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The strength of an Olympian. The agility of a gymnast. The stamina of a triathlete. The wits of a Chess master. Many sports boast having the world's greatest athletes, but few actually are put to the test. One sport, though, combines the grace of "Swan Lake" and the carnage of a car crash. That sport is boxing.

The Iowa Golden Gloves has been around since 1938, providing young athletes with an alternative sport to help with social development as well as physical and emotional well being. National Golden Gloves of America Inc. has been around since the first bout — a Golden Gloves tournament in 1928. Since then the program has led the way in promoting amateur boxing in the United States. In fact, it has produced the majority of competitors for America's boxing teams in the Pan-Am and Olympic Games.

"We have had some of our former boxers go on to become attorneys, judges, members of the House of Representatives, firemen, fire chief, policemen, school teachers and principals," said Donald Avant Jr., four-time Iowa Golden Gloves Champion and president of Iowa Golden Gloves. "All from the foundation they got from Golden Gloves training. Hard work pays off."

The mission of the Iowa Golden Gloves is to provide an active and safe environment for young, and especially at-risk, athletes. The program develops "individual athletic skills, work ethic, sportsmanship, discipline, self-respect and pride." And while the athletes reap their rewards, the rest of us enjoy the ring-side thrill and witness the skills they are learning literally before our eyes.

This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the Iowa Golden Gloves, and the 2013 Tournament of Champions looks to be a knock-out. Several featured fighters will return to defend their titles and pride including four-time champion Martin Schuh, of Fort Dodge, and last year's champ DeAndre Harris.

"Muhammad Ali, Sugar Ray Leonard, Floyd Mayweather all got their start in Golden Gloves," Avant said. "Boxing is a sport that has made men out of boys."

About 80 men and women, ages 17 to 34, will compete in the tournament in one of two categories, Novice or Open. Novice features boxers who have been in 10 bouts or less, and the Open category takes on all kinds, no matter how many fights the athlete has seen. All amateur bouts are three rounds. Open boxers will have three two-minute rounds, while the Novice competitors will have three one-minute rounds. All athletes belong to USA Boxing.

In the end, the sport is more about what the athletes learn in Iowa Golden Gloves, not what you win.

"Sportsmanship is the main goal we are looking for, and we give out the John Connors sportsmanship trophy to the boxer that shows the most sportsmanship," said Avant.

The discipline it takes to be a great boxer is the same that it takes to be a great individual. Strength, endurance, strategy, agility and improvisation are as important out of the ring as they are in the ring. **CV**

David Rowley is an Iowa native with a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Iowa and a master's in film journalism from the University of Glasgow. Whether he's wandering the foothills of Scotland or the concrete prairie of Des Moines, this cinefile/journalist/gumshoe is always prepared with a pen in his pocket feverishly searching for that "perfect level of ridiculous that makes the absurd desirable."

The Iowa Golden Gloves 2013 Tournament of Champions will take place April 12 – 13 at the Forte Banquet and Conference Center, 615 Third St., in Des Moines. Doors open at 6 p.m., and bouts start at 7 p.m. General admission tickets are \$15, reserved seats are \$20. (City View Article DSM)



John H. Connors

Polk County

JOHN CONNORS

Mr. Speaker: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life character, and public service of the late Honorable John Connors begs to submit the following Memorial:

John Connors was born December 2, 1922 in Des Moines, the son of John J. and Edna Connors. After graduation from Des Moines North High School in 1942, John joined the Merchant Marines, serving from 1943 to 1946. In 1945 John and Marjorie (Leonard) were married.

John began his career as a Des Moines Firefighter in 1950 and served until retiring as a Captain in 1977. An active member of the union, John served for 20 years as president of the Des Moines Association of Professional Firefighters. Prior to his election to the House of Representatives, John worked at the Statehouse as a lobbyist for the Firefighters Union.

John's community leadership included service as chair or president of many organizations, including: the Board of Trustees of Des Moines General Hospital, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Des Moines Friendship and Sister City Commission and the Polk County Society for Crippled Children and Adults. He was also a member of the American Legion, Masonic Orders and the First Christian Church.

As president of Golden Gloves Boxing and chairman of the Council of State Governments, John brought both the Golden Gloves National Boxing Championships and the National Annual Meeting of the Council of State Governments to Des Moines.

Compiled Historical Information

Date of Death: 3/7/2009

Birth Place: Des Moines, Iowa

Birth County: Polk

Party Affiliation: Democrat

Assemblies Served:

House: 65 (1973) - 80 (2003)

Home County: Polk

John Connors died on March 7, 2009 at the age of 86.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The House Of Representatives Of The Eighty-Third General Assembly Of Iowa, That in the passing of the Honorable John Connors, the State has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this Resolution would express its appreciation of his service.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

RICK OLSON

BRUCE L. HUNTER

KEVIN M. MCCARTHY

Committee

3 Iowans touted for Golden Gloves titles

By WAYNE GRETT
Register Staff Writer

An Iowa Golden Gloves champion hasn't won a national title since 1980, but three boxers have a good shot at doing so this week.

John Connors, president of the Iowa chapter, and head coach Edgar Young say Des Moines fighters Charles Kirk, Dallas Hawkins and Tony Luna have the best chances for titles at the national tournament, Monday through Saturday nights at the Civic Auditorium in Omaha. About 380 boxers will compete.

Kirk is a 147-pounder, Luna a 112-pounder and Hawkins a 119-pounder whom the United States Amateur Boxing Federation ranks third in the nation.

"Kirk, Hawkins and Luna give us the best opportunity for a national title in years," Connors said. "We have two other fighters who might

IOWA'S BOXERS

112—Tony Luna, Des Moines
119—Dallas Hawkins, Des Moines
125—Jeff Slechta, Belle Plaine
132—David Milligan, Des Moines
139—David Levi, Davenport
147—Charles Kirk, Des Moines
156—Darin Utley, Cedar Rapids
165—Miguel Garcia, Muscatine
178—Tony Wilson, Fort Dodge
Heavyweight—David Plumb, Newton
Super-heavyweight—Tony Smith, Webster City

advance far, but that depends on the draw and luck."

Those two are David Milligan, a 132-pounder from Des Moines, and Miguel Garcia, a 165-pounder from Muscatine.

Kirk and Hawkins have been selected to compete in the Western Re-

gional Olympic Trials, June 1-5 in Houston. Winners there, as well as the national Golden Gloves champions, will qualify for the Olympic Trials, July 5-10 at Concord, Calif.

Near Nunn's Talent

Kirk, 18, probably will turn pro after this year. He is the son of Young, who also coaches him in the Westside Boxing Club.

"I put him in the same class as Lamont Lovelady and Michael Nunn," said Young, who worked with Lovelady for eight years.

Nunn, from Davenport, is scheduled to fight for the International Boxing Federation middleweight championship in July.

