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Jordan and Felipa Pallen

WELCOME...to all Martial Arts Families, Competitors, Martial Arts Enthusiasts and Friends!

It gives us great joy to cordially invite you to our annual San Francisco Golden Gate Internationals Martial Arts Championships & Extravaganza on March 23-24, 2012. This 2-day Martial Arts event was held at the beautiful and luxurious Hyatt Regency in Burlingame, near the San Francisco International Airport.

We are excited to provide a large and spacious venue for your attendees' comfort and entertainment. Our objective is to give a 5 Star experience, filled with world class competition and world class customer service. Competitors will be arriving from all over the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe, as well as the top competitors from Northern and Southern California. The martial arts energy level in California is at an all time high and we look forward to sharing that positive energy with you!

Golden Gate Internationals is committed to hosting the ultimate 'Martial Arts Experience,' from Sport Karate to Filipino Martial Arts, from Brazilian Jiu Jitsu to Point Kickboxing, and don't forget the 'Tricking' side of the martial arts. We welcome all martial arts styles and organizations. As your hosts, we are proud to be a part of the National Blackbelt League, Affiliated Martial Arts Promoters (A.M.A.P.A.), Sport Karate International League, the NBL Western Pacific -WestPac- National Conference Tour, and announcing a 'Dual Sanctioning' with the newly formed America West National Conference - which includes the Avalanche Nationals in SLC, Utah. The NBL Golden Gate regional conference would like to introduce the newest addition to the league, Tim and Tammy Calvin and the 'Delta SmackDown.'

We guarantee that the Golden Gate will be entertaining for the whole family. Our objective is to foster the traditional philosophy of the martial arts. The Pallen Family along with our partner organizations: NBL, AMAPA, SKI, UFMAC Promoters plan to focus on honoring Respect, Integrity and Fairness not only at the GGI but at all events we promote and attend. Be assured that if you train hard for competition, your efforts will be rewarded.

The Golden Gate Internationals Production Team works year-round to bring the nations' finest officials, competitors, teams, coaches and spectators together for a weekend of outstanding competition, dynamic performances and warm hospitality; the foundation for a memorable event.



Burlingame is the perfect city for a family vacation! The sights are magnificent and with countless things to see and do - you can't go wrong making the Golden Gate Internationals the first stop on your Bay Area adventure!

Best Wishes,
The Pallen Family

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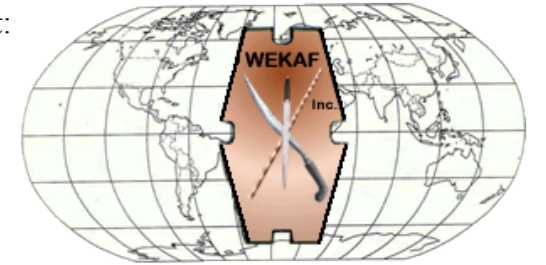
IN ASSOCIATION WITH NORTHERN CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST MARTIAL ARTS CHAMPIONSHIPS
GOLDEN GATE INTERNATIONALS

The Golden Gate Nationals is in its 12th year with over 2,000 kumite and forms competitors coming from all over the United States. Co-hosted by WEKAF USA Inc., with the blessing of the WEKAF International office and Founder Supreme Grandmaster Diony Canete of Cebu, Philippines.

The morning of March 24th the Eskrima section was full of spectators with a lot of excitement and energy filling the air. Grandmaster Bandalan gave the opening remarks of welcoming everyone and reminding everyone that the World WEKAF Tournament in Cebu will be the most prestigious and the largest tournament ever in Cebu.

