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Greetings All,

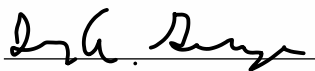
Reflecting on the Veteran's Day Bando Full Contact Tournament held November 11th, 2023 at Total Athlete Center in Triadelphia, WV. It was a very good tournament and hopefully a springboard to get this tournament back to what it once was. All fighters were very impressive and the matches were preceded by honoring a nice contingent of Veteran's in our presence. Dr. Gyi would be very proud of you all for your devotion, discipline and dedication to make this event an enjoyable one. A large crowd was in attendance to witness some top notch matches. A special thank you to the people that help make this day great. Mr. Sam Jones, Pro Boxer Sue Mullet, and Chad Blevins from Glouster and Powell, OH Bando, Mark Semingson, David Croft, Eric Jackson, Steve Jasek, Dave Decker, Greg Cochran, Pat Gryszka, Amy Huenke (Athens Bando), Tim Dobson (Canada), David Rucker, Bomani Sakou, Lon Walls, Eugene Johnson, Curtis Jayjohn, Cordell Blackshere, Oscar Kallet (Muay Thai) from Dayton, OH, Norm White, Barry Bell, Mike Pippo, Attila Li, Derek George, Dave Peluchette, Dan Dimmick, Dick Ferda, Paul Braddock, Carl Knoyer, Pat Butler, Jeff Stanton, Emel and EJ Vujnovic, Greg Vasey, Caleb, Rebecca and Jocelyn Fields, Nick, Kayla and Watson Sorkin, Cassie George, Lindsey, Gigi, Elli and Alina George, Tammy Visnic, and Kim Strauss. Thank you all for your help and all of Liberty Distributors for the use of the newly renovated gym. Also two promotions and one demo took place before the start of the matches. Congratulations to David Rucker, and Bomani Sakou promoted to the 6th and 3rd levels of achievement. Both members performed at the tournament and demonstrating the Eagle Kukri Cuts taught to them by Sayaji Eugene Johnson maintaining the requirement of promotion to include 1. Active/perform, 2. Current ABA/NBAA member, 3. Recommended/approved. Attila Li also demonstrated the punching power lines. Chad Blevins was presented an honorary Bando belt for his many achievements in the full contact ring. The Bando Full Contact Tournament is hopefully a step in the positive direction to challenge, enhance, and sustain our membership.

Bando Full Contact National winners include:

1. ZACHARY EVANS
2. DALLAS LAZEAR
3. GAVEN MAC-ROSTEF
4. EVAN MURRAY
5. CALEB COVINGSTON
6. GRANT MURRAY – ELIMINATION BOUT
7. ALEX GOODIN
8. DEREK GEORGE – ELIMINATION BOUT
9. JUSTIN SAYERS
10. ALLEN HARDGRAVE
11. DEREK GEORGE – FINALS

Talks are in the process of possibly next years Bando Full Contact Tournament to be held in the Washington DC area. A Bando Full Contact clinic will be held in the near future with additional information to later come.

Thank you again for the effort put forth by all the fighters, win or lose, it was a fine day for Bando. Finally, may you all have a blessed, happy and safe Thanksgiving. Happy Thanksgiving!



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