight (165 lbs) of South Portland, won a unanimous decision over Manuel Teo, of Marlboro, MA, who was representing Central New England in the Novice Finals. Faria dominated the bout from start to finish with good boxing technique from the outside and outworking Teo on the inside.

PBC's Kate Zehr, an open class featherweight (125 lbs) of South Portland, won a unanimous decision over Noelle Boran, of East Walpole, MA, who was representing Central New England in the Open Finals. Zehr out-hustled Boran in every round with a non-stop attack.

With Faria and Zehr's championship wins, Portland Boxing Club athletes have now earned 216 championship wins in the organization's 28 years.

Reining open class lightweight (132 lbs) New England champion Liz Leddy, of Portland, will face Marni O'Shea, of Danbury, CT, who will be representing Western New England in the Open Finals. Leddy will be looking for her tenth New England Golden Gloves Championship win.

The open class New England champions will advance to the National Golden Gloves Championships in Tulsa, Oklahoma beginning on May 4, 2020.

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Portland Boxing Club's Lindsay (Kyajohnian) François (center) with head coach Bobby Russo (left) and former assistant coach Jack Lumus (right).

### New Addition to the Portland Boxing Club

Portland Boxing Club is proud to announce our newest team member! Congratulations to PBC team member Lindsay (Kyajohnian) François and husband Steeve François on the birth of baby Kya!

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Portland Boxing Club's Liz Leddy with her three National Golden Gloves Championship belts.

## Leap Day 2020

Portland Boxing Club was pleased to participate in Portland Media Center's Leap Day 2020 celebration and fundraiser. The Portland Media Center celebrated the extra day by sharing special videos of people and organizations in the community who practice kindness all the days of the year, including Portland Boxing Club's president and head coach Bobby Russo and three time national Golden Gloves champion Liz Leddy. Bobby Russo introduced the films live at the Portland Media Center's station.

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Lee Bals has volunteered with the Portland Boxing Club for more than 20 years.

### Volunteer of the Month - Lee Bals

Lee Bals is a respected trial attorney and the head of the litigation department at Marcus Clegg. Lee is equally at home announcing the main event in front of a packed Portland Expo as he is arguing cases in a court room. He has volunteered with the Portland Boxing Club for more than 20 years announcing over 80 shows for us. He has the perfect voice to keep the crowd engaged over the loudspeakers.

In addition to being the Portland Boxing Club's ring announcer, he is also on our non-profit Board of Directors. Thank you for more than 20 years of service to the Portland Boxing Club!

Thank you Lee!

Bob Russo, President and Head Coach

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Portland Boxing Club assistant coach Ivan Papkee (right) with Jordan Lindsay (left) at the New England Golden Gloves Championships in Lowell, MA on February 18, 2020. Thank you to head coach Bob Russo and assistant coaches and volunteers Skip Neales, Durward Ferland, Marty Higgins, Ivan Papkee, Jeff Quirk, Steve Rosacha, Don Drake, Jean Russo, and Mike Russo.

## A Coach's Job is Never Done

*"Coaching is a 24 hours, 7 days a week job. Because when you invest in kids, you never stop caring."*

A lot of coaches don't really sleep. When they finally stop watching film, stop analyzing the last practice, stop preparing for the next practice, and stop looking at their budgets, and grades, and fundraising, they close their eyes and that is when the thoughts just don't stop.



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- I should have done that ...
- Could I have done this better?
- I should have done that better ...
- I hope \_\_\_\_\_ knows I love them and just want what's best for them
- ...
- I hope that \_\_\_\_\_ knows that I care about their son/daughter and I just want what's best for their kid ...

We close our eyes at night, but it's hard to get to sleep and to stay asleep. We never stop thinking about the game and our kids. And the crazy part is, we never stop thinking about them and caring about them and worrying about them when they are gone.

If you have a coach that cares for your athlete and invests in them, thank them and appreciate them. If they can help your child grow as a person and an athlete, hold on to them. The special ones just aren't everywhere.

*This article by Reggie Bibb first appeared on [acoachsdairy.blogspot.com](http://acoachsdairy.blogspot.com) on February 18, 2020. Thank you to the coaches and volunteers at the Portland Boxing Club.*

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OR TEAM BERRY BOXING 207.907.9078

## Upcoming Events

### New England Golden Gloves

Qualifying Portland Boxing Club team members will be competing in the 2020 New England Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions in Lowell, MA. The Open-Class finals are March 5. The open-class winners will represent New England at the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions May 3 - 9, 2020 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. For more information, visit [www.lowellgoldengloves.com](http://www.lowellgoldengloves.com).

### Team Berry Boxing Presents Pro-Am Boxing

Team Berry Boxing brings Live Pro-Am Boxing back to Skowhegan! Come watch amateur and pro boxers battle it out at The Community Center for a fun night of boxing on Saturday, April 25, 2020! Local boxing clubs as well as clubs

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tickets call Berry's Store, 207-663-4461, credit card is accepted over the phone.



