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Ultimate bods compete at K-Bay



The contestants anxiously await the judges to decide the next "Ultimate BodySearch Competition" winner held last weekend aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

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Press Chief

BayFest 2002, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, is best known for its live entertainment and competitive challenges such as Boxing, Bench Press, Strong Man, Canoe Races and Five-K run.

However, nothing compares to the annual search for the "best body" at this year's Ultimate BodySearch Competition.

The crowd went wild as more than 20 physically fit bodies competed for the title of Mr. And Ms. BodySearch 2002.

A total of five professional judges, including the famous world-renowned master lifter, Dragan Ravovic and Ms. Fitness Hawaii, Robin Schafer, voted on various types of categories including overall appearance, stage presence, and the contestant's answer to a surprise question, which had the crowd rolling in their chairs.

"I had fun competing in this competition," said Antonio Wilson, Headquarters Company, communication section, radio supervisor, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines.

"It was a blast to compete, I can't wait for next year."

The competition began with 8 male contestants parading

their chiseled bodies and flexed muscles on the Main Stage, followed by 14 dazzling female contestants poised for obtaining 1st place and the title of Ms. BodySearch 2002.

With over \$4,500 in cash and prizes up for grabs, Mr. BodySearch 2002, Rey Ronquilio, age 43, from Hawaii, expected to win!

"I've been doing this for 20 years, and enjoying every minute of it, this competition was awesome," said Ronquilio.

Accepting the sought after Ms. BodySearch 2002 title, Malia Kalama, 25, a local of Honolulu, explains her love for competing.

"I love what I do," said Kalama. "I really don't workout like the others, although when I was younger I use to paddle board and surf."

This year's event brought out talent from all over the Hawaiian Islands as well as the Mainland.

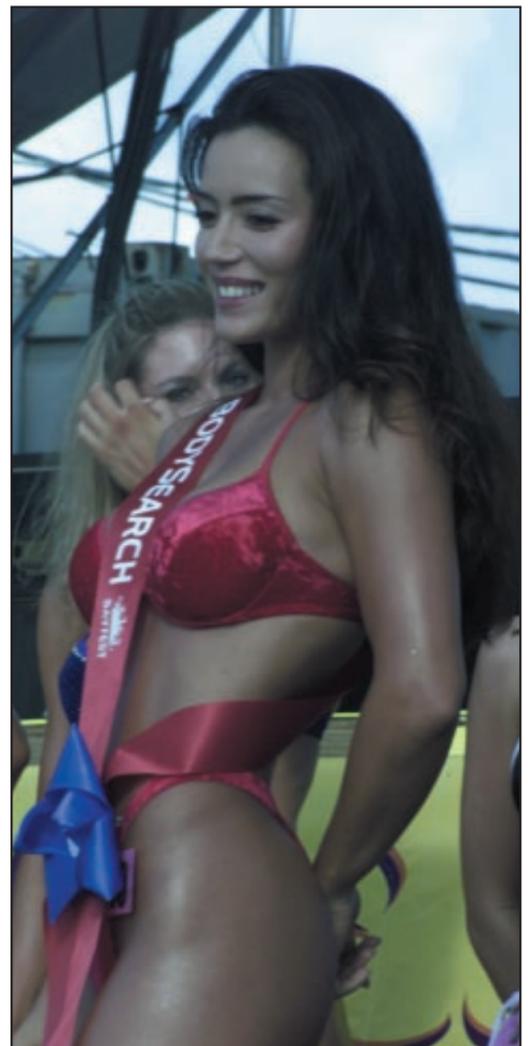
"I'm ecstatic about the turnout," said Wendee Kukuwich, Fitness Manager of Semper Fit Center.

"The judges sure had a tough time selecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd places."

The crowd applauded as the top-winning contestants gathered for pictures while the Marine Forces Pacific Band joined in the celebration.



