

Welcome to the first WWB update of the new millennium. You will notice that these updates are now titled w/volume and issue numbers. I did this for two reasons. The first reason is that I am hopeful that this will make it easier to keep track of updates. The second reason is the hope that this will inspire me to insure that I get these out at least quarterly. We can only hope.

Speaking of hope-I hope you all know that I welcome any submission, news, etc. that you might have. Feel free to e-mail me w/any special events, gossip, whatever that your clubs are having.

The results are [finally] in. I would like all the WWB Club Reps to join me in welcoming our newest member clubs. The Membership [re]applications of The San Diego Bulldogs, represented by Russ Connelly and Amsterdam Tiggertje, represented by Jeroen Tan, were approved by a vote of 9 for 0 against, and 2 not voting. Jeroen and Russ are now entitled to vote on WWB issues on behalf of their clubs.

Sydney 2002 Announces Early Registration Launch

On 1 March 2001, Early Registration for GGVI will commence. I would encourage those of you who are planning to go to GGVI to take advantage of the discounted registration fees that are available to early registrants. By registering early, you are insuring that there will be a place for you in your competition. I personally encourage every one to register early so that the Tournament Organizers will have a better handle on the number of participants to expect on the mats in 2002.

To that end, Sydney 2002 is encouraging organizations to conduct a registration launch party in your hometown with your coordination with your City Team and athletic groups in your respective communities. Sydney will provide registration materials, fliers, etc. Sydney 2002 would like to ask you to consider the following for an event plan:

Host City would be required to provide the following:

- * Arrange a venue for this date
- * Promote/advertise to all members and interested participants in locality
- * Provide PC access for on-line registration (paper registration forms will be provided for backlog or unavailability of PC's)
- * Other entertainment as required by host

Gay Games VI will provide

- * Registration information
- * Registration brochures and handout material providing up-to-date information
- * Promotional Material
- * Supporting Sponsors material and information
- * Promotion of the registration event via GGVI E-newsletter
- * Items to auction as they come to hand
- * Lots of thanks!

Benefits of hosting a launch event:

- * A great fundraising initiative
- * A local team-building event through encouragement and leadership
- * Consistency in registrations i.e. team registrations
- * A huge momentum of Involvement and Participation for the whole world to see
- * Great publicity possibilities locally, Nationally and Internationally
- * An immediate registration impact to go out in BIG way
- * FUN!

There is a basic questionnaire on pages 8-9. Sending the completed questionnaire to Jeff Drew will provide him with some good feedback for your requirements when planning for the event and will also allow for some event consistency. Please send completed form to *admin2002@gaygamesvi.org.au*.

Local Federation of Gay Games Contacts

Several WWB Clubs are located in cities that are home to a Federation Director or two. I would encourage anyone planning an early registration event to contact the Director in your area for some input!

Greetings All!!

Listed below are some Directors that are near some of you and may be of help. Do tell them I sent you.

Team Seattle	Seattle	Darriquer Barton	<i>dlbarton@seanet.com</i>
Team Colorado	Denver	Kevin Brauer	<i>TriKevDenv@aol.com</i>
IGFSU	NYC	Laura Moore	<i>IGFSU@aol.com</i>
BGLSF	London	Ilse Hahn	<i>ilse.hahn@virgin.net</i>
Equip Montreal	Montreal	Jacques Taillefer	<i>consep@hotmail.com</i>
Team Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Mike ZuZu	<i>PhillyZu@aol.com</i>
Team San Francisco	San Francisco	Glen Galang	<i>glenn.galang@worldnet.att.net</i>
Team Sydney	Sydney	Richard Hogan	<i>rhogan@ozemail.com.au</i>
Gay and Lesbian Sports	LA	Roddy Shaul	<i>RRoddyshaul@aol.com</i>
Alliance of Greater LA			

Wrestling Club News

The Golden Gate Wrestling Club is planning of producing a special edition calendar to take to Sydney for GGVI. They intend to have more pages than previous calendars and the club is making an offer to every wrestling club to submit a single page (8.5 x 11) team photo with some graphics/info that pertain to their club.

I encourage all interested clubs to contact Gene Dermody at *wrestler@pacbell.net* for further details.

WWB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you have an event you would like posted in the calendar, please contact me.

DATE/TIME	EVENT	CONTACT
2-4 February	BBC filming of Golden Gate Wrestling Club	Gene Dermody <i>wrestler@pacbell.net</i>

Greetings All!!

