

# ST. MARTIN BOXING

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### 54th year of continuous service to Rochester youth

Got some participation in Buffalo and Syracuse, then washed out of the Puerto Rican Fest. Things are getting brighter ~~ahead~~ with bouts in Ithaca 8/10, Niagara Falls 8/17, and the NY State Fair 8/30.

HELP: St. Martin is always looking for interested volunteers to serve in various areas including assistant coaching, transportation, ring and venue set up and take down, publicity, an fund raising, etc. And we are constantly reviewing our all volunteer community project since its inception in 1969. The only requirement is that persons must be interested in helping youth through service and as a positive influence.

7/20: BUFFALO CLUB: THE IRISH JACKIE DONNOLLY INVITATIONAL: Two St. Martin boxers traveled. Beautiful setting under tents. Fantastic hospitality as usual. A morning pre bout meal and more after. Only one St. Martin boxer went to the post. 65Brenden Davis met laja Wade of the famed Detroit Kronk Gym. They battled on even terms in the first and Brendon's slick boxing seemed to earn him the second. In a hard shootout third, Wade caught Brendon on the ropes and the ref halted the bout with seconds remaining. An inspiring effort nevertheless. The other St. Martin boxer, 147Paris Davis (no relation); pulled out due to some lacerations suffered a few days earlier that required brief hospitalization. Jackey Donnelly was a long time coach of in Buffalo's First Ward Babcock Boys Club. He used St. Martin's ring on several occasions and he was a great colleague with St. Martin.

7.27: SYRACUSE ATHLETIC AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER: This event followed a USA Boxing mandated six hour training for judges and referees. Don Simkin and Cynthia Hopkins Bliss attended Testing follows. St. Martin got only one boxer on the eleven bout card. Officials and coaches are regularly trained and tested to help keep boxing's injury rate very low. A world wide study of injury rates found boxing a bit safer than volleyball. Injury rates were the highest in American Football. 65Brenden Davis took on Upstate Boxing Club's Gavin McDermott, battled him well, but tired in the third and lost via retirement. Too much slugging, not enough boxing. 147Paris Davis(no relation) failed to show up for the show. The local club borrowed St. Martin's gloves. Good weather traveling except for being somewhat heavy traffic.

8/2: PUERTO RICAN FESTIVAL BOXING: The outdoor show was koed by threat of electrical storms and rain. Waited until noon on Friday and more rain and thunderstorms were predicted and the cancelation calls had to begin. Takes a lot of people to make a show run. And stop. Lots of work and no results. This was to be the first show at the Festival since 2017. Festival promoter Orlando Ortiz thinks we can get a similar show in the future. At any rate our sanction can be carried over to another show and we still have the awards for another time.

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Long time St. Martin President Frank Guelli's son Pete Guelli was recently hired as Chief Operating Officer of the Buffalo Bills and Buffalo Sabres. He had similar jobs previously with the Charlotte Hornet Basketball team and then the New York Giants Football Team. It could be argued Pete got his beginning with this type of business when he helped put on two boxing shows for St. Martin and his father at Locust Hill Country Club where Frank presided. It was a humble beginning as he had to put up the ring and other show necessities, including things like emptying spit buckets and cleaning and sweeping the area. We think he'll do fine.



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Four competitions for the month - Ithaca, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, and the New York State Fair. The Fall season is upcoming with a Watertown show 9/14. Syracuse plans more shows. St. Martin has been unable to put on shows at Montgomery due to the inability to adequately anchor our floor ring...Remember, we are always welcoming new youth to the club. Inquiries can be made by calling 585-752-2621 or show up at Montgomery (10 Cady St.) Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays at 4:45 pm. Some transportation may be provided...

8/10: GREATER ITHACA ACTIVITIES CENTER: A standing room only crowd witnessing the eight bout card. Three St. Martin boxers got on the card. Comebacker 150Chris Williams engaged in a slugfest 2-1 decision over Geneva's always tough Edwin Vierra. Chris hadn't fought in several months. 147Edgar Medero also got back in action with a win over Irwin Club's Tanny Massio. In a battle of superheavyweights, popular Ithacan San Polinsky won a decision over Charles Hayes in an action bout.. Former Ithaca boxer Danny Akers is the present Ithaca coach. He was preceded by the outstanding Chet Cashman and the legendary Rev. Louis Cunninham. Chet Cashman eventually died as a result of a blow from an inmate in a juvenile institution where he was working.