Rey Ronquilio, 43, from Hawaii, stands before his competitors after winning the Ultimate BayFest 2002 BodySearch Competition Saturday aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



Malia Kalama, 25, from Honolulu, is excited and stands proud after winning the Ultimate BayFest Body Search female competition Saturday, aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Debbie Robbins
MCCS Public Relations

Joint Women's Conference Hosts Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Joint Women's Conference will be hosting a golf tournament fundraiser at Hickam's Mamala Bay Golf Course today.

Sign-in time is 12 p.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$55 per person.

Entry fee can be paid today to a JWC representative or at the golf course. The fee includes green fees, cart and barbeque dinner.

Payment can be made in the form of cash or check.

Optional items:

- Rental clubs for \$20 and includes three balls
- Two Mulligans for \$5

There will be four players per team. If you do not have a team, one will be setup for you on the day of the tournament.

For further information, contact JWC representative, Nico Duncan at 257-7718.

O'Club Pool Closed For Renovations

Due to renovation, the Officers Club pool is closed until the end of September.

Once open, members and guests will enjoy a tropical atmosphere complete with exotic flora, fauna and fountains.

For all events, club members and guests should enter the club through the Mongolian Barbecue Pit area.

For more information, call 254-7649.

Hickam AFB Holds Softball Tournament

Hickam Air Force Base will be hosting the Hurricane Classic Softball Tournament for Mens and Womens Divisions Aug. 30 - Sept. 2.

The tournament is a round-robin format, followed by double elimination playoffs.

The tournament is open to all DoD authorized patrons and the cost is \$200 per team.

Pre-tournament festivities include a home run contest, base running contest and relay throw contest.

For more information about the tournament, please contact Mike Stewart at 655-3840.

Resumes accepted for World Skeet Championship

The World Skeet Championship is being held Oct. 11-19 in San Antonio, Texas.

Marines interested in being considered for competition must be a National Skeet Shooting Association member and should submit a resume to the MCCS Athletics Office.

Resumes should include an average based on a minimum of 500 targets in each gauge (12, 20, 28 gauge and .410 bore). As well as a current classification in each gauge of at least "A" class or higher and a copy of an NSSA classification card.

For more information, contact the athletics office at 254-7590.

Kapiolani Park Holds 5K "Race for the Cure"

Applications are available now for the 8th Annual Susan G. Komen Hawaii Race for the Cure, Sept. 29, at Kapiolani Park.

The race is being held to raise funds for the fight against breast cancer.

The "event with a mission" features a 5K race at 7:30 a.m., followed by a one-mile walk at 7:45 a.m.

Registration is \$18 (\$25 after Sept. 20), with groups of five or more mailed together at \$15 per participant.

Entry forms with complete details are available in Hawaii Race Magazine or by calling the local information line at 973-5967.

Registration may also be done on-line at www.race-for-the-curehawaii.org.

SM&SP offers discounts at the Klipper

Take advantage of the benefits the Single Marine and Sailor Program has to offer.

The Kaneohe Klipper has discounted prices for E-5s and below. The greens fee is only \$9 for 18 holes and \$5 for 9 holes. Plus, club rental is lowered to \$5 per set.

Two tee times on Saturdays and Sundays are reserved for SM&SP only. Call the SM&SP coordinator to reserve these times.

The deadline for the Saturday tee-off is Thursday at 5 p.m. and Sunday's deadline is Friday at 5 p.m.

For more details, contact Leslie Graham at 254-7593.

Sailing Classes Offer Keiki New Horizons

For adventurous keiki, 8 years and older, the Base Marina is hosting Junior Beginning and Junior Intermediate Sailing lessons now and throughout the summer for \$99.

Classes run for two weeks, Monday - Friday, and students may choose from 9 a.m. - noon or from 1 - 4 p.m.

For more information, contact the Base Marina at 254-7667.

Take Aim with Oceanside Paintball

Let your "inner-predator" come out to play. Spend a day practicing your combat skills with Oceanside Paintball.

The field is open Saturdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sundays noon - 5 p.m. Select Fridays are available for training exercises and unit events upon request.

The cost is \$10 per person, including mask and paintball marker. Players have the option of bringing their own paint or buying it at the field.