Hawkins, 19, won the 1986 and 1987 Iowa Golden Gloves titles, but couldn't compete in this year's state meet because he was fighting in a

U.S. Boxing Federation meet. Connors said no one entered the 119-pound competition; so Hawkins, who has a 13-5 record, became Iowa's representative to the nationals.

Luna, 18, has been boxing since he was 11 and has a 55-10 record. He has won three straight Iowa Golden Gloves titles.

Regional Winner

Two boxers from southwest Iowa may compete: John Truex, a super-heavyweight from Shenandoah, and Erman Mullins III, a 156-pounder from Sidney.

Truex, 27, was a bronze medalist in the South Pacific Games in New Caledonia in December. He won the Kansas-Oklahoma region's super-heavyweight championship in April.

Mullins, 25, was a quarterfinalist

at the Kansas-Oklahoma regional and has been invited to fight in Houston.

Steve Eden, a 178-pounder from Cedar Rapids, was the last Iowan to win a national title. Iowa's other former national champions, all of Des Moines, are Hank Ulrich, a 112-pounder who won in 1942; Mel Barber, a 118-pounder who won in 1948; and Lovelady, a 156-pounder who won in 1962 and who later fought professionally.

Connors saw the move of the tournament to Omaha from Knoxville, Tenn., where it was held last year, as an advantage for the Iowans.

"There will be less travel for the kids and they will have a more relaxed atmosphere," he said. "Fans can get to Omaha easily, and I suspect Nebraska fans will be cheering for our boxers."

Article clipped from DSM Register Sunday May 15, 1988

KEVIN LIGHTBURN

STRAIGHTRIGHT FOUNDER/HEAD TRAINER SPRINGDALE

KEVIN "LIGHTS OUT" LIGHTBURN HAS BEEN FORTUNATE TO HAVE BEEN AROUND BOXING FOR OVER 35 YEARS. IN HIS FIRST BOXING COMPETITION EVER, HE BECAME THE IOWA STATE GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMPION. FROM THERE "BOXING 4 LIFE" BECAME HIS MOTTO, AND HE WENT ON TO BECOME THE NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES OLYMPIC YEAR SILVER GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMPION, A TWO TIME KANSAS CITY GOLDEN GLOVES CHAMPION, A NATIONAL P.A.L. SILVER MEDAL CHAMPION, AND ACHIEVED A RANKING OF 7TH IN THE NATION FOR AMATEUR BOXERS. WITH HIS CERTIFICATION AS A BOXING COACH FOR USA BOXING ASSOCIATION AND AIBA INTERNATIONAL BOXING ASSOCIATION, HE HAS TRAINED CHAMPIONS FROM TOP-RANKED AMATEURS TO FORMER WORLD CHAMPIONS.

EVER THE HUMBLE GENTLEMAN, YOU'LL SCARCELY HEAR LIGHTBURN BRAG ON HIS ILLUSTRIOUS CAREER. FORTUNATELY, WE WILL. LIGHTBURN HAS COACHED A VERITABLE WHO'S WHO OF PROFESSIONAL BOXERS AND COMBAT COMPETITORS IN HIS ONGOING CAREER. FROM JERMAIN TAYLOR TO KALVIN HENDERSON. FROM MATT HAMILTON TO TJ BROWN. FROM BJ FLORES TO OSCAR CANTÚ. THE LIST GOES ON OF CHAMPIONS HE'S TAKEN UNDER HIS WING. THE LIGHTBURN NAME IS KNOWN ALL OVER THE BOXING WORLD, BIG AND SMALL.

WITH HIS KNOWLEDGE OF BOXING, AS WELL AS FITNESS, HE DECIDED TO SHARE HIS PASSION BY CREATING STRAIGHTRIGHT BOXING & FITNESS. EVERY CLASS IS DESIGNED TO BE ENERGETIC, FUN, AND CONSISTENTLY CHALLENGING. AT STRAIGHTRIGHT, ALL FITNESS LEVELS ARE WELCOMED, FROM THE TOP ATHLETE TO THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER PUT ON A PAIR OF BOXING GLOVES BEFORE. THESE WORKOUTS REALLY ARE FOR EVERYONE!





Donald Avant

January 28, 2015 · 🌐

I have seen Iowa Golden Gloves champions from 1964 to present. Some hit so hard they could turn over a truck. Some so smooth of a boxer you couldn't hit them with a handful of rocks. Too many great ones over the years to name, but the one thing that I've seen they ALL had in common was the WILL TO WIN!

-Don Avant Jr., former champion & 2014 Golden Gloves of America Hall of Famer.



1967



DES MOINES, IOWA — ALL-IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES
CHAMPIONS

Bottom row: Richard Galvan, 119; Ronnie Thomas, 125; Don Avant, 112; Oscar Johnson, 139.

Top row: Tom Beedle, 156; Walt Williams, 147; Douglas Moyle, heavyweight; Jesse Cortez, 178; Dave Fidler, Tournament director; John Connors, Pres. Des Moines Professional Fire Fighters, sponsors; Fred Brier, 132.



Avant Iowa Champion

December 27, 2021 · 🌐



DeRae Crane Iowa Golden Gloves Champion and two time National Golden Gloves Champion and outstanding boxer of tournament. With Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves







2021 ALL IOWA GLOVES BOXING TOURNAMENT FACT SHEET

Registration Deadline: You must register by 5:00pm on Saturday June 19th, 2021.

Please review to ensure you are fully prepared for the tournament. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. (515) 490-2760 or iowachamp6@aol.com

Tournament Dates And Location

More information coming soon!

- The tournament will be held in mid-July of 2021. Exact dates are TBA.
- Event location is TBA

Important Information

- Age Requirements: Minimum age 18 - Maximum age 40.
- Winners in the Novice division will compete to win a state Championship.
- Open winning boxers will advance to the National Golden Gloves Tournament. **All boxers advancing to the Nationals must have a bout at the State Tournament. Due to the cost of taking the team to the Nationals, we cannot take unopposed boxers to the Nationals.**
- Open winning boxers must be free and willing to travel on to the National Golden Gloves Tournament in **Tulsa, Oklahoma** on the following dates: **August 9th - August 14th, 2021.**

Requirements

Coaches

Coaches will need to bring:

- Their red USA Boxing coach's passbook showing their current registration. **The passbook must be current with registration and Safe Sport.**

Competitors

Competitors will need to bring:

- USA Boxing passbook. **You cannot compete without a valid USA Boxing passbook, no exceptions.**
- Proof of current athlete physical (**must be done within 12 months of competition start date. Tournament doctors will not be providing annual physicals at the event**)
- Must be Iowa resident with Iowa Photo ID (State Drivers License or State ID)
- USA Boxing approved headgear
- Mouth guard (**no red allowed on mouth guard**)
- Trunks with a contrasting color on waistband
- Appropriate footwear
- Boxing Jersey
- Competitors with braces must provide a signed Release to Compete with Braces
- (Male) Groin protection
- (Male) Must be clean shaven at the weigh-in
- (Female) Groin protection and breast protectors are optional
- (Female) Must provide a signed Declaration of Non-Pregnancy
- Note: You may have a **maximum of 2 coaches** in your corner