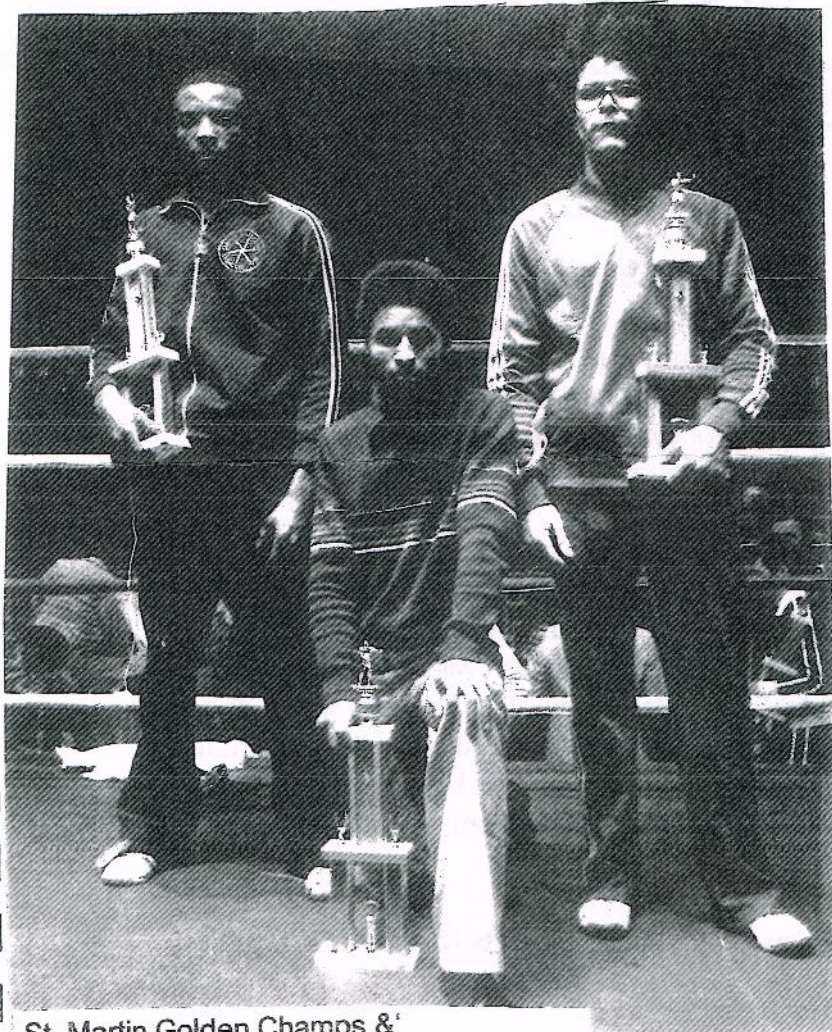
Two time National Silver Glove competitor Desmond Summers starts Nazareth College this semester.

8/17: CASAL'S BOXING GYM: NIAGARA FALLS: Two St. Martin boxers got on a giant card of over twenty bouts. The event was sold out in advance. 65Brenden Davis reversed a previous loss by clearly decisioning Niagara Falls' Quincy McFarland via a 3-0 score. This time he worked behind a stiff jab which ended up making for other scoring opportunities. 147Edgar Medero took a clear and unanimous decision over another hometown. Driving was fine and threatened rain didn't come other than some occasional sprinkles.

8/24: BUFFALO: BOMBSQUAD BOXING CLUB: Actually run by former St. Martin coach Theo Irwin. Coach Genardo Ortiz took 147Edgar Medero for a rematch from the 8/10 Ithaca show with Irwin Club's Tanny Massio. No other St. Martin boxers were invited. Edgar made the best of being St. Martin's only representative by winning a 3-0 decision.

NEW YORK STATE FAIR: SYRACUSE: Only one St. Martin boxer competed after two opted out in favor of jobs. 70Brendon Davis fought a hard fought losing decision to Oswego's Kim Cook..Brendon seemed to win the first round, but not the last two slugging rounds. It was a giant card of 23 bouts that barely made it ahead of the oncoming rain. The last bout was interrupted to allow the ring floor to be squeegeed from rain. Usual huge Fair crowd with the normal difficult parking challenge. St. Martin contributed the gloves.





St. Martin Golden Champs & Floyd Peavy, Pablo DeJesus, Kenny Wyatt & International Competitors

Old days  
St. Martin boxers



Dion Austin 1st Silver  
Glove Champ



Phushup Frazier 2 time  
National Silver Glove Champ







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## IN THE 45th YEAR OF SERVING ROCHESTER YOUTH

**FORTY-SECOND NEW YORK STATE SILVER GLOVES: 12/7 & 8:** St. Martin has again been awarded membership for the New York State and Region 1 Championships. State Championships will be contested at **THE NASTY KNUCKLES CLUB** at 1555 Lyell Avenue, Suite 137, December 7 and 8. It's a large venue using two rings. We expect record entries and with two rings, the first day the activity should not be too lengthy.