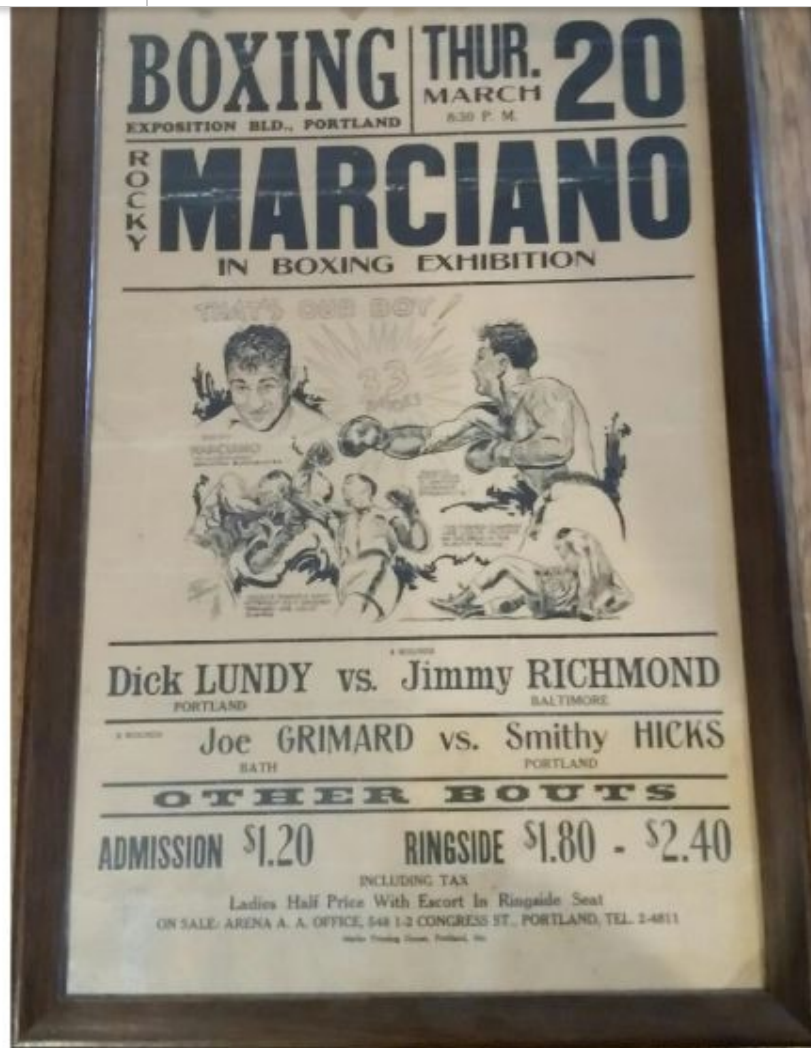
## PBC On-Line Store

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!

### 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 \$25 for one months' dues, \$50 for a sweatshirt and t-shirt, \$100 for a new member's initiation and second month's dues, \$150 for 6 months' dues or \$300 for one years' dues.

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

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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.

Attention Rocky Marciano fans - new item posted! Framed poster in excellent condition from 1952 Rocky Marciano boxing exhibition at the Portland Expo. This is a unique piece of history as this event turned out to be controversial when it was discovered that Marciano substituted his brother for his advertised sparring partner.

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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](http://www.portlandboxingclub.org/memorabilia)



### 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](#)

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Thank you to the following members for renewing their Red Corner Club membership:

Wendy Flynn

Nick Norton

Richard Randall - Randall Brothers Financial Advisers



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**BOXING**  
Portland, Maine CLUB

*Starting January 1*

 **NEW DUES**

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*Monthly dues are changing. For members who pay each month in the gym, dues will be \$30 monthly.*

*For members enrolled in automatic monthly payments via credit card, dues will continue to be \$25 monthly.*

*Members can enroll in automatic monthly payments on-line at [www.portlandboxingclub.org/membership](http://www.portlandboxingclub.org/membership) or complete a form at the gym.*

## Membership Dues

Monthly dues are changing effective January 1, 2020. For members who prefer

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dues will continue to be \$25 monthly.

Members can enroll in automatic monthly payments by completing this form and returning it to the gym: [Membership Auto-Payment Form.](#)

### Shop on Amazon Smile to Support PBC

Support Portland Boxing Club every time you shop on Amazon! **Select Portland Boxing Club as your charity** then when time you shop on Amazon, go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and Portland Boxing Club will receive a portion of the purchase price.



### Membership

If you haven't been into the Portland Boxing Club recently, we welcome you to rejoin! If you are an active member, refer your friends! Membership information and Saturday boot camp information is available on our website.

[Membership Information](#)



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

MONDAY - FRIDAY	OPEN GYM 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM
FRIDAY	STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING 5:30 PM
SATURDAY	OPEN GYM 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM
SATURDAY	DROP IN CLASS 2:00 PM \$10.00

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-EXCHANGE STREET-

**SMALL PLATES - SIGNATURE COCKTAILS**

*In life*  
**HONORABLE!**  
*In death*  
**GLORIOUS!**

"THE CAPTAIN OF HMS BOXER, COMMANDER SAMUEL BLYTH, WAS KILLED EARLY IN THE ACTION BY A CANNONBALL! HAD HE LIVED HE MIGHT HAVE DEFENDED HIS SHIP MORE DESPERATELY, BUT IT IS NOT PROBABLE WITH MORE SUCCESS. IT WAS HIS FATE NOW TO RECEIVE LIKE COURTESY AT THE HANDS OF HIS ENEMY. HIS REMAINS, IN COMPANY WITH THOSE OF THE BRAVE LIEUTENANT WILLIAM BURROWS, WERE BROUGHT TO PORTLAND, WHERE THEY WERE INTERRED WITH MILITARY HONOURS IN EASTERN CEMETERY. IT WAS A STRIKING AND AFFECTING SIGHT, TO BEHOLD TWO GALLANT COMMANDERS, WHO HAD LATELY BEEN ARRAYED IN DEADLY HOSTILITY AGAINST EACH OTHER, DESCENDING INTO ONE QUIET GRAVE, THERE TO MINGLE THEIR DUST PEACEFULLY TOGETHER."

—WASHINGTON IRVING, NOVEMBER, 1813

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