1 March 2001	GGVI Early Registration Launch	Jeff Drew
11 March 2001	Golden Gate Wrestling-Eagle Beer Bust	<i>admin2002@gaygamesvi.org.au</i> Johnny Almony
25-28 May	Golden Gate Wrestling/IAGLMA Memorial Day Weekend Tournament	<i>Captain@ggwc.org</i> , Johnny Almony
TBA (July)	Hillside Wrestling Weekend	<i>Captain@ggwc.org</i> , Bob Sayres
TBA July	WWB Annual Meeting (same weekend as Hillside Wrestling Weekend).	<i>SayRob@aol.com</i> Rick Van Tassell <i>RLVT1@aol.com</i>

Sydney 2002 Gay Games has Moved!!

Well, not the Games but the administrative offices of Sydney 2002. The State Government of NSW and the South Sydney Council in a show of support have provided Sydney 2002 Gay Games Ltd with new office space. Listed below are the details. Please update your records accordingly.

Sydney 2002 Gay Games Ltd (Administration)

Macquarie Street (Hyde Park end)

Level 2, Building I (via the Sheriff's Office Gate)

SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA 2000

Mailing Address:

GPO Box 2763

SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA 2001

Our new telephone number is 61 2 9235 7000

Our fax number is 61 2 9221 9990

Sydney 2002 Gay Games VI, Sport & Cultural Festival

Greetings All!!

(Store/Shopfront Information)

92 Oxford Street

DARLINGHURST NSW AUSTRALIA 2010

Mailing Address:

GPO Box 2763

SYDNEY NSW AUSTRALIA 2001

Telephone number is 61 2 9380 8202

Fax number is 61 2 9360 1220

Sydney 2002 Gay Games VI Report

My Personal Impressions: I really enjoyed my stay in Sydney. It is a beautiful city, and the people were very friendly. Public transportation is very user-friendly, the weather was [pretty] good. I managed to visit many landmarks, hit a few bars, and I got to work out with the Sydney Harbour Wrestling Club-a great group of guys. They have a great space for wrestling. Barry honored me by allowing me to coach his practice. Thanks Barry! I am looking forward to returning in 2002. I have to say that when I do return, I am going to make every effort to stay for 3 weeks!!

Approval of WWB Request for Modifications to GGVI License Agreement: GGVI Sports Manager Stuart Borrie set up a 3 November 2000 meeting to discuss the WWB Requests for Modifications and some other wrestling issues. Attending this meeting were GGVI Sports Manager Stuart Borrie, Sydney Harbour Wrestling Club President Barry Webb, Federation of Gay Games Sports Committee Cochair Mike ZuZu, [Sydney Harbour Wrestling Club], NSW Wrestling Sports Development Officer Sean Smith, and myself. After much discussion, it was agreed that all of the accommodations requested by WWB could be accommodated except for the issuance of Day Licenses. Borrie agreed to do some quick research and meet w/me later in the week where we would finalize discussion and Borrie would sign off on the Modification.

Stuart and I met later that week. Borrie signed off on document with the caveat that he may not be able to guarantee the issuance of day licenses for the competition. We agreed that if Sydney was not going to be able to provide day licenses that Sydney would send correspondence to the wrestlers instructing them to contact their local/national FILA associated Wrestling governing body to obtain a competitors license. I plan on sending copy of said document to each club rep later this month.

GGVI Site Visit: Olympic Site Visit: Tour of the sports venues and some of the Cultural venues and Opening Ceremony. Sydney 2002 has decided to reserve the smaller stadium for Opening Ceremonies in order to make the event more of a community affair and a hometown feeling. The larger location, Stadium Australia, in addition to being more costly, also has so much space that even an event with 30 to 40 thousand spectators would still make the stadium appear quite empty. The other facility is used by the national softball team and is large enough to seat over 30 thousand people. All other sports will be using many of the same facilities used during the Olympic Games in 2000. And of course the wrestling venue was first class.

Sydney 2002 Staff Changes: Executive Director Garrie Gibson parted amicably from his position as ED. Stuart Borrie is currently Acting ED until a replacement is hired, hopefully some time in March.

Marcus Bear, the Marketing Director, is no longer employed by Sydney 2002.