All possible finals will be contested the first date and the second day only finals. If further eliminations are necessary, an additional date and site will be set. The Regionals, being run by St. Martin, probably will be held in Massachusetts and are comprised of state winners from our New York State and state winners from New Jersey, Connecticut, and Rhode Island (actually the rest of New England). Expenses for the two day sanction and Silver Glove medals to winners and runnersup make for quite a high overhead and sponsors are being sought.

St. Martin obtained Silver Gloves a few years after its inception. Silver Gloves started in the midwest and gradually moved to each coast. The founders were Frank Hess and Frank Grinados. Grinados ran a big printing business. The National is heavily supported by boxing equipment manufacturer Ringside. There are eight regions competing at the National Championships held in early February at Independence Missouri. We are Region 1. We finished second last year. There are many competitors for the events and we are again preparing for first class events. We need contributions and welcome any financial help. Mike Rodgers, from Tennessee, is the National president. National Silver Gloves Scholarships are awarded some Silver Gloves graduates heading to college or training schools.

**9/14: WATERTOWN FAIRGROUNDS:** A trip completely in vain. Two St. Martin boxers were scheduled and the trip resulted in no bouts. 147Paris Davis was scheduled for the main event, but was kept by his employer for a second shift. Poor communication resulted us getting a late start and us not making the weigh in time. Promoter John Pepe wanted 65Brendon Davis' bout late as his opponent was present. However, the OIC didn't allow the bout for whatever reason. Former Olympic Gold Medalist and heavyweight contender Ray Mercer was on hand for autographs. Nice driving with some leaf coloring toward the North.

**9/21: LOCKPORT:** No bouts were offered. Only our borrowed bell was used.

**10/12: OSWEGO:** St. Martin failed to get a win in two featured bouts on a big twenty bout card before a huge capacity crowd. 65Brendan Davis took on his old Oswego nemesis King Cook. He boxed well at times, but was induced to slug it out with his friend and opponent and the referee stopped the bout in the third. The two have developed a real friendship over the last few months of competition. 150Chris Williams lost a torrid affair with Oswego's Andre Mendez via

