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Portland Boxing Club's November 2022 Newsletter - Volume 7 Issue 9

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Special Guests for All-Star Boxing

Portland Boxing Club announces that James "Buster" Douglas and Rob Minkovich will be the special guests at this year's All-Star Boxing event at the Portland Expo on Saturday, November 12, 2022. Douglas and Minkovich will appear at the Portland Expo to sign autographs and take photos with fans from 6:00 to 8:00 pm.

The card will feature local pro boxers including Jason "The Fighting Fireman" Quirk who faces Anthony Hines for the ABF/USA Middleweight Championship and former National Golden Gloves Champion and New England Super

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Also on the card is the popular welterweight Brandon "The Cannon" Berry and other up-and-coming professional boxers from around New England. The show will open with several amateur bouts featuring Portland Boxing Club's rising stars.

Former undisputed World Heavyweight Champion, Buster Douglas scored one of the most shocking upsets in sports history in 1990 when he knocked out the previously undefeated and seemingly unbeatable World Heavyweight Champion, Mike Tyson, in Tokyo, Japan. Buster put on a masterful display of boxing ability, totally out-classing Tyson who was a 40-1 favorite. Although there were some rocky moments during the bout, including having to survive a knock-down, he got back on his feet and took the fight right back to the champion – knocking out Tyson in the 10<sup>th</sup> round. He was the last heavyweight champion to hold the undisputed title.

Rob Minkovich played 11 seasons in the National Football League. He played college football at Purdue University, he was drafted by the New Orleans Saints, and he played for the Miami Dolphins, but he is best known for his 8 seasons with the New England Patriots – winning two Super Bowls.

Douglas and Minkovich are appearing in support of Portland Boxing Club's grass roots boxing program. They will be available to take pictures and to sign gloves/photos with all proceeds going to the Portland Boxing Club.

Tickets to the event are on sale at Bruno's Restaurant and online at <a href="https://www.portlandboxingclub.org">www.portlandboxingclub.org</a>

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Portland Boxing Club's Wade Faria (left) at the USA Boxing New England Championships.

# **USA Boxing New England Championships**

Portland Boxing Club had seven boxers participating in the 135th annual USA Boxing New England Championships September 24 through October 8, 2022.

In the semi-final round of the tournament, PBC's Wade Faria, an elite 165-pound middleweight from Portland, ME, won a unanimous decision over Gio Daley of Methuen, MA. Faria's relentless body attack wore down Daley winning a clear-cut decision. Unfortunately, Faria was not allowed to participate in the final round due to a citizenship issue. The opponent that he defeated went on to win the tournament.

PBC's Zordan Holman, a novice 203+ pound superheavyweight from Westbrook, ME, defeated Kiefer Rivera, of Worchester, MA by RSC in the second round. Rivera was given two standing eight counts before the referee had seen enough and stopped the fight.

In the final round of the tournament, PBC's Franco Decilla, a 110-pound youth novice from North Conway, NH, lost a hard-fought fight to Melvin Garcia of Lawrence, MA.

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PBC's Tiger Diaz, a novice 132-pound lightweight from Brunswick, ME, won a unanimous decision over Jayden Weyant of Taunton, MA in a back-and-forth battle.

PBC's Lindsay Kyajohnian Fracois, an elite 141-pound light welterweight from Gorham, ME, lost a razor-close split decision to Jessica Lampron of Boston, MA.

PBC's Zordan Holman defeated Joseph Jones, of Sharon, MA by RSC at 34 seconds in the first round of the bout. The fight got off to a quick start exchanging blows when Holman landed a right hand scoring a standing eight count. Jones was clearly unable to continue, and the referee stopped the bout.

PBC's Jordan Lindsay, an elite 203+ pound superheavyweight from Portland, ME, lost a split decision to Gilbert Kabamba of Boston, MA. Kabamba edged out Lindsay in the third round to win a close decision.

Winners in the final round were awarded USA Boxing New England Championship titles.

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Portland Boxing Club's Zordan Holman (right) teaching preschool physical education at St. Brigid School in Portland.

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### **PBC On-Line Store**

Portland Boxing Club's <u>on-line store</u> 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 All-Star Boxing**

Order now for your Portland Boxing Club apparel to wear to the All-Star Boxing Event on November 12, 2022!

#### **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.

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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: <a href="https://www.jassboxing.org">www.jassboxing.org</a>

# **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: <a href="https://www.lowellgoldengloves.com">www.lowellgoldengloves.com</a>

# How Can I Support PBC?

The Portland Boxing Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and we rely solely on fundraisers and donations for our operations. Here are some opportunities for you to support the Portland Boxing Club:

# 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.

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# 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 <a href="https://www.portlandboxingclub.org/store">www.portlandboxingclub.org/store</a>

# 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 being added regularly.

To shop our Boxing Collectables and Memorabilia, visit www.portlandboxingclub.org/memorabilia

### 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 <a href="mailto:smile.amazon.com">smile.amazon.com</a>.

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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