For more information times and locations, contact owner Robert Brumley at 254-7593.

Set Sail this Summer

Busy adults are invited to command their own sail boat at the Base Marina during the Adult Evening classes this summer.

Adult Evening classes run for one week, Monday through Friday from 5 - 7:30 p.m., and the fee ranges from \$69 - \$99. Additional adult and junior classes will run throughout the summer.

For more, contact the Base Marina at 254-7667.

Enlisted Club Hosts Sports Night

Ease back into your work week at the Enlisted Club every Monday night during its weekly "Sports Night."

The E'Club is open seven days a week and welcomes all E-5s and under and their sponsored guests.

Mondays are Sports Night from 6 - 11 p.m.

Tuesdays feature the Fight Club, with live sanctioned wrestling and live United States Amateur Association Boxing.

Wednesday rings in a little Country & Western atmosphere as well as League Night where hot shots in pool and darts may enter the weekly tournaments from 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Make a connection at Club E tonight. Call 254-7660 for additional details.

Throw A Strike At K-Bay Lanes

Bowling is back, and back "with attitude!"

Monday-Thursday, E-5 and below can bowl for \$1.50 per game with free shoe rental at K-Bay Lanes.

Check out the Semper Extreme Bowling held Fridays 6 p.m. - 1 a.m., Saturdays 11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. and Sundays 6 - 9 p.m.

Bowling leagues for youth, women's, intramural and a Wednesday night mixed foursome are starting. All bowling levels are welcome to participate.

K-Bay Lanes also features bumper bowling for the keiki, a hearty snack shop, a pro-shop and arcade.

K-Bay Lanes also hosts birthday parties available in various party packages.

For great family entertainment head to K-Bay Lanes, in Bldg. 1666. For more information, call 254-7664.

Pump it up



Staff Sgt. Jesus A. Lora

Strength was the key as Dragon Ravovic (right), fitness professional, beat Antonio Wilson (left), from Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 12th Marines, and two other challengers who went against the master of dumbbells at BayFest last weekend aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

Base All Stars

NAME: Michael A. Stroud

BILLET: Embarkation Officer

UNIT: HMH-363

SPORT: In-Line Hockey

TEAM: K-Bay Intramural Team

POSITION: Center/Forward

• Michael began playing in 1997, while stationed at Naval Air Station, Fla.

• For two months prior to the tournament, the team played pick-up roller hockey on Saturday's.

• He plays ice hockey at the Ice Palace, where he is the coach/player for the Navy team which plays in the annual Army-Navy game in December.

Sports Ticker

The following Marines and Sailors have been selected as members of the MCB Hawaii Base Soccer Team:

CPRFP
Lt. Mike Luken
AK1 John Simmons

MEPS-HON
Capt. Ian Brooks

HQ 1/12
LCpl. Michael Gibson
LCpl. Javier Ramirez
Panetta (Coach)

MALS-24
Jaramillo
Sgt. Ajax Oneell
Cpl. Peter Lee
LCpl. Keston Lashley

HMT-301
LCpl. Robert Thurston

CSSG-3
Sgt. Ben Mensah
LCpl. Carlo Guervil

1st Radio BN
Cpl. Chris Bing

LCpl. Victor Avalos
LCpl. Adrienne Norris

HQCO Supply
LCpl. Javier Garcia

3rd Mar. HQ
SSgt. Patrick Lavandar

HMH-363
SSgt. Mario Morales
Cpl. Gerald Hagar
LCpl. Justin Boone
LCpl. Timothy Legros
Pfc. Joseph Wilgus

HQBN
1stLt. Kent Robbins
MSgt. Gerardo
Sgt. Jimmy Sumalya
Cpl. Gabriel
LCpl. Paul Zamudio

The team will represent MCB Hawaii in local tournaments and leagues and will compete in the Commander, Marine Forces Pacific Regional Tournament in Okinawa, Japan.