2021 IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM
TOURNAMENT DATES AND LOCATION TBA
ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 19TH
ALL BOXERS MUST BE IOWA RESIDENTS



PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY

SANCTIONED BY USA BOXING #TBD

Name (Print) _____ Age: _____ U. S. Citizen: Yes ___ No ___

Address _____ City _____ State ___ Zip _____ Birth Date ___/___/___

Phone ___ - ___ - _____ Cell Phone ___ - ___ - _____ Email _____

USA Boxing 2021 Passbook# _____ (All Boxers must have their required USA Boxing Physical in order to compete)

Boxing Club/Gym _____ Coach Name & Phone _____

DIVISION: 18-40 YRS OLD: AGE DETERMINATION; WHATEVER BOXER'S ACTUAL AGE IS ON JULY 1, 2021
(MUST BE 18 YEARS OLD BEFORE JULY 1ST) *If you are 40 now and turn 41 before JULY 1ST you are not eligible for this tournament*

Do you wear Dental braces? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, you must comply with Article 2, 102.6 (g) USA Boxing, Inc. rules & complete Release to Compete with Braces

Female Athletes Complete: Female Athlete Acknowledgement. Also, do you have Breast Implants? Yes ___ No ___ If yes, please fill out the Breast Implant form

***WEIGHT IS IN LBS. -NO WEIGHT ALLOWANCES IN ANY DIVISION -

Male:

108 - 114 - 119 - 123 - 125 - 132 - 138 - 141 - 152 - 165 - 178 - 201 - 201+

Female:

106 - 112 - 119 - 125 - 132 - 141 - 152 - 165 - 178 - 178+

NOVICE CLASS – A boxer who has competed in 10 or less sanctioned USA Boxing matches said boxer's 10th bout should be in the novice class. **OPEN CLASS** – A boxer who has competed in more than 10 sanctioned USA Boxing matches said boxer's 11th bout should be in the open class. (Less than 10 must be OK'd by coach)

Number of bouts ___ Won ___ Lost ___ Titles _____ (Circle one) **OPEN** or **NOVICE**

WAIVER / WARNING / DISCLAIMER

In consideration of your accepting this entry I, intending to be legally bound, hereby, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all claims for damages I may have against Iowa Golden Gloves, United States Amateur Boxing, any sanctioning Local Boxing Committees of USA Boxing, and all sponsors and venue owners, or the officers, sub-committees, agents, representatives and assigns of these entities, for any injury or damage suffered by me during my participation in, and/or arising from traveling to and /or returning from the below listed boxing event(s): **IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES BOXING TOURNAMENT, JULY, DES MOINES, IA. MALE/FEMALE OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONS WITH BOUTS ONLY ADVANCING TO: 2021 GOLDEN GLOVES NATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS - AUGUST 9TH THROUGH MAY 14TH TULSA, OKLAHOMA. *IN ORDER TO HAVE TRAVEL EXPENSES PAID YOU MUST ACTUALLY BOX IN THE IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES TOURNAMENT. THERE WILL BE NO EXPENSES PAID FOR UNOPPOSED/WALKOVER ADVANCEMENT TO THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS***

I agree to abide by the rules of USA Boxing, I acknowledge that by signing this document, I hereby freely agree to and make the following contractual representations, covenants and agreements to and for the benefit of United States Amateur Boxing (USA boxing), any sanctioning local boxing committee of USA boxing and all promoters, sponsors and venue owners with respect to the events, and their respective agents, officers, employees, members and affiliates (collectively, releasees). I acknowledge that boxing is an inherently dangerous sport and fully realize the dangers of participating in boxing competition and preparation for the competition, and fully assume the risks associated with such participation, the releasees' own negligence, and the possibility of serious physical and/or mental trauma, injury, permanent paralysis or death associated with boxing competition. I certify that I have had no injuries to my hands, whether fractures, broken bones or otherwise, within three months preceding the dates of this entry form and the events, and have no injuries to the head, concussion, headaches or fainting spells, and should I experience any of these injuries and conditions in the future, I will immediately notify the officials of the events and cease all participation in the events. For myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, legal representatives, assignees, and successors in interest (collectively, successors) I hereby waive, release, discharge, hold harmless, and promise to indemnify and covenant not to sue the releasees from any and all rights and claims including claims arising from the releasees' own negligence, which I have or which may hereafter accrue to me and from any and all damages which may be sustained by me directly or indirectly in connection with, or arising out of, my participation in, or association with the events, or travel to, or return from the events. I agree it is my sole responsibility to be familiar with the facilities for the events, the releasees' rules, and any special regulations for the events. I understand and agree that situations may arise during the events, which may be beyond the immediate control of releasees. I accept responsibility for the condition and adequacy of my competition equipment and physical condition. I assume all responsibility and liability for the selection of the equipment I use in the events and with my ability and physical condition to participate in the events. I understand that drug testing may be conducted for athletes registered for the events and that the use of substances prohibited by releasees' rules would make me subject to sanctions including, but not limited to disqualification and suspension. I agree to be subject to drug testing, if selected, and its sanctions if I fail to comply with the testing or am found positive for the use of a banned substance. I understand and agree that medical or other services rendered to me by or at the insistence of any of the releasees are not an admission of liability to provide or continue to provide such services and am not a waiver by any of releasees of any right or benefit hereunder. I agree, for myself and my successors, that my representations are contractually binding, and are not mere recitals, and that should I or my successors, assert any claim in contravention of this agreement, the asserting party shall be liable for the expenses (including legal fees) incurred by the releasees. This agreement may not be modified orally and a waiver of any provision shall not be construed as a modification of any other provision herein or as consent to any subsequent waiver or modification. Every term and provision of this agreement is intended to be severable. If any one or more of them is found to be unenforceable or invalid, that shall not affect the other terms and provisions, which shall remain binding and enforceable.

Athlete's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Coaches Signature: _____ Date: _____

RETURN COMPLETED ENTRY FORM TO: IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES - 2510 E. OVID AVE - DES MOINES, IA 50317
 QUESTIONS: CALL DON AVANT (515) 490-2760 OR EMAIL: iowachamp6@aol.com



Avant Iowa Champion

March 29, 2021 · 🌐

Iowa Golden Gloves Open Championship Team 2012

123 Darrell Johnson

132 Adam Gates

141 David Levy

152 De'Andre Harris

165 Martin Schuh

178 Greg Sykes

201 Javonta Charles

201+ Wesley Washington Jr

Coaches Jerry Holman. Fred Thomas. Vincent Kelly. Bill Robinson

Officials Jeannie Joiner. Fran Bechen

Team Captain Donald Avant Jr



Avant Iowa Champion

March 28, 2021 · 🌐

Championship Team 2011

Phillip Acuna 114lbs

Mario Ortega 123lbs

Travis Thomas 132lbs

Kevin Cruz 141lbs

Cruse Stewart 152lbs

Martin Schuh 165lbs

Gregory Sykes 178lbs

Charles Saunders 201 lbs

Donovan Dennis 201+

Coaches: Greg Boyer, Fred Thomas, Jerry Holman, Kenny Buffington and Steve Rice

Officials: Jeannie Joiner & Fran Bechen

Team Captain: Donald Avant Jr.