World Eskrima-Kali-Arnis Federation

Grandmasters and Masters who attended and supported the event:



- Grandmaster Remy Presas Jr. - Modern Arnis
- Grandmaster Michael Giron - the Original Giron System
- Grandmaster Max Pallen - Senkotiros
- Grandmaster Fred Bandalan - B.D.P. / WEKAF USA Inc.
- Grandmaster Ron Saturno
- Professor Patrick Armijo - Kenpo / Modern Arnis
- Master Steve Wolk - President WEKAF USA Inc.
- Master Big John Marques
- Master Nilo Baron
- Master Erwin Masquera
- Master Felix Roiles
- Master Art Mirafior
- Master John Sipkar
- Master Brent Cash
- Master Ducay
- Master Buenelos
- Master Gilbert
- Master Nito Noval
- Master Antonio
- Master Delfina
- Master Robert Garcia
- Master Ralph Chavez



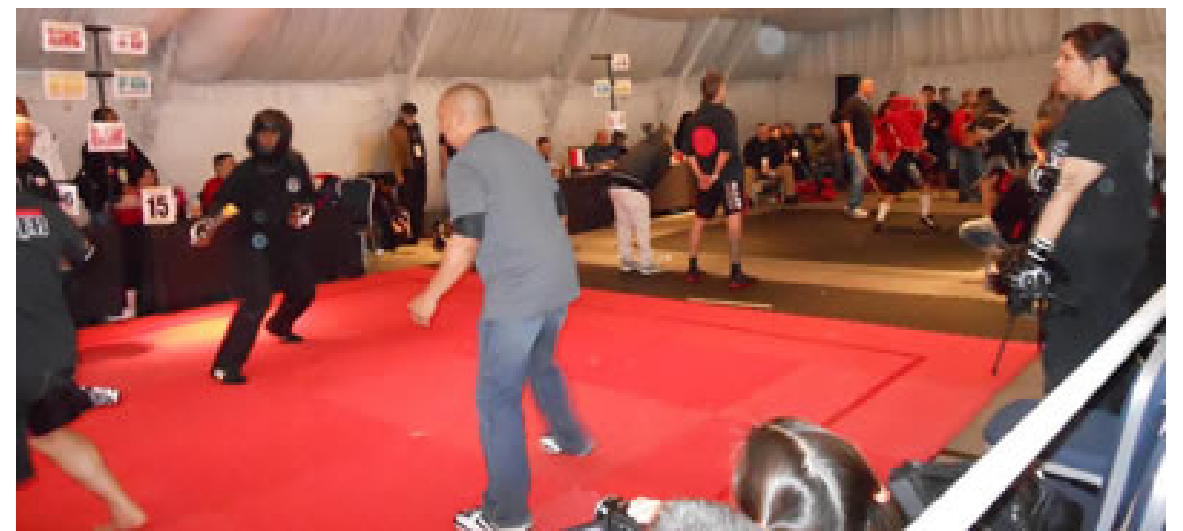
There may be other Grandmasters and Masters, if it was failed to mention them - apologize. Also would like to thank Michael Turk of WEKAF USA (Eskrima-Kali-Arnis) for attending and supporting the event.

The tournament itself was very successful and the competitors are now prepared and ready for the World WEKAF Tournament in Cebu, Philippines.