"In-line hockey gives me a chance to keep my skills sharp and stay in shape"

Water sports brings BayFest back to the bay

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

Thirteen years have passed since the annual celebration of BayFest first began aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, and throughout the years water-based sports have formed an integral part of this large festivity.

The Duke's Waikiki Paddle Board Race and the 13th Annual Bathtub Regatta were two of the water-based sports that were celebrated at BayFest 2002 Sunday.

"BayFest is a water-based carnival and we are bringing BayFest back to its true meaning, back to the bay," said Harry Sprague, water safety manager, Marine Corps Community Service, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay.

The paddleboard race had 25 participants who stroked a total of 3.5 miles around Coconut Island.

The first place winner was Anthony Cambra III, a lifeguard at Fort Derussy, who finished the race in 41:15. He received a voucher for two free nights at Waikiki Royal Suites.

The second and third place winners were Matt Barnett and George Ramos. They each received a gift certificated for Duke's Waikiki.

"Winning was like a dream," said Cambra. "I trained very hard for this event and I beat a lot of good competitors."

The Honolulu native participated in the competition last year, but lost. Learning from the defeat he experienced last year, this time he came in with the winning strategy.

"Last year, I realized that the wind is on your back going down to the island,"



Anthony Cambra III, a native of Honolulu and lifeguard at Fort DeRussy glides into the finish line during Duke's Waikiki Paddleboard Competition on Sunday during BayFest.



Base Facilities Department Team paddled their way to a second place finish for the second year in a row during the Bathtub Regatta at BayFest on Sunday.

said Cambra. "This year I wanted to ride the gust of wind all the way to the island and save my energy for the way back, because I wanted to make sure I had enough energy to break away from the pack.



Team Wirrrrry of Marine Corps Air Facility placed third during the Bathtub Regatta on Sunday.

Cambra came in to the competition with a little extra motivation given the current state of his mother's health, who is currently battling cancer.

"I'm dedicating this win to my mom," said Cambra. "Her condition gave me that extra motivation needed to pull out the win."

However, this training doesn't stop

with the win. He's already making plans for next year's competition.

"I plan on coming back next year and hopefully I will be stronger and wiser," said Cambra.

As the paddle board competition concluded, more than 36 service members and civilians gathered on the water's edge for the lighter side of BayFest's water sports.

These die hards were ready to use their handmade crafts in the Bathtub Regatta and see which team will sink, swim or float to the finish line.

The regatta included four-person crews who power-crafted into Kaneohe Bay approximately 100 meters from shore and went around the water buoy counter-clock-wise twice and then returned to the starting point.

After splitting the teams into two separate heats, the best four times were chosen for the final.

During the final heat, defending regatta champions, Base Fuels Team A, was able to defend their title successfully and took home a koa wood paddle trophy.

"It was an extremely long and challenging race," said Chief Petty Officer Jim Skowronski, team captain Base Fuel chief at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay. "What it all came down to was the design of the boat."

Base Facilities were the runners-up for a second straight year.

Third place was Marine Corps Air Facilities Team Wirrrrry and fourth was Base Fuels, Team B.

"We had a lot of fun participating in the event," said Skowronski. "On the water, we got hit and bumped a couple of times, but that's just part of the race. I was just glad to actually complete the race without being sunk."

Together the two competitions provided spectators and competitors alike with a chance to celebrate BayFest in its true meaning, at the bay.

SPORTS AROUND THE CORPS

Boxing sparks warrior spirit

Cpl. Nicholas Tremblay

MCLB Albany, Public Affairs Office

MCLB ALBANY, GA. — To keep the “warrior spirit” alive among Marines at Marine Corps Logistics Base Albany, a boxing tournament is currently in the making.

Sergeant Maj. Stephen Martin, Marine Corps Logistics Bases Sergeant Major, is coordinating the event. Although his purpose is to put all the pieces together for a great fun-filled event, his main focus is safety.

Approximately 30 boxers are training with Sgt. Jeffery Gibson, data analyst with Materiel Command, for the event, scheduled for September.

