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New York Arm Wrestling Association (NYAWA)

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36th NYC BIG APPLE GRAPPLE INTERNATIONAL Tells a Gripping Tale As Overall Male and Female Stars Are Crowned 'King and Queen of Arms'

Flushing, NY. April 27, 2013 ---- Concentrating on brute strength, raw energy and hard discipline, some of the world's best arm-wrestlers displayed their powers at Cheap Shots Sports Bar in Flushing, NY in the gripping 36th Annual NYC Big Apple Grapple International Arm Wrestling Championships held Saturday, April 27, 2013.

Mike Ayello from Deer Park, LI won the Super heavyweight class and then overpowered all first place tournament winners in various weight classes to capture the overall cash prize and the prestigious title of 2013 NYC King of Arms. Last year's defending champion Tim Bresnan from CT. was unable to attend. Ana Kenah from Jersey City, NJ captured the women's 2013 NYC Queen of Arms with overpowering strength, explosive raw energy and fierce determination by winning in a major upset by beating long time defending women's 2012 NYC Big Apple Grapple and NY State champion Joyce Boone from Gowanus, Brooklyn. Ana Kenah was also the left hand women's defending champion and outdid herself by winning both right and left hand contests earning her the NYC Arm-Star Award. Joyce Boone came in second in both the women's right and left open contests, Kerry Chapman from Farmingdale, NY was third in the right hand contest, and Kelly Carvera from Road Island was third in the left contest. The Sponsors were Cheap Shots Sports Bar, Ironmind.com, Zenith and Captains of Crush Grippers.

Another prestigious award went to Mike Selearis from Elmhurst, Queens, who won the left hand contest and then bested all first place left hand winners to take home the overall cash prize and Left-hand MVP award.

According to officials of the New York Arm Wrestling Association (NYAWA), presenter of this and other New York-metro area arm wrestling contests, about two-thirds of the jam packed spectator audience were enthusiasts; there were some tourists and customers; and the rest were from the arm wrestling community of family, friends and fans, who echoed loudly to the referees as they quickly signaled their favorites during the fast-paced male and female matches.

Gene Camp, Founder and President of the NYAWA, termed this 2013 NYC Big Apple Grapple "Another successful final that drew the mightiest pro arm wrestlers from distant states and overseas to give homegrown pros their strongest challengers ever." Camp billed today as "The NYC's marathon of arm wrestling." This competition draws both 'hardnosed pros' and curious first time beginners who competed in their respective weight class categories. Camp continued, "The Big Apple Grapple is the premiere NYC arm wrestling event which displayed a full day of exciting hard-fought matches and an amazing captive-cheering audience in an over-the-top packed house"

The full NYC Big Apple Grapple International results may be found at the NYAWA website www.nycarms.com. This summer, the NYAWA is also holding the New York Golden Arm Series, beginning with the Bronx Week Food and Arts Festival on May 19, 2013, followed with the other events in the five Borough and on Long Island. The series culminates with the Empire State final on November 14, 2013 at the Port Authority Bus Terminal in NYC. For more information or sponsorship opportunities for the 2013 season visit the NYAWA website at nycarms.com or call Gene Camp 718-544-4592.



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36th NYC Big Apple Grapple International Arm Wrestling Championships



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Cheap Shots Sports Bar - Flushing, Queens, NY.

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<http://www.dnainfo.com/new-york/20130429/flushing/arm-wrestlers-do-battle-of-biceps-at-nyc-big-apple-grapple>

NYC King of Arms - Mike Avello

<http://deerpark-northbabylon.patch.com/groups/sports/p/deer-park-man-wins-arm-wrestling-championship>

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OFFICIAL RESULTS SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2013

Pro Results

154 R Pro:

+1 st PLACE	Oleh Frankivskyy	Ukraine
2 nd PLACE	Chris Nittoli	Brick, NJ
3 rd PLACE	Alex Medvedev	Manhattan, NY
+Arm-Star Award	Oleh Frankivskyy	