Division Name	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place	Division Name	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place	4th Place
S3	Trent Mckalko				S73	John mark Saludez			
S4	Patrick Gibbs	Jonathan Jung			S74	Travis Lishok	Antonio Barbosa	Eustace Martine	
S5	Kiki Ripoll-bunn	Gabe Marcello			S75	Brian Scott	Manny Pulido		
S6	Eustace Martinez	Anthony Castro			S78	Rodney Gedey	Roland Babiera		
S8	Manuel Paglinaw	James Reponte	Rob Barreras	Christopher Snarr	S79	Lena Fields			
S12	Jessye Marquez				S80	Jacqueline Mcglashan	Victoria Tooker		
S13	Andree Espinal				S80 (over 40)	Jeannie David			
S14	Branden Cash				S81	Ruth Areilla	Kerry Noble		
S15	Lety Contreras	Maria Schaufele			S84	Karl Royer	James Mckalco	Mark Mcglashan	
S16	David Schurz	Karl Royer	James Mckalko		S85	Christopher Snarr			
S17	Darius Serrano				S86	Esteban Estrada			
S18	Sarah Baron			***KJ Dullanty	S87	Gary Cabida			
S19	Leah Carson	Markus Fitzgerald			S89	Alex Domingo	Isaiah Cruz	Maelani Gumataotao	Challyse Gumataotao
S20	Andru Fitzgerald	Alex Snarr			S90	Nathaniel White	Brandon Felis		
S21	Jasmine Broxton	Nietsehean Baron			S91	Philip Pascual	Ashley Thitphaneth	Anthony Domingo	
S22	Dan Bodon				S92	Carolyn Balubar	Gregory Balubar	John Paulino	Gabe Marcello
S23	Madilyn Fitzgerald				S93	Jay DeveraChris Cruz	Enricco Short	Chris Soriano	
S26				***KJ Dullanty	S94	Kyle Coleman	***Phillip Palmejarca		
S29	Donovan Serrano				S95	John Everhart	Cedric Novenario	Jeremy Cardenas	Daniel Lemos
S30	Brian Scott				S96	Norman Malonzo	Ronni Fontillas	Daniel Fast	Rey Viray
S36	Mike Ibe	Travis Lishok			S99	Jayme Esperanza	Amanda Aester	Janelle Mercurio	
S37	Manuel Paras	David Schurz	John Williams	Ray Viray	S102	Gary Cabida			
S38	Tim Broxton			***Butch Gargalicana	S103	Ryan Basco			
S39	Roland Babiera	Daniel Fast			S104	Justice Devera	Maelani Gumataotao	Alex Domingo	Challyse Gumataotao
S45				***KJ Dullanty	S105	Gabe Marcelo	Ashley Thitphaneth		
S46 (1)	Trent Mckalko	Jovanni Liam			S106	Andree Espinal			
S46 (2)	Marcus Fitzgerald	Damien Castillo	Frank Vilimek	***Leah Carson	S109	John Acebu			
S47 (1)	Alex Snarr	Jessye Marquez	Leah Carson	Marissa Casey	S111	Jay Devera	David Ducay		
S47 (2)	Andru Fitzgerald	Brandon Felis	Patrick Gibbs		S112	Andrew Timball			
S48	Nietz Baron	Essaios Calaycay	Kiki Ripoll-bunn		S113	Mel Dimacali			
S49	Mike Ibe	Victor Defrancia			S120	Butch Gargalicana	Rey Viray		
S50	Dan Budon				S123	Joshua Lucero			
S51	Eustace Martinez	Rodney Canete	John Mark Saludez	John A Cebu	S124	Jacob Lucero			
S52	Travis Lishok	John Palos			S128 (knife weapon)	Chris Cruz	Michael Rodriguez	Jayme Esperanza	Jay Devera
S53	Brian Scott	Chris Cruz	Manny Pulida		(no one marked as winner)				
S54	Jeremy Cardenas				***Did Not Compete for the Standard Division				
S55	Branden Cash								
S56	Roland Babiera	Daniel Fast	Rodney Gedey						
S57	Lena Fiflos								
S58	Jacqueline Mcglashan	Vineece Rosario	Victoria Tucker						
S58 (over 40)	Jeannie David								
S59	Kerry Noble	Ruth Areilla							
S62	James Mckalko	Roy Garza	Mark Mcglashan						
S63	Mark Allen	Tim Broxton	Christpher Snarr						
S64	Esteban Estrada	Rob Barreras							
S65 (3-man team)	La doce1	La doce2 Pima							
S68 1 (M-A)	Damien Castillo								
S68 (1) (F)	Leah Carson								
S68 (1) (M-B)	Trent Mckalko								
S69	Patrick Gibbs	Marissa Casey	Alex Snarr						
S70 (2) (M)	Donovan Serrano	Essaios Calaycay							
S70 (1) (F)	Kiki Ripoll-bunn								
S71	Mike Ibe								

Total Competitors 194





Grandmaster Alfred Bandalan
Grandmaster Max Pallen





Master Felix Roiles, Grandmaster Max Pallen, Grandmaster Remy Presas Jr.



