

2010 World Arm Wrestling Champions Bobby Buttafuoco & Roy Ramsland Honored at Annual NYAWA Christmas Party



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L-R - Frank Malis, Gene Camp, World Arm Wrestling Champion Bobby Buttafuoco, Jerry Cadorette and Jason Vale - Roy Ramsland not in Photo

2010 World Arm Wrestling Champions Bobby Buttafuoco (Center) and Roy Ramsland were honored last week at the Annual 2010 NYAWA Christmas Party at Jason's New York City Arm Wrestling Practice where 48 men and women showed up for the Holiday Festivities and Award Ceremony.



Roy Ramsland
2010 World Armwrestling Champion

Buttafuoco (not that one) wins arm wrestling title

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Two Long Island men have won first-place awards at the 2010 World Arm Wrestling Championships. Bobby Buttafuoco, 56, of Rockville Centre, and Roy Ramsland, 61, of Huntington Station, won the right-arm grand master competitions last week in the 204- and 165-pound weight classes, respectively. Buttafuoco competed in the 50- to 59-year-old age group.

Both men competed against contestants from the United States, Russia, Germany, Sweden, France, Israel, Japan, Canada and Kazakhstan.

Buttafuoco is a brother of Joey Buttafuoco, the former Long Island auto mechanic who entered the spotlight after the 1992 shooting of his wife by his then-underage lover Amy Fisher.

The four-day arm-wrestling event in Nevada had more than 1,300 competitors from 41 countries, said Gene Camp, president and founder of the New York Arm Wrestling Association, of which Ramsland and Bobby Buttafuoco are members.

To qualify for the world championship, Bobby Buttafuoco placed first at the United States Armwrestling Association championship this summer in Billings, Mont.

Bobby Buttafuoco, who has arm-wrestled since 1984, said he trains with a group of locals including Ramsland and has won titles before, but not with such international competition.

“These guys in Europe, they’re serious, that’s what’s kind of fun about it. It was packed with a lot of great guys,” Bobby Buttafuoco said.

The take-home prizes, he said, were “a medal and the prestige – I can’t believe I can say I’m the best arm wrestler in his 50s in the world.”

LONG ISLANDERS STRONG ARM WORLD CLASS COMPETITION

The New York Arm Wrestling Association (NYAWA) presented two congratulation awards yesterday at the annual NYAWA Christmas party and weekly practice. The awards were presented to Bobby Buttafuoco from Rockville Centre (L.I.) and Roy Ramsland from Huntington Station (L.I.) for winning first place at the 2010 World Arm Wrestling Championships last week at the CasaBlanca Resort and Casino Event Center in Mesquite, Nevada. The 2010 World Arm Wrestling Championships wrapped up a four-day run attracting more than 1,300 competitors from 41 countries.

"We are very proud of Bobby Buttafuoco and Roy Ramsland for winning the 2010 World Arm Wrestling Championships," said Gene Camp, president and founder of the New York Arm Wrestling Association. "Buttafuoco and Ramsland are veteran Long Island arm wrestlers who have been arm wrestling in New York and around the country for more then 20 years and both worked very hard to achieve these titles." Buttafuoco and Ramsland won against contestants from USA, Russia, Germany, Sweden, France, Israel, Japan, Canada and Kazakhstan.

Buttafuoco said; "After qualifying for the World Championships at the USA Nationals in Montana, I stayed focused and trained very hard because I knew this competition was going to be very tough. I am very happy because these athletes are the best in the world and I was undefeated all day. For me, it's an amazing achievement of personal satisfaction in my life."

The NYAWA is also preparing for another exciting season of arm wrestling competitions in New York including its two premiere events, which are the 34th Annual NYC Big Apple Grapple International at the Javits Center's NY International Automobile Show on April 30, 2011, and the Empire State Golden Arm Tournament of Champions at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in November 2011. For information about weekly arm wrestling practice, upcoming events or sponsorship opportunities visit www.nycarms.com or call Gene Camp at 718-544-4592. ###

OFFICIAL RESULTS

Grand Master Right 75kg

1 USA - LONG ISLAND, NY. - ROY RAMSLAND

- 2 SWEDAN - MATS OTTOSSON
- 3 GERMANY - JURGEN BAUMANN
- 4 CANADA - SYLVIO BOURQUE
- 5 JAPAN - TAKASHI URAGI
- 6 RUSSIA - SERGEY AVERYANOV
- 7 KAZAKHSTAN - VALERIY LIM
- 8 JAPAN - MIKIO YASUDA
- 9 CANADA - GARY MACDONALD

Grand Master Right 100kg

1 USA - LONG ISLAND, NY. - BOBBY BUTTAFUOCO

- 2 USA - ROBERT COPPLA
- 3 SWEDAN - JONNY JOHNSON
- 4 RUSSIA - VLADIMIR STEPANOV
- 5 RUSSIA - ALBERT SAYFUTDINOV
- 6 FRANCE - BRUNO BIAVA
- 7 KAZAKHSTAN - DZHEENBEK MUKAMBETOV
- 8 ISREAL - JOE FORMAN