The majority of the boxers are amateurs and have no prior boxing experience. Among the contenders are several female Marines who will square off against each other.

Boxing originated more than 5,000 years ago. The sport was popular in ancient Greece, and in its early forms, pitted men against each other to exchange punches to the face only.

The match continued until one man was knocked unconscious, at which time his opponent continued beating him until death.

Boxing was eventually banned until later years when rules were introduced to make the sport less savage.

Although boxers are already training on base, Martin and Gibson continue to look for more men and women to step up to the challenge.

During the training, Gibson covers everything from conditioning to defensive and offensive boxing maneuvers. He makes sure all the boxers will have the endurance and skill to last three rounds in the ring.

Martin encourages all base servicemembers to take part in the event, even Sailors and Soldiers because they too are part of the base community, he said.

During the fights, each boxer will wear protective headgear, a mouthpiece and 16 ounce gloves. They will square off in a regulation size 20-foot by 20-foot ring. Inside the ring with the fierce competitors, a referee will officiate the match.



Cpl. Nicholas Tremblay

Cordell Thompson (left), telephone technician, receives a vicious right cross from Barry Charles, quality control specialist for the Garrison Mobile Equipment Branch, during boxing practice.

Along with making sure it is a clean fight, the referee will also ensure the fighters' safety. Each match will consist of three two-minute rounds. If either opponent is not knocked down, the winner of the match will be decided by a panel of judges.

To ensure each match is fair, boxers

will be paired according to weight, height and skill level, said Martin. When deciding who will fight whom, Martin

will tell each boxer who they will fight, and if for any reason they feel uncomfortable fighting that designated opponent, Martin will choose someone else.

“I want each boxer to feel comfortable with whom they are fighting,” said Martin. “I want the fight to be fair so it will be a challenge for each boxer.”

The boxing tournament is designed to be at night when Marines, Sailors, civilian personnel and their families and guests can watch boxers duke it out with each other, said Martin. For the audiences entertainment, a Disc Jockey will also be on hand to “spin records” between matches.

Martin also plans to have half time entertainment for the audience. In addition to entertainment, food and refreshments will be sold.

“This is something that if you don't go, you'll regret it when you hear other people talk about the fun they had,” said Martin. “I've hosted other smokers [boxing event] in the past, and they've been a real success with the audience.”

Martin was stationed at Kings Bay, Ga. from 1996-99 where he hosted six boxing events to raise money for the base's Enlisted Marines Birthday Ball. He decided to host the same event in Albany, hoping it will be just as successful, if not more.

All the money raised at the event will be donated to the MCLB Albany Enlisted Marine Corps Birthday Ball.

“This is an event where people can come and enjoy themselves for a minimal fee,” said Martin. “This event isn't designed to make a lot of money, but instead to have a cheap event people can enjoy themselves at.”

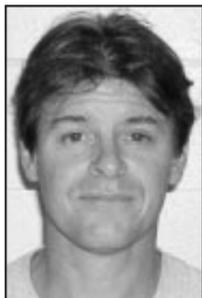
“Not only will the boxing be entertaining for spectators, but it will boost the individuals' morale who box. It takes a lot of courage to step into the ring and challenge another man to fight.

After the fight, they'll have great self-confidence, knowing they've fought someone and held their own.”

SPORTS COMMENTARY

Baseball season winds down

MLB players threaten to strike

Steven Kalnasy*Special to the Hawaii Marine***KALNASY**

Have you ever had the feeling that you had already experienced a particular moment in time? That familiar realization that you have been there, done that? That feeling of "*deja vu*" is upon us again. In the midst of a great season of Major League Baseball, the talks of a strike are overshadowing the accomplishments of individuals and teams alike.

It wasn't all that long ago when a player walkout destroyed what was becoming a monumental season.

The year was 1994, and it began with the news that Olympic ice skater Tanya Harding who pled guilty to attacking fellow skater Nancy Kerrigan. Then there was the news that actor and former pro football player O.J. Simpson was arrested for the murder of his ex-wife and her friend.

