



27th Annual 2010 Bronxboro Arm Wrestling Championships Bronx Week Food and Arts Festival



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Interviewed by Ben Aaron from LX-WNBC 4 -TV



NYAWA's Dan Fortuna and Gene Camp Come to Grips with Referees Jason Vale and Bobby Buttafuoco on NBC 4 -TV



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Photo: Jeff Bachner

May 19, 2010

**Mayor Mike Bloomberg comes to grips with
NYAWA Champion Mike Selearis at the New York
Arm Wrestling Association Championships**

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Hometown arm wrestler vies for top prize

Russian defeats Pelham Bayite for Bronx title

BY MAX MITCHELL

At the Bronxboro Arm Wrestling Championship last month, crowds got to cheer on a hometown favorite as he wrestled his way to winning two weight classes.

Although Pelham Bay native Mike Hall narrowly lost the overall prize of Bronx Strongest Arm Wrestler, which comes with a \$500 reward, sitting so close in front of the thousands of people that came to the event was prize enough, he said. "I loved it. I had everyone screaming my name. Thousands of people were walking by and they'd all cheer when they heard the guy from the Bronx is taking down the guy from Turkey," he said. "That's why I love arm wrestling in the Bronx. I got to represent the borough."

There were 77 athletes,

some from as far away as Russia, competing in the event on Sunday, May 23. It was held as part of the Bronx Week Food and Arts Festival.

Roman Trindifanil of Russia, won the Bronx Strongest Arm for right-handers, and Alex Plosny was the title for left-handers. On the women's side, Joyce Ross was it for right-handers, and Kristen Casre was the title for lefties. Bronx native Anna Ross also placed third in the pro women's category.

Hall had took first place in the 190 lb and super-heavy-weight professional right-handed categories. He also came in fourth place in the team championships with his brother, Jason, who also placed third in the amateur 190-pound right-handed class.

Last month's competi-

tion was the 27th held annually in the Bronx. Event organizer and New York Arm Wrestling Club Association president, Gene Camp, said that Sunday's event drew one of the largest crowds the Bronx competition has seen.

"He had a packed audience all day long," he said. "We had probably the best audience down there. All day you had strikers from 1,000 to 800 watching. I'm sure everybody at the festival look an eye full of it."

Hall has been arm wrestling professionally for about three years. He trains by lifting weights and doing special arm exercises for forearm strength.

Although he won the weight classes by striking quickly, he said, he lost to the Russian champion because of sheer strength.

"If you're a profes-



sional, you know the technique, so it's about who is stronger," he said, adding that his opponent hasn't lost a match in seven years.

The weight class titles were "pretty good for me, but I've got to train a little harder if I want to be a world champion like that guy is."

For now, he'll keep training.

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Mike Bye (Left) and Mike Tattoo
Bye Of East Hampton Wins Bronxboro Arm Wrestling Championships...



**Am NY News Photo: Mike Ayello (Left) vs Richard DeNardo
Seen in am New York - May 22, 2010**



**Arm-Wrestling Championship Crowns 58-Year-Old
Woman 'Queen of Arms ...**



Bronx, NY May 23, 2010 - Paparazzi gather at the Bronx Week Food and Arts Festival for the shot to capture Cynthia Yerby from Wolf, Oklahoma who was inducted into the New York Arm Wrestling Hall of Fame for her 7-years in a row (2000-2006) title of NYC Queen of Arms and NYC Big Apple Grapple International Arm Wrestling Champion - Gene Camp President of the NYAWA crowned the Queen for the last time as the large captive audience applauded in her honor. Yerby is also a multi National and World Arm Wrestling Champion.

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Photo by Adam Hume

Riverdale Press Captures: Milt Christmas (Right) and John Kosmidis

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WRESTLING WITH POOR ECONOMY

NYC Big Apple Grapple in danger as a longtime sponsor backs out of tourney

These tables take on lesser opponents last year in an arm-wrestling exhibition. Camp's team used to be charged with a sponsor coming to NYC.

BY JEFF KOPPEL

WHEN THE 1970s were still a decade-old, Queens arm-wrestling pits-up-boys got pushed. They'd go to the playground and grapple with the kids across the street.

In the New York Arm Wrestling Association's competition in the support Section, looking for a few bucks to help pay for the annual NYC Big Apple Grapple, the local Queens arm-wrestling club, the organization's last year it was struggling to keep the event going. It was a struggle that was not helped by the fact that the event had been canceled in 1977.

"When I took over in 1987, the event was still going on, but it was a struggle to keep it going," says Camp. "I was the only one who was still going on."

Every year, the biggest event in the city is the Big Apple Grapple, which has been held in Queens since 1977. It's a competition where arm-wrestlers from all over the city come to compete. The event is a big deal in the community, and it's a source of pride for many people.

But the group has been struggling lately. "Last year, I was out of the business for a while, and I was out of the business for a while," says Camp. "I was out of the business for a while, and I was out of the business for a while."

More than 100 people showed up for the arm-wrestling event, which was the last year. "I was out of the business for a while, and I was out of the business for a while," says Camp. "I was out of the business for a while, and I was out of the business for a while."

After the death of the NYAWA, Camp began organizing events and he began to receive the attention of the city. "I was out of the business for a while, and I was out of the business for a while," says Camp. "I was out of the business for a while, and I was out of the business for a while."

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Photo: NYC Mayor Mike Bloomberg takes on Gene Camp President of the New York Arm Wrestling Association at the Brooklyn Jubilee Festival
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