Avant Iowa Champion

March 22, 2021 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champions from the past that came and brought a ticket to support our Champion's of today I hope to see this many this year or more. Iowa Golden Gloves 2018 at Val Air Ballroom March 30 and 31 bouts start at 7pm





Avant Iowa Champion

April 13, 2018 · 🌐

Jim Cook and Don Avant have been putting in the work for years for the youth of Iowa and Golden Gloves



Avant Iowa Champion is with Cruse Stewart and 3 others.

May 5, 2018 · 🌐

Iowa Golden Gloves Championship team 2009 at Nationals Justin Hill, Jeff Leohr, Kevin Cruz Cruse Stewart Martin Schuh Orlando Reyes Donovan Dennis Tobie Batie. By Donald Avant Jr



Avant Iowa Champion

March 19, 2021 · 🌐



Antonio Mireles Iowa Golden Gloves Champion and National Golden Gloves Champion this makes him a super Champion. Don Avant Jr





Avant Iowa Champion is with Antonio Mireles.

May 11, 2019 · 🌐

Antonio Mireles super heavy weight from Des Moines Iowa Franchise just won the National Golden Gloves in Chattanooga Tennessee. President Donald Avant Jr

DM Reg 11-10-1966



**WALT
WILLIAMS**

9-BOUT FIGHT CARD TONIGHT

Walt Williams, 150-pound Golden Gloves champion, will face Des Moines' Jack Brunotte tonight in the feature bout of the Mexican-American Recreational Club's boxing exhibition at the Julia B. Mayer Center.

Another top bout will match Des Moines' Ernie Johnson, 1966 Gloves novice champ, and unbeaten Dale Harrison of Cedar Rapids in a 160-pound contest.

Fighters from Dubuque, Cedar Rapids, Colfax and Des Moines will participate in the nine-bout program, which begins at 8 o'clock.

THE PAIRINGS

- 112 pounds—Ray Galvin, D.M., vs. Jorden Smith, Dubuque.
- 118—Don Avant, D.M., vs. Terry Nichols, Colfax.
- 126—Fred Brice, D.M., vs. Mike Dockerman, Cedar Rapids.
- 147—Danny Smith, D.M., vs. John Burns, Dubuque.
- 147—Dick Annis, Colfax, vs. Jim Furnish, Cedar Rapids.
- 150—Walt Williams vs. Jack Burnette, D.M.
- 160—Ernie Johnson, D.M., vs. Dale Harrison, Cedar Rapids.
- 165—Tim Mahier, Cedar Rapids, vs. Charles Lee, D.M.
- 205—Jud Manning, D.M., opponent undecided.

Top Iowa Boxer In Gloves Meet

One of the winningest boxers in Iowa, Don Avant of Des Moines, will defend his 112-pound open division title in the Iowa Golden Gloves at Veterans Memorial Auditorium Mar. 6-7.

Avant, who has won 30 of his 34 bouts, will compete for the Logan Opportunity Center team.

Two novice division heavyweights also have entered. Arlan Cunningham of Colfax, a 205-pounder, will represent the Colfax Athletic Club and Ron McIntire, a 220-pounder, is from Logan Opportunity Center.



Avant Iowa Champion

October 14, 2020 · 🌐



It is so hard to win the tournament of Champions you have to win five bouts in six days with every boxer being a state or regional Champion no easy bouts Congratulation to Iowa Champ Antonio Mireles . Donald Avant Jr







Avant Iowa Champion

March 17, 2020 · 🌐



Roger Mayweather was a great boxing World Champion and a great trainer real nice guy. RIP Champ. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves





Avant Iowa Champion

March 7, 2020 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Championship team 1947 with John Valdez, Adolphus Edwards, Mel Barber, Bill Mason. by Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves. We owe it to these Champions that had to box two or three times a night to win Iowa Golden Gloves we have to keep up the tradition. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves





Avant Iowa Champion

February 27, 2020 · 🌐



One of Iowa Golden Gloves greatest boxers Male or Female Emily Klinefelter. By Donald Avant Jr
President Iowa Golden Gloves



Colorado Springs, CO - Iowa City native and University of Iowa marketing major Emily Klinefelter has just won the U.S. National Boxing Championships at 119 pounds. She was the only competitor that defeated two former champions on the way to the title. This is Klinefelter's eleventh career national title, and fourth national title in a row at 119 pounds during the past year, completing amateur boxing's grand slam; Ringside, Police Athletic league (PAL), Golden Gloves, and U.S. Championships.

Klinefelter won the 2003 and 2004 U.S. Championships at 110 pounds, as well as a gold medal at a Taiwan World Invitational, but after deciding that it was not worth it to weaken herself to make weight last year moved up two weight divisions (bypassing 114) up to 119 and has been undefeated ever since.

**IOWA OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONS
NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
MESQUITE, NEVADA
MAY 5, 2012**





2016 IOWA GOLDEN
GLOVES MEN'S OPEN
TEAM
NATIONAL GOLDEN
GLOVES
SALT LAKE CITY, UT

ent of Champions™
Iowa Team
12-19-2018
Ariston Arena
Omaha, NE





Avant Iowa Champion is with Dick Galvan.

March 28, 2019 · 🌐

Two Former Iowa Golden Gloves Champions from 1967 helping put the Ring up for Friday and Saturday Boxing Tournament being held at Val Air Ballroom bouts start at 7pm both nights. Richard Galvin and Donald Avant Jr



Avant Iowa Champion

January 31, 2020 · 🌐



Keeping your word. When I was a young kid I got a sponsorship to YMCA camp with one stipulation that when I become an adult I would help another kid well little did I know I would be helping kids 50 years and still going. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves



Dinner honoring Antonio Mireles Iowa Champion Now National Golden Gloves Champion receiving his Championship ring from National and a Plaque from Iowa. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves



Represent Des Moines in Golden Gloves Final at Chicago

January 1, 2021

Learn More



Ray Martinez, Newton.
Flyweight.



John Berch, Winterset.
Bantamweight.



Morton Graves, Des Moines.
Featherweight.



Othel Green, Des Moines.
Lightweight.



George Hayes, Lenox, Ia.
Welterweight.



Claude Ellison, Des Moines.
Middleweight.



Jesse Owens, Hanna, Wyo.
Lightheavyweight.



Frank Critelli, Des Moines.
Heavyweight.