Grandmaster Remy Presas Jr., Professor Patrick and Rebecca Armijo

The World WEKAF Tournament to be held in Cebu, Philippines from the 18th through the 24th of July 2012, at this point it has been confirmed that 23 countries are committed to attend and participate. It is expected that by the time of the event 30 countries will be in attendance.

With WEKAF USA Inc. being recognized by the Philippine WEKAF Congress a vote will be executed in the traditional way as was in 1989 for an official WEKAF USA Director by the WEKAF Philippine Congress.

Also to be celebrated at the time of the tournament will be the

opening of the 1st Eskrima Temple in Cebu, constructed under the supervision of Supreme Grandmaster Canete and to be enshrined by all the Grandmasters of the United States:

- Grandmaster Doug Cuesta
- Grandmaster Fred Bandalan
- Grandmaster Remy Presas
- Grandmaster Vince Cabalas
- Grandmaster Graciella Casillas
- Grandmaster Max Pallen
- Grandmaster Michael Giron
- Master Doug Peirre

This is only a tentative list thus far, invitations will be sent from Cebu before the event.

This will be a historical event.

Officials to attend to observe Jo Jo Fuentes compete, who are former classmates and friends and will be recognized as VIPs.

- Former Sports Commissioner of the Philippines
- Former President Ramón Magsaysay, Grandson
- President of Development Bank of the Philippines
- Assistant Minister of Trade

To become aware of the up-to-date events of WEKAF USA Inc. and WEKAF (Eskrima-Kali-Arnis) visit the news section at:

www.wekaf-usa.org

Bandalan Doce Pares Hawaii (BDP Hawaii) Attends Golden Gate Stickfighting Nationals

Bandalan Doce Pares Hawaii (BDP Hawaii), headed by Master Robert Garcia (4 time WEKAF world champion), participated in the event on the weekend of March 24, 2012. Master Robert accompanied four participants from BDP Hawaii. The participants were Damien Castillo (age 10), Essaios Calaycay (age 16), John Saludez, and James Reponte, Jr. Damien, Essaios, and John competed in single and double stick fighting, and James competed in the forms or Carenza. The team earned total of seven metals: Damien earning silver for single stick fighting and gold for double stick fighting; Essaios earning silver for single stick fighting and gold for double stick fighting; John earning bronze for single stick fighting and gold for double stick fighting; and James earning a silver metal for forms. Each participant also qualified to be on the U.S.A WEKAF national team that will compete in the world tournament in July.

It was truly an honor and privilege to represent the WEKAF Pacific region in the WEKAF nationals competition. We met and reconnected with many friends and competitors from years past. The competition was top notch, and the



BDPH team at the 2012 Golden Gate Stick Fighting Nationals and WEKAF World Championship Qualifiers. L - R:: Essaios Calaycay, Damien Castillo (front), Master Robert Garcia, John Saludez, Grandmaster Alfred Bandalan, Sr., James Reponte, Jr.

venue was first class. It was also great meet and talk to many Grandmaster's and Masters that are a part of WEKAF USA, Inc., such as Grandmaster Max Pallen. It was also very encouraging to see schools and different styles of the Filipino martial arts from all over the country taking part in the event. Just attending this event was a profound experience for me



BDPH return to from the Nationals winners

and all of our team. Seeing the Filipino martial arts being perpetuated and celebrated by people from many backgrounds at all age levels made me proud to be part of the rich cultural traditions of the Philippines.



BDPH leaving to compete in the Nationals



BDP Hawaii at the Nationals with Grandmaster Bandalan, Master Pat Armijo, Grandmaster Max Pallen and others.



Bandalan Doce Pares Hawaii

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The schools listed teach Filipino martial arts, either as the main curriculum or an added curriculum.

If you have a school that teaches Filipino martial arts, or you are an instructor that teaches, but does not have a school, list the school or style so individuals who wish to experience, learn and gain knowledge have the opportunity.

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We welcome your article, ideas and suggestions, and look forward to working with you in the future.