154 L Pro:

+1 st PLACE	Oleh Frankivskyy	Ukraine
2 st PLACE	Alex Medvedev	Manhattan, NY.
3 rd PLACE	Aliaksander Vaoskouski	Brooklyn, NY
+Arm-Star Award	Oleh Frankivskyy	

176 R Pro:

1 st PLACE	Anvar Mansurov	Brooklyn, NY
2 nd PLACE	Sukhrob Akhmedov	Brooklyn, NY
3 rd PLACE	Polo Remache	New Jersey

198 R Pro:

1 st PLACE	Lajos Konya	Hungary
2 nd PLACE	Patrick Baffa	Whitestone, NY
3 rd PLACE	Seth Barnett	Rhode Island

198 L Pro:

1 st PLACE	Seth Barnett	Rhode Island
2 nd PLACE	Lajos Konya	Hungary
3 rd PLACE	Serge Petro	New Jersey

199+ R Pro:

*1 st PLACE	Mike Ayello	Deer Park, NY
2 nd PLACE	Jason Vale	Queens Village, NY
3 rd PLACE	Leo Maxwell	Rhode Island

*NYC King of Arms Overall Right MVP Mike Ayello

199+ L Pro:

*1 st PLACE	Mike Selearis	Elmhurst, NY
2 nd PLACE	James Sismanglou	Astoria, NY
3 rd PLACE	Chris Tsintavis	Bayside, NY

*NYC Left Hand Overall MVP Award Mike Selearis

Amateur Results**176 R Amateur**

1 st PLACE	Sukhrob Akhmedov	Brooklyn, NY
2 nd PLACE	Arthur Felder	Brooklyn, NY
3 rd PLACE	Lasha Krikheli	Rego Park, NY

176 L Amateur

1 st PLACE	Chris Nittoli	Brick, NJ
2 nd PLACE	Arthur Felder	Brooklyn, NY
3 rd PLACE	Marcin Czembrowski	Hartford, CT

198 R Amateur

1 st PLACE	Jason Merlo	Staten Island, NY
2 nd PLACE	Julio Rosario	Bronx, NY
3 rd PLACE	Nazar Simko	New Britain, CT.

198 L Amateur

1 st PLACE	Julio Rosario	Bronx, NY
2 nd PLACE	Serge Petro	New Jersey
3 rd PLACE	Josef Bedegi	Hungary

199+ R Amateur

+1 st PLACE	Anthony Loria	Valley Stream, NY
2 nd PLACE	Matt Hand	Toms River, NJ
3 rd PLACE	Frank Chieto	Brooklyn, NY

+Arm-Star Award Anthony Loria**199+L Amateur**

+1 st PLACE	Anthony Loria	Valley Stream, NY
2 nd PLACE	Chris Tsintavis	Bayside, NY
3 rd PLACE	Matt Hand	Toms River, NJ

+Arm-Star Award Anthony Loria**Women Right Open**

+*1 st Place	Ana Kenah	Jersey City, NJ
2 nd PLACE	Joyce Boone	Brooklyn, NY
3 rd PLACE	Kerry Chapman	Farmingdale, NY

+Arm-Star Award Ana Kenah**Women Left Open**

+*1 st PLACE	Ana Kenah	Jersey City, NJ
2 nd PLACE	Joyce Boone	Brooklyn, NY
3 rd PLACE	Kelly Carvara	Rhode Island
+Arm-Star Award	Ana Kenah	

36th NYC Big Apple Grapple International -Team Championships

First Place - New Jersey 33 Points

Second Place - Brooklyn 31 Points

Third Place – Tie – Queens 21 and Long Island 21

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*Captain's of Crush & Zenith Grippers MVP - NYC QUEEN OF ARMS – Ana Kenah

*Captain's of Crush & Zenith Grippers MVP - NYC KING OF ARMS – Mike Ayello

*Captain's of Crush & Zenith Grippers Left Overall MVP – Ana Kenah

*Captain's of Crush & Zenith Grippers Left Overall MVP – Mike Selearis

(+Arm-Star Award – Won Right and Left hand Championships)

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