Avant Iowa Champion

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August 30, 2019 · 🌐

Morton Graves was a Champion that nobody wanted to fight my uncle Bill Mason who was a Champion in the late 40's said he thought Morton was one of the best he ever seen. Morton was a professional boxer and Midwest Champion. Not to many people left that would have seen him box. He referee me in Iowa Golden Gloves Donald Avant Jr



Avante Iowa Champion

August 25, 2019 · 🌐



Fran Bechen was inducted in to National Golden Gloves Officials Hall of Fame this year. Sadly he just passed away he was a great guy. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves



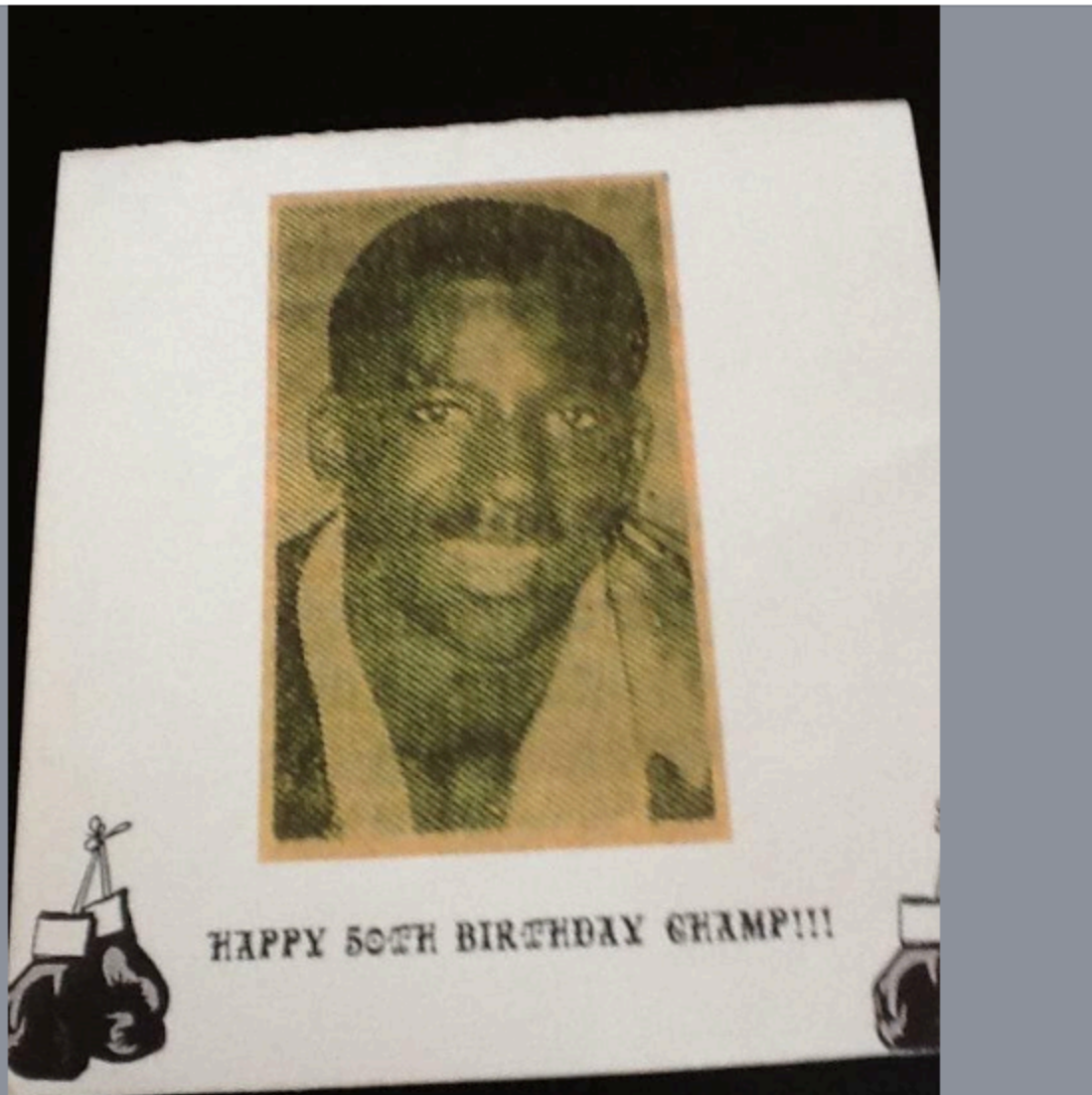


Avant Iowa Champion

June 26, 2019 · 🌐



I am watching Junior Olympic Boxing 🥊 and it brings back memories. When I started boxing in Golden Gloves I won a few Championships then I went on to become a coach of my own team. After that I became a National Golden Gloves referee. Then I was in charge of the Iowa Tournament. I was later inducted into the National Golden Gloves Hall of Fame. As I look back on this and think what was the most important? It was being a coach. I was happier for their win than I was for mine! If you've never coached a kid you will not understand. Giving something back that can change lives. -Donald Avant Jr., President, Iowa Golden Gloves





Avant Iowa Champion

June 24, 2019 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champions I think this is Novice Team because the only boxer I recognized is Danny Sheffield. Non-boxers John Connors, Orlando Vivone Jr., Ralph Brier & Mel Barber this is 1976. By Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves





**National Golden Gloves
"Tournament of Champions"**

May 5 - 11, 2019
Chattanooga Convention Center
Chattanooga, TN



**2019 IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES OPEN TEAM
CHAMPIONS REPRESENTING IOWA IN
MAY AT THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT IN
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE**

Boxers:

- 🥊 106 lbs. – Jacquelyn Cuddeback
- 🥊 108 lbs. – Ramiro Calles
- 🥊 123 lbs. – Felix Cardenas
- 🥊 132 lbs. – Gregorio Aguilar
- 🥊 141 lbs. – Mitchell LeConte
- 🥊 152 lbs. – Diego Zuniga
- 🥊 152 lbs. – Damarise Rodriguez
- 🥊 165 lbs. – Robert Calvin
- 🥊 178 lbs. – Antonio Woods
- 🥊 201 lbs. – Brian McIntire
- 🥊 201+ lbs. – Antonio Mireles

-Donald Avant Jr., President





2019 FINALS RESULTS

Show Bout Champions

65 lbs. – Delandres Thomas (Peña's Davenport Boxing Club)
80 lbs. – Nasir Clinton
85 lbs. – Jair Jimenez (Jackson's Boxing Club Omaha)
120 lbs. – Kevin Solis (Flaco Ramirez BC)
140 lbs. – Caden Endelton (Peña's Des Moines Boxing Club)
152 lbs. Female – Colbee Neff (ICOR Boxing Club)