Videotaping GGVI Wrestling Competition: At the 2000 WWB Annual Meeting we all agreed that we would like an archival videotape of the GGVI Wrestling Competition produced. Steve Driscoll of BG East was contacted by Dermody and myself. Several e-mails and one marketing director later, Steve has finally received official contact from Sydney 2002. Gene and I will continue to assist Steve and 2002 in bringing this to fruition.

Gay Games VI Merchandise: Currently there is merchandise available in Sydney however as of yet it is not available on the website. I would say keep checking in at www.GayGamesVI.org.au. Tell them I sent you..

Federation of Gay Games 2000 Annual Meeting Report

The Annual Meeting of the Federation of Gay Games was held from 5 - 10 November 2000 in the city of Sydney, Australia. Rather than subjecting all of you to the minutiae of the whole meeting, I have opted to report the highlights of the meeting that have a direct effect on WWB.

Executive Committee Report: The Federation Copresidents announced that, in October of 2000, just prior to the annual meeting, the USOC and the IOC sent letters to the Federation in which the USOC has agreed to end their dispute of the use of the Federation's logo of three inter-locking rings. The IOC's letter confirmed the spirit of the USOC's agreement and added that the IOC will not object to the use of the Federation logo and that if any National Olympic Committee objects to the use by the Federation, the IOC will take reasonable steps to obtain withdrawal of such objection.

Membership Committee Report: The Membership Committee requested and received Board approval for changing Committee's name from Membership to Directors and Nominating Committee (DANCOM), a name that more accurately reflects Committee's responsibilities. The Membership Committee recommended the following individual's for the position of Federation Director and the Board approved all of them.

New Director Organization: International Front Runners (IFR);

New Individual Director: Kile Ozier (background in event management and promotion)

Renewing Director Organizations: International Gay Bowling Organization, Lesbian & Gay Bands of America, Swiss Gay & Lesbian Sports

Renewing Individual Director: Susan Kennedy

The Membership Committee did not recommend the following because they have not fulfilled the requirements of Directorship. The Board approved the Membership Committee's recommendation of each of these.

Lambda Rowing International, Team Atlanta, Team Chicago.

The Membership Committee recommended that the following individuals be granted Honorary Life Membership (HLM). The Board approved the Committee's recommendations.

Herb King, Rose Mary Mitchell, Jeff Pike, Larry Sheehan

It was noted that the following chose not to renew their Directorships:

Team Frankfurt, Lisa LaBrecque, Rose Mary Mitchell, Steve Mumby, Jeffry Pike, Rob Wardell.

Sports Committee: Mike ZuZu and Kathleen Webster were reelected as Sports Committee Cochairs. As usual, Mike and Kathleen are showing their managerial expertise keeping a their watchful eyes on all aspects of the Gay Games Sports Programme. Longo's letter to the Federation was included in the Sports Committee Report.

Gene Dermody sought and was granted reappointment as the Federation Sport Coordinator for Wrestling. All Federation Sports Coordinators report to Subcommittee Chairs Teresa Galetti and Jerry Lovell. The Subcommittee Chairs report to the Sports Committee Chairs. FYI-Dermody's report is on page 7.

Policies and Procedures Committee Report: Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Delegate Jennifer Wilson and myself were reelected as chairs of this committee. During the course of our report, we submitted several bylaw amendments to the Board for approval. The majority of these passed. The most significant amendment to pass will give all Organizational Directors two votes-one for each

Delegate each organization is allowed to send. To exercise both votes, both Delegates must be in attendance. This ultimately gives organizations that represent hundreds or thousands of constituents, more of a say in how the Games are managed.

Site Selection Committee Report: There are five bidding organizations from four different cities. These include: Atlanta 2006, Chicago 2006, Los Angeles 2006 Inc., Gay Games VII Bid LA, and Montreal 2006.

2001 Timeline of the Bidding Process

31 Jan 2001 - Deadline for all written bids to be submitted to the Federation.

15 May 2001 - Elimination vote to bring # of bids to four.

June through August 2001 - Site visits by Federation inspectors.

Oct or Nov 2001 - FGG Annual Meeting. Official presentation of bids by each bidding city. Host for Gay Games VII is selected during this meeting.

Election of Officers: The Federation of Gay Games election of officers cycle runs as follows: every year 1/2 of the officers are up for election. This year the Offices up for election were that of Male Copresident, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. Charlie Carson [of IGLA] won reelection to the post of Recording Secretary by a good majority; Jerry Lovell [of IGBO] was elected in an uncontested election to the post of Treasurer; Bill Wassmer [Team Seattle] won reelection over Team Sydney's Richard Hogan with a vote total of 20 to 19.