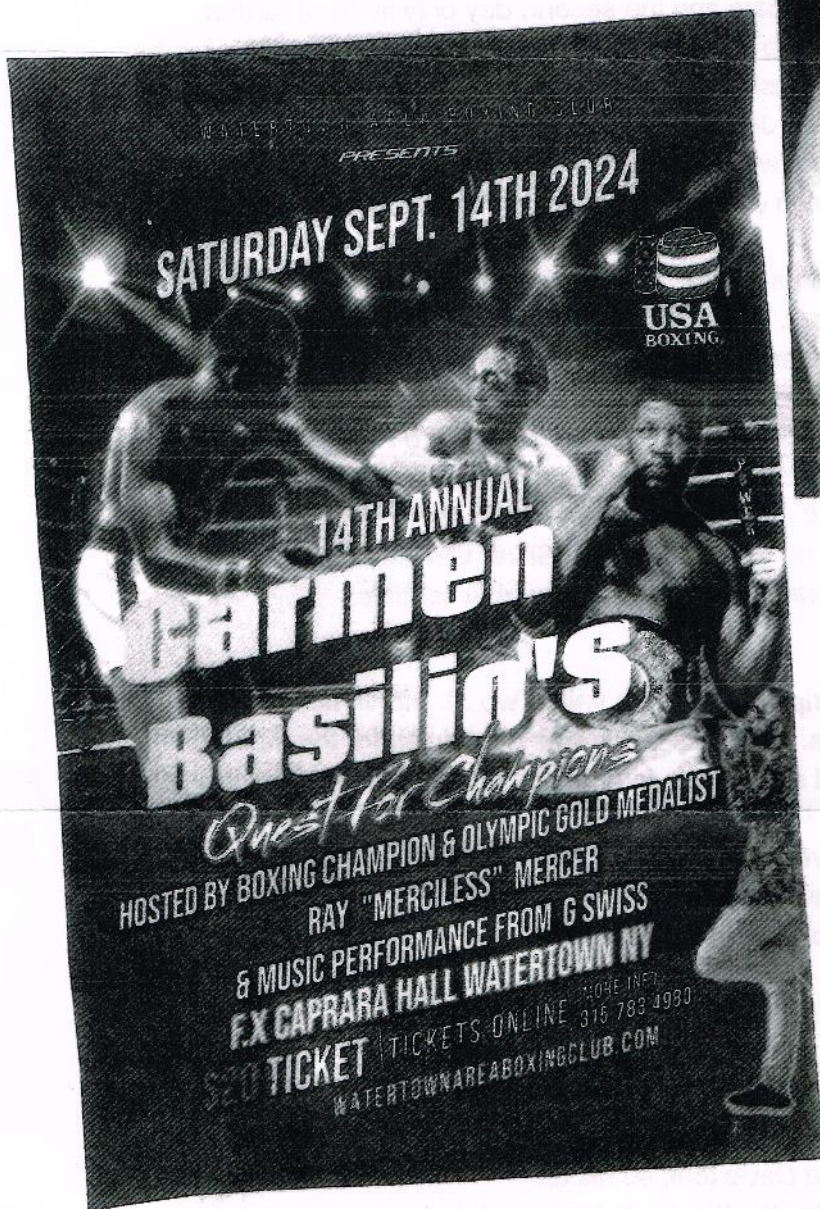


decision. Oswego appears to be about the most outstanding team in the Niagara LBC. In the travel there was quite a bit of leaf color, but not nearly full. Good driving.

Lots of upcoming bouts: 10/26 at Baden Street in Rochester; 11/1/9 Syracuse; 12/14 Buffalo Flare; Watertown 3/15/25



Frank Grinados  
Silver Gloves founder



Lawrence King

Sheriff Deputy & former  
Silver Gloves National  
Champ & many times  
New York State Golden  
Gloves Champion





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### IN THE 56th YEAR OF SERVING ROCHESTER YOUTH

November was a frustrating month as two Syracuse shows fell through. The November 9th show at the Syracuse Athletic and Educational Center was nixed as both of their doctors were unavailable. Then, the show at Syracuse University was stopped over a venue misunderstanding. However, the entry by Syracuse University students is a promising addition. Now, we go ahead to the St. Martin sponsored 42nd Annual New York State Silver Gloves Saturday and Sunday December 7 & 8 being held at the Nasty Knuckles Gym. All expenses are paid, but we're hurt on the financial side as we have to share the gate with Nasty Knuckles because our floor ring at Montgomery can't be used.

11/23: BUFFALO SENECA ONE VENUE: A beautiful venue, but the two of the three traveling who got on the show had no success. 65Brendon Davis lost a close decision to crosstown rival Milton Latson of the Nasty Knuckles Club. Then 203+Charles Hayes took on Chris Thomas from Buffalo's Vasquez Boxing Academy. Charles had lost a decision to Thomas in the Golden Gloves. This time Charles started fast and appeared to take the first round, but tired badly in the second and retired as the third approached. 165Paris Davis failed to get an opponent. Stopped at a Thruway rest stop. After buying some items, the Wentz's manager gave a number of items to us as they were closing and couldn't sell them before closing. Good driving both ways.

11/30: NASTY KNUCKLES GYM: ROCHESTER: This was part of an afternoon amateur and night professional show. St. Martin entered three opponents with zero winning success. When no other opponent could be found for Oswego's 70King Cook, Brendon Cook opposed him for the upteenth time. This time Brendon did some good boxing against the slugger Cook, but Brendon got caught on the ropes with seconds to go and the bout was stopped. 156Chris Williams fought a barnburner, but lost a decision to Niagara Fall's A Davis in a bout that could have gone either way. Coach Genardo Ortiz' 147 lost his bout to Oswego's in a good effort.

12/7 & 8: 42nd NEW YORK STATE SILVER GLOVES: NASTY KNUCKLES GYM, ROCHESTER: A record number of youth boxers from all over the state competed for the right to advance to the Region 1 Tournament 1/10-12 in Massachusetts, also run by St. Martin. Winning Region 1 earns advancement to the February Nationals in Missouri. St. Martin advanced two - uncontested 101Amazynn Deesbullock and 65Brendon Davis. Davis faced a tough Oswego boxer and got a close decision. Besides St. Martin, there were four other Rochester competing teams - Future, Jackson Center,

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12/14: BUFFALO BOMBSQUAD: Two St. Martin boxers got on a 17 bout card before a nice crowd. They both opposed Bombsquad opposition. 65Brenden Davis scored a 3-0 decision over a tough Josef Dshloui. Brendon used good boxing skills and he appeared to take all three rounds. 201+Charles lost a decision to Jamal Lagurre in a good effort. Charles seemed to win the first round, the second was close, and Dshloui took the third. Charles continues to show improvement. Driving was great on a clear dry on the Thruway.



Niagara Legends (from the past)

Larry Twitty (Olean), Referee Tom Stenhouse, Chet Cashman (Ithaca)