Open Champions

106 lbs. Female – Jacqueline Cuddeback (Unattached) – Unopposed
108 lbs. – Ramiro Calles (Fort Dodge Boxing Club)
123 lbs. – Felix Cardenas (Fort Dodge Boxing Club) - Unopposed
132 lbs. – Gregorio Aguilar (Muscatine County Boxing Club)
141 lbs. – Mitchell LeConte (Unattached)
152 lbs. – Diego Zuniga (Peña's Des Moines Boxing Club)
152 lbs. Female – Damarise Rodriguez (Muscatine County Boxing Club) - Unopposed
165 lbs. – Robert Calvin (Peña's Davenport Boxing Club)
178 lbs. – Antonio Woods (Los Primos Boxing Club)
201 lbs. – Brian McIntire (Unattached) - Unopposed
201+lbs. – Antonio Mireles (Des Moines PAL Boxing Club) – Unopposed

Open Team Champions will represent Iowa and compete in the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions May 6 – May 11 at the Chattanooga Convention Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee

Novice Champions

132 lbs. – Manuel Valadez (Unattached)
141A lbs. – Adrian Whitfield (Los Primos Boxing Club)
141B lbs. – Amier Khamis (Unattached)
141 lbs. – Osdy Villegas (Unattached)
152 lbs. – Abdelmoneim Elhussain (University of Iowa Boxing Club)
152 lbs. – Shane Strachen (Ottumwa Boxing Club)
152 lbs. Female – Colbee Neff (ICOR Boxing Club) - Unopposed
165 lbs. – Ezkiel DeBrum (Los Bravos Boxing Club)
178A lbs. – Nicolas Green (Sanchez Boxing Club)
178B lbs. – Tyler Mensink (Elite Boxing Club)
201 lbs. – Mitchel Skay (ICOR Boxing Club)
201+ lbs. – LaNorris Wilson (Unattached)

Open Team Champions – Peña's Davenport Boxing Club

Novice Team Champions – Los Primos Boxing Club

Don Avant Presidents Award Outstanding Open Boxer – Ramiro Calles (Fort Dodge Boxing Club)

Iowa Golden Gloves Board of Directors would like to thank all of our boxers, coaches, teams, volunteers, sponsors, supporters, and fans for a successful 2019 Iowa Golden Gloves Tournament.

TEAM IOWA 2017 NATIONAL

GOLDEN GLOVES LAFAYETTE, LA





Avant Iowa Champion

March 19, 2019 · 🌐



Nathan Vasquez 139, Marcos Ramirez125, Ron Williams165, Josh Jungohann132, Robbie Adamson147, Rydell Booker200, Tony Green156, Aaron Bright 178 Coach Alvino Pena Coach Ron Williams Sr John Connors Bob Eldridge Donald Avant taking picture



Avant Iowa Champion

February 6, 2019 · 🌐

Iowa Golden Gloves Championship team at National tournament in Detroit 2000 Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves taking picture



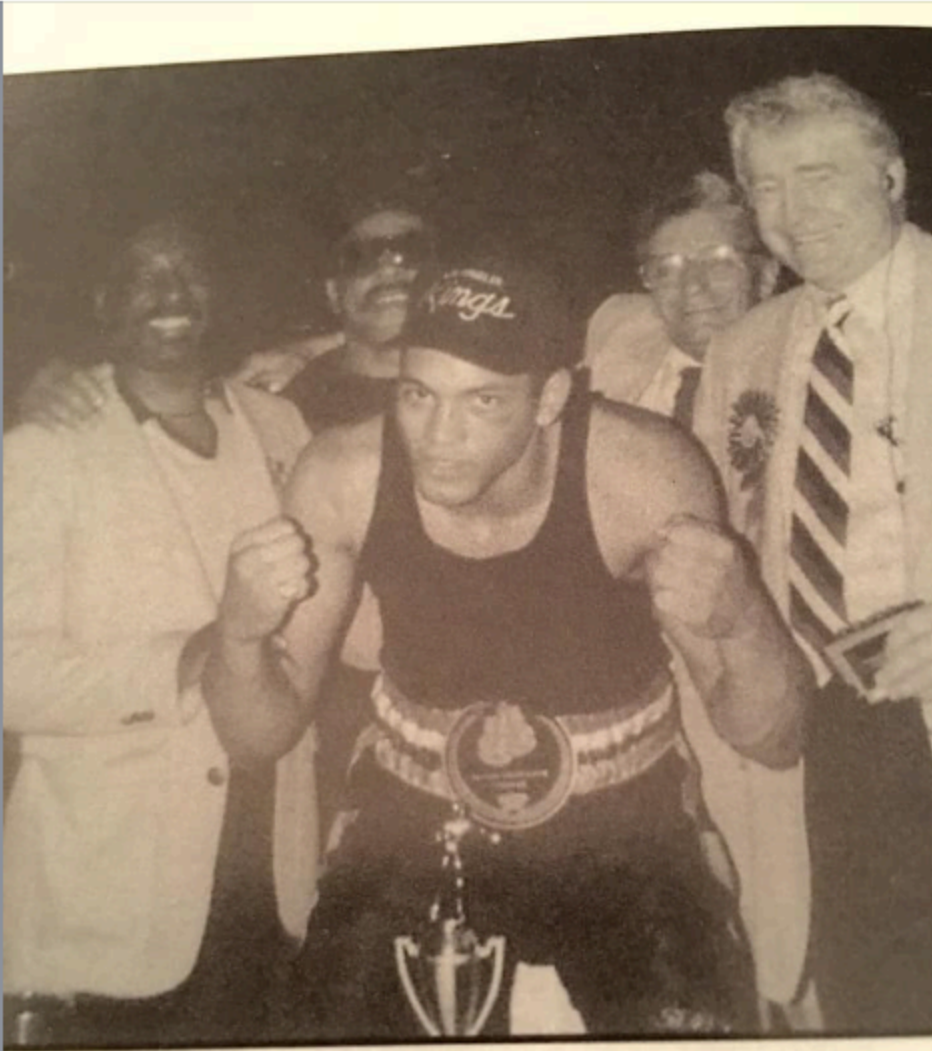


Avant Iowa Champion

February 12, 2019 · 🌐



Jeremy Williams Two time National Golden Gloves Champion from Iowa 178lbs . Donald Avant





Avant Iowa Champion

February 6, 2019 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Championship team at National tournament in Detroit 2000 Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves taking picture





Open Gloves Champions

Eight Boxers who won championships in the open division of the All-Iowa Golden Gloves Friday night pose with meet director Dave Fidler. Front row (from left) are Melvin Davis (175), Doug Baker (heavyweight), Burt Bailey (160), and Lawrence Boone (147). Back row (from left) are Larry Jackson (135), Ron Thomas (126), Mike Mireles (118), George Gibson (112) and Fidler.