Federation Vicepresident [and LAW Delegate] Gene Dermody's term is up for election at the 2001 Annual Meeting. He has not indicated whether or not he will seek reelection.

2001 Annual Meeting: The 2001 Federation of Gay Games Annual Meeting will take place in Johannesburg, South Africa sometime in October. The city that will host GGVII will be chosen at this meeting.

The list below is the updated WWB Membership/Contact List. If you are visiting a city that has a wrestling club, please the effort to support these clubs either by contacting them and attending a practice, social event, or even a local event.

I would ask that no one list these clubs on their respective websites without the club contact's permission but rather use this list as a contact list. Thanks in advance for your respecting the privacy of the listed contacts.

If anyone has a contact name and e-mail address for a club that is not listed, please forward the club name and contact information to me that I might list it.

CLUB	REP	E-MAIL
East Coast W.C. (New England)	Marc Lavik	ECWC1@aol.com,
Golden Gate W.(San Francisco)	Johnny Almony	Captain@ggwc.org,
London Amateur Wrestlers (London)	Gene Dermody (per Jek's request)	Wrestler@pacbell.net,
Metro (New York, New York)	Nelson Gonzalez	Nelson.Gonzalez@worldnet.att.net,
New England W.C (New England)	Spencer Liles	NEWC4U@excite.com,
New York Knights	Jim Longo	PhoenixNYC@hotmail.com,
San Diego Bulldogs	Russ Connelly	SDBulldogs@yahoo.com,
Seattle Kings	Rafael Rivera	KingsWrestlingSeattle@yahoo.com,
Southern California W.C.(Los Angeles)	Ron Ward	LetsWresl@aol.com,
Spartans Philadelphia	Mike Lofurno	MLFComp@aol.com,
Spartans Phoenix	John Marshall	AZSpartans@aol.com,
Sydney Harbour (Sydney, Australia)	Barry Webb	Lifestream@Ozemail.com,
Tampa Eagles (Tampa, FL)	Lou Hidu: At Lou's and my discretion, I am the Eagles alternate.	Eaglewresl@aol.com,
Tijgertje Wrestling Club (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)	Jeroen Tan	Tann@dds.nl,
WWB Chairman (NY, NY) Federaration Delegate (Philadelphia)	Nelson Gonzalez Rick Van Tassell	Nelson.Gonzalez@worldnet.att.net , RLVT1@aol.com,
New Contacts &/or non-affiliated clubs		
Lutte en Prise [Montreal Lion's Gate Wrestling Club (Vancouver, British Columbia)	Ken Bockus Ron	KGBStar1@arobas.net , (www.geocities.com/vancouvergaywrestling)
Frankfurt Wrestling Club Hercules Wrestling Club (Kharkov, Ukraine)	Argio Karpovics Peter Krasnopyorov	akarpovics@aol.com, Alla.P.Krasnopyorova@univer.Kharkov.ua,
Hong Kong (China) contact Boston (MA, USA) contact Houston W.C.	Paul Vivian Dean Sherratt Larry Criscione	Pvivian@bigpond.com, dean.sherratt@dfait-maeci.gc.ca, hwcwrstlr@aol.com,
Rocky Mountain WC (Denver, CO)	Rob: Stephen:	Wrestle7460914@aol.com, Pecpunchme@aol.com,

Sports Coordinator Report-Wrestling

Greetings All!!

Subj: Sports Coordinator Report 2000: Wrestling

Date: 10/07/2000 8:52:57 PM Eastern Daylight Time

From: wrestler@pacbell.net (Gene Dermody)

To: PeoBumJong@aol.com (Teresa Galetti), jerry.lovell@teletech.com (Jerry Lovell)

CC: rlvt1@aol.com (Rick Van Tassell), phillyzu@aol.com (Michael Zuzu), MooSaShin@aol.com (Kathleen Webster), sborrie@ozemail.com.au (Stuart Borrie)

Teresa and Jerry...

This is my annual report as FGG Wrestling Sports Coordinator. I have done it in narrative form. Please let me know if it is ok...