Baseball began that year with a lot of expectations from its superstars. Would this be the year that Junior would get to 62 home runs? Would anyone hit .400? What about Greg Maddux? Would he get another Cy Young?

Over the long winter months, many a hardcore fan would dream of those records being achieved. More importantly though was the chance to see them being broken. It's not enough to be a fan, you have to be there to experience the chase.

Well, 1994 was shaping up to be a banner year. Ken Griffey Jr. and Matt Williams were in a battle of power hitters for the prized home run record. Williams finished the season with 41 and Junior trailed by just one.

What about the batting average? When the season ended, Tony Gwynn was batting .398. And what about the Cy Young? Well, Greg Maddux won it for the third straight year but with another six weeks who knows what the could have happened.

On Aug. 12, 1994, the strike was realized. The best players in a generation walked off the field and began a battle of wills. The players and owners bickered daily in the media. It was clear that no resolution would be achieved by the end of the baseball schedule. There would be no Divisional Championship series and no World Series.

With the previous season's losses on their minds, the owners declared that they would bring in replacement players for the 95' season. This so enraged the fans and striking players that the owners decide to accept negotiated terms with the Player's Union and saved opening day.

The strike of 94' caused major damage to the business of baseball. Many hard-core fans were disillusioned and viewed the labor conflict as personal betrayal. There were serious efforts by some to organize a fan boycott. These attempts to strike back at the game of baseball failed, but the damage had already been done.

Baseball's fan base was saved by one significant event in 1995. On Sept. 6 of that year, Cal Ripken Jr. broke Lou Gehrig's 56-year-old record of 2,130 consecutive games played and became baseball's "Iron

Horse." Ripken's strong work ethic, respect for the game, and down right class helped baseball win back its fans.

I don't think we will witness a strike this time around. Although all the signs are there, this time the mood is different. In 2002, the players and owners have more in common than they did eight years ago. The issues are less personal. Things such as the amount of revenue owners can share with each other, and the luxury tax are but a couple of examples.

Still, from where I sit, it's difficult to understand how a profession with the minimum salary \$200,000 has anyone complaining at all. And what about the owners? Finding one of them who is worth less than a billion dollars would be quite a task. I think they should feel blessed for what they've got. Of course, as a fan all I care about is seeing the game go on.

No, there won't be a strike this time around. Too much damage was done '94. And what about the fans who have come back? Like me, they just won't understand and will be lost for good. After all, football is just around the corner.

So sit tight folks, enjoy the game. There will be a divisional series. There will be a World Series. As for the records. Lets just enjoy what's left of the season and see what happens. Personally, I'm waiting to see Commissioner Selig at some Tiger's games giving out ties like he did at the All-Star game. Wouldn't that be something?



Pfc. Monroe F. Seigle

The Strong Man competition was proud to have a team consisting solely of females. They completed the same events as the males, only not for score but to prove that they were up to the challenge.

Competitors pump it up

Pfc. Monroe F. Seigle
Combat Correspondent

The Red Lions from of Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron 363 took first place in the Strong Man competition Sunday at Bayfest, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, when they completed a three course event in 59.8 seconds to win the title.

The events consisted of an axle carry, a beer keg run and a loaded beer truck pull.

The axle carry required competitors to use teamwork to carry the trailer axle from a marked starting line to the finish line.

The beer keg run had the competitors carry full beer kegs from one pallet to another.

The final event had the Red Lions pull a beer truck several feet utilizing a rope attached to the front bumper.

Pulling with all their strength, the Red Lions mastered this event and won.

"I feel great about winning," said Lance Cpl. Joel W. McCoy, an airframer with HMH 363 Squadron, MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, "I can't wait until next year's competition so

we can defend our title."

After winning the competition, the Red Lions were awarded complimentary BayFest hats and T-shirts and bragging rights until next year's competition.

"I knew we could win," said McCoy, a 21-year-old native of Yreka, Calif. "The other team was strong, but they weren't as strong as us."

As far as next year's competition, the Red Lions said they would welcome any team that would like to challenge them.