Avant Iowa Champion

February 1, 2019 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champions 1947 by Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves





Avant Iowa Champion

December 7, 2018 · 🌐



Going to say goodbye today to former Iowa Golden Gloves Open Champion Oscar Johnson he was 139lbs Champ in 1967,1968,1970 and a team mate of mind R.I.P Champ. Donald Avant President Iowa Golden Gloves



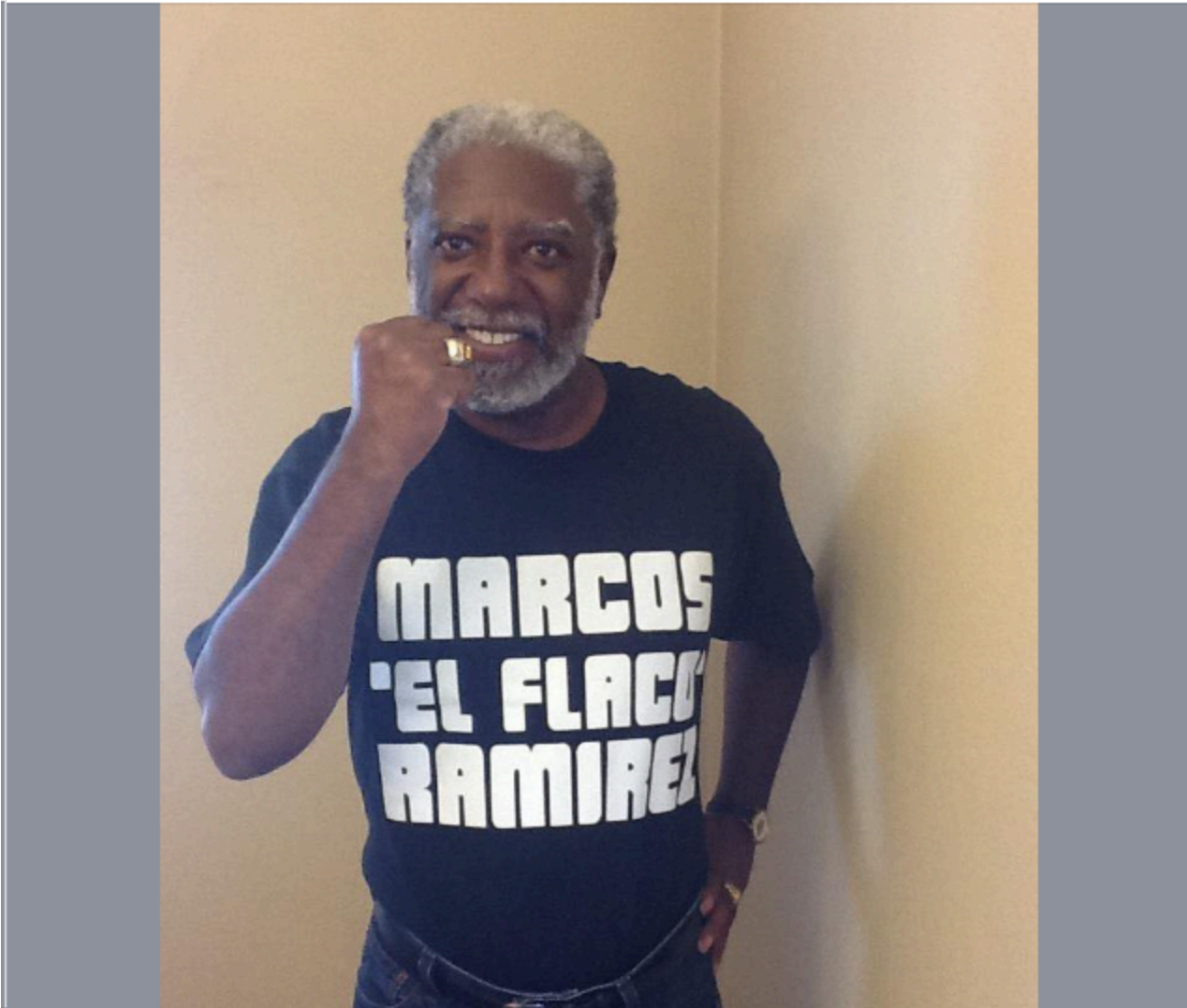


Avant Iowa Champion

November 16, 2018 · 🌐



Marcos Ramirez 3X Iowa Golden Gloves Champion & semi-finalist in 2000 National Golden Gloves. Pro fighter in featherweight division & former WBO NABO & IBF Latino FW champ. He fought Yuriorkis Gamboa the current world champion. -Don Avant





Avant Iowa Champion

November 14, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champions at Nationals in Salt Lake City Utah





Avant Iowa Champion

November 13, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa Champions at Nationals in Little Rock Arkansas



Once an Iowa Golden Gloves Champion Always a Champion

Iowa Golden Gloves first Official tournament was in 1938

1938 Iowa Championship team

112 Walter Rhodes, DM
118 Tom Pinson, DM
125 Lewis Taylor, DM
135 Ben Ellis, DM
147 Don Rehard, Winterset
160 Frances Warrington, Estherville
178 Wayland Heath, DM
Hvywt, Enos Williams, Cambridge

1939 Iowa Championship team

112 Frank Perry, DM
118 Bill Heath, DM
126 Louis Taylor, DM
135 Lyle Pfantz, State Center
147 Geo. Hayes, Lenox
160 Paul Moore, Lohrville
178. Joe Accardi, DM
Hvywt. Don Turner, DM

1940 Iowa championship team

112 Ray Martinez, Newton
118 John Verch, Winterset
126 Morton Graves, DM
135 Othel Green, DM
147 Geo Hayes. Lenox
160 Claude Ellison, DM
178 Jesse Owens, DM
Hvwyt. Frank Critelli, DM

1941 Iowa Championship team

112 Bill Cornwell, DM
118 Morton Graves, DM
126 Lupe Rivas, DM
135 Bob Martinez Newton
147 Ozzie Lewis. DM
160 AL Winfrey, DM
178 Vance Basler, Iowa City
Hvywt. Don Turner, DM

1942 Iowa Championship team

112 Hank Ulrich, DM. Nat'l champion
118 Don Gilman, DM
126 Del Cockayne, DM
135 Bob Anderson, DM
147 Burrel Smith, Oskaloosa
160 Chas Boston, DM
178 Vance Basler, DM
Hvywt. Moe Shackelford, DM



Avant Iowa Champion

November 2, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champions in 2013 in National Tournament Salt Lake City Utah by Donald Avant Jr



1981 CHAMPIONS

- 106 BOB AMSLER, Cedar Rapids
- 112 DAVE BRISCOE, Mason City
- 119 CAL CHRISTENSEN, Davenport
- 125 RONNIE HENDRED, Cedar Rapids
- 132 JAYOMA MCGOWAN, Davenport
- 147 VINCENT BOWNS, Cedar Rapids
- 156 DAVE MCCALL, Cedar Rapids
- 165 BRIAN PANTZLAFF, Davenport
- 178 WAYNE EVERETT, Cedar Rapids
- S-Hvywt STEVE EDEN, Cedar Rapids



(1981 Champs)



Avant Iowa Champion

February 28, 2016 · 🌐

Tristan James won the bronze medal at National Golden Gloves Tournament in Las Vegas and the sportsmanship award for his weight class. Donald Avant Jr

1991 CHAMPIONS

- 112 TONY LUNA, DM
- 119 REYES GONZALES, Davenport
- 125 PAUL WHEATLEY Cedar Rapids
- 132 RICKIY RAMIREZ, DM
- 139 LEONARD OVERSTREET, Davenport
- 147 DON SMALL, Fort Dodge
- 156 ANTHONY ECHOLS, Davenport
- 165 DeWAYNE DOWNS, Cedar Rapids
- 178 DARN UTLEY, Cedar Rapids
- 200 RAY BROWN, DM
- 8-Hvywt KENNY ENNIS, DM



Johnny Valdez
1947 Iowa Golden Gloves Champion
Rest In Peace Champ 🥊🏆

7/24/18 Iowa lost a BOXING LEGEND

Our thoughts and prayers are with Johnny Valdez's family.