Gene

Since the last AM in Berlin 10/1999, I have done the following:

1. Worked with Rick Van Tassell of Wrestlers WithOut Borders on the preliminary revisions to the RedBook and S2002 contract for the wrestling section. These changes revolved around the explicit setting of the women's weight classes, the pairing mechanism, and the version of the FILA rules to be used. The changes are basically generic, subject to further tuning as we draw closer to the S2002 registration doc approval deadline (1/2001).
2. Served as a resource to Rick at the annual WWB meeting at Hillside PA, where the discussions of these same revisions (above), and other issues such as the proposed 'Novice Division' concept were done in depth with the representatives of the other wrestling clubs. Input from Kevin Martin, an M3 Olympic Official and Silver level coach, who officiated GGIV in NYC was included.
3. Helped Rick write up the revisions plus the 'Novice Division' concept that was subsequently formally submitted to S2002's Stuart Borrie.
4. Met with Stuart Borrie twice during my Olympics trip to discuss the language of the registration doc, plus some high level scenarios of how the Sunday 'Developmental Program' would work. Also met briefly and informally with Geoff Marsh and his staff of SOCOGS at the wrestling venue. This was **very** positive, and I look forward to a more formal 'details' meeting with Geoff et al including Stuart, Barry, Shawn, and Rick during the week of the S2000 AM. I will leave it to Stuart to set this up.

5. Pending... brainstorming with WWB about the Sunday format... safety, pairings, clinics, officiating, etc... I'd like to have a laundry list to give Geoff ahead of time if possible.

6. My own skills development: I will be attending the Monterey Coaches clinic in October for 2 days, and have plans to get my Silver USA Coach's Certification in the spring.

Gene

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Gene Dermody

**INTERNATIONAL CITY TEAMS
REGISTRATION LAUNCH - March, 2001
GAY GAMES VI SPORT & CULTURAL FESTIVAL**

Contact Name: (First Name)_____ **(Last Name)**

Address:_____ **Suburb:**

City: _____ **Country:** _____

Code: _____

Tel: _____ **Fax:** _____ **Email:**

City Team you are representing:

Please tick the boxes below to provide us with information for registration launch event plans:

Commitment

- Are you willing to co-ordinate a 'launch in March' for registration to GGVI amongst your city Team? **Yes No**

If No, please go directly to 'Distribution' section of questionnaire.

- Will Thursday 1 March, 2001 be suitable for you and your Team?
Yes No

If No, please indicate another date in

March. _____

- Will you be the point of contact for the event planning?
Yes No

If No, please nominate a contact

person: _____

- Can this person be contacted on the above details?
Yes No

If No, please provide contact

details: _____

Logistics

- Will you be able to provide a venue with ISP connections for the launch?
Yes No

- What number of guests would you anticipate in coming to the launch? **50> 100> 150> 200>**

- From your Team how many people do you think may 'register' early in March/April?

- How will you communicate and distribute information about the launch? **Mail %** _____

E-Mail% _____

- Will your promotion extend beyond your local sports Club/Team members into the wider g&l community?

Yes No

Promotional Information

- Please list what kind of materials you want us to provide for your launch.

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These topics will be covered in the registration book. Which ones will be most important for the people attending the registration launch. Number from 1 to 16 - 1 being most important.

GGVI General Overview

Women

Sports

Choral

Cultural

Volunteering for the Games

GGVI Venues

Exhibition Events

Specific Needs & Disabilities

Facts about Sydney

Outreach

Immigration

Travel & Accommodation

Federation of Gay Games

Hosted Housing

Indigenous Australia

Are there other topics:

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Sydney 2002 Gay Games would like to invite GGVI sponsors, supporters, travel providers and the like to be a part of the event (for example a representative of Qantas Airways). Will you be able to assist these supporters in the event co-ordination.

Yes No

Distribution

- Are you the contact at your Team for GGVI promotional material in the lead up to Gay Games?

Yes No

- If No, please nominate a contact person and contact details
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- Are you willing to assist with distribution of GGVI material to participants in your local region?

Yes No

- Other than your Team, what other Teams/Clubs exist in your region?

- _____
- _____

Other

- If you have any further ideas as to how we can assist with your event plans, please list these below.

- _____
- _____

PLEASE RETRUN FORM TO:

JEFF DREW @ SYDNEY 2002 GAY GAMES LTD ON

FACSIMILE NUMBER: 0011 612 9360 1220

Greetings All!!

OR SIMPLY EMAIL THE RESPONSE TO
ADMIN2002@GAYGAMESVI.ORG.AU