-Don Avant



Avant Iowa Champion

July 23, 2018 · 🌐



Once a Iowa Golden Gloves Champion always a Champion! Vincent Brown, Rodrigo Rubio, Martin Schuh, Coach Jerry Holman & Team Manager Don Avant Jr. National Golden Gloves Las Vegas.
-Don Avant





Avant Iowa Champion

June 26, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champions from 1938 the first one held

112 Walter Rhodes,DM

118 Tom Pinson DM

125 Lewis Taylor DM

135 Ben Ellis DM

147 Don Rehard Winterset

160 Frances Warrington Esterville

178 Wayland Health DM

Hvywt Enos Williams Cambridge

Most of these guys are probably gone but they have kids or Grandkids that might like to see their accomplishment. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves



Avant Iowa Champion

May 15, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa boxers at National Golden Gloves Antonio Woods 178lbs Iowa won over Joseph Garcia Kansas/Oklahoma referee stopped contest. Daquan McNeil 152lbs Tri-State won on points over Diego Zuniga Iowa. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves





Avant Iowa Champion

May 15, 2018 · 🌐



This is the first year that the female's will be boxing in the National Golden Gloves tournament of Champion 10 of these champion will be crowned Champion this is history for us. Started in 1928 Good luck. Donald Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves



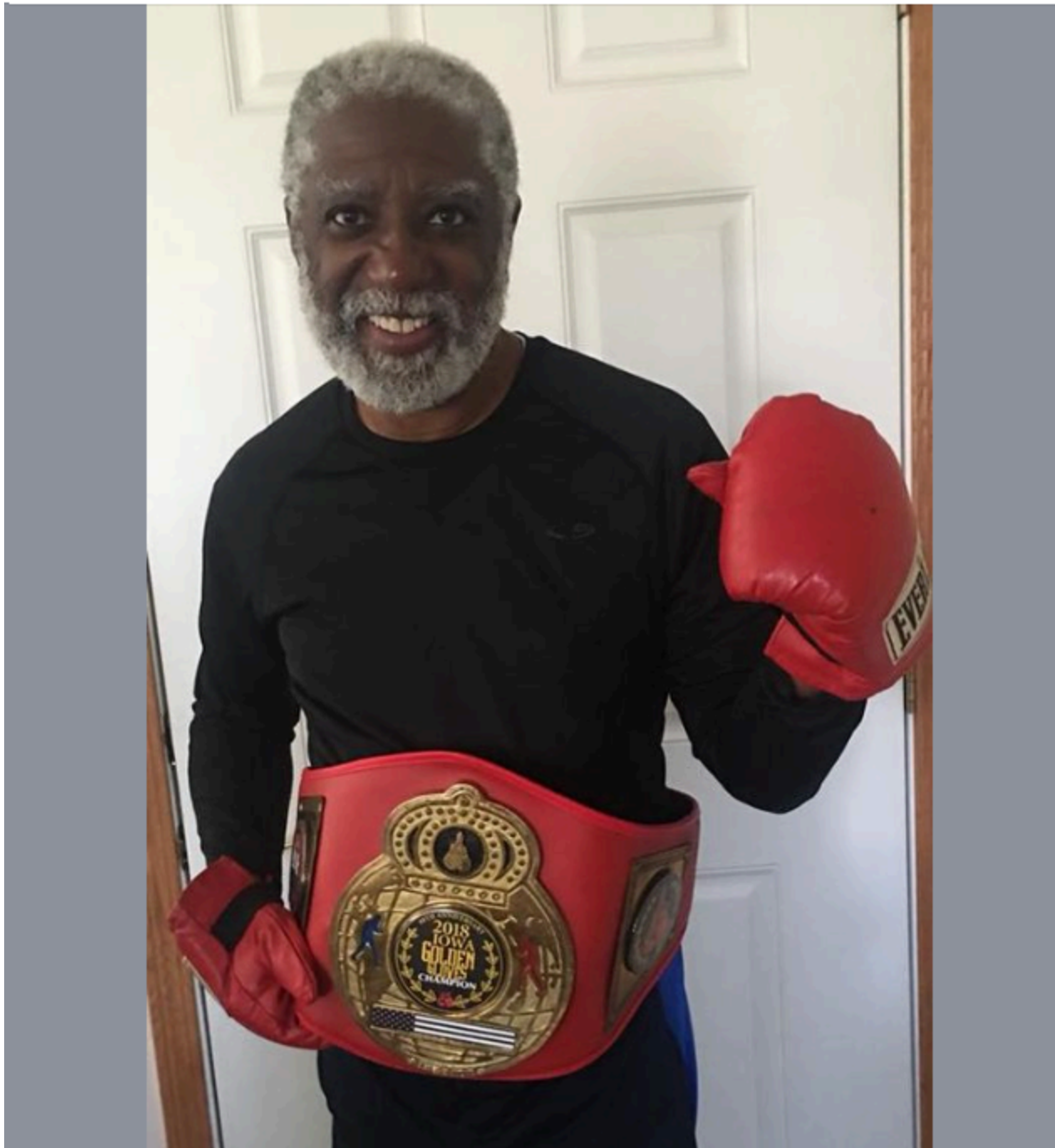


Avant Iowa Champion is with Donald Avant.

May 6, 2018 · 🌐



Getting ready for National Golden Gloves in Omaha in case they have to put me in Donald Avant





Avant Iowa Champion

April 24, 2018 · 🌐



Once an Iowa Golden Gloves Champion ALWAYS a CHAMPION! We applaud the past Champions that came back for our 80th Yr. and represented in the ring. A lot of the champs support our tourney year after year! In the 2018 ring we have Open Champs from the 60s, 70's, 80's, 90's 2000's through 2017. The 3 oldest Open Titleholders in the ring by (winning year) are:

Roger Pepel Sr., 1962, 147lbs. champ

Roman Luna, 1965, 135lbs. Champ

Donald Avant Jr., 1967, 112lbs. Champ

Kudos to ALL CHAMPIONS! We support past , present and future Golden Gloves Boxers here!

Hopefully, we can fill the ring next year with champions from all generations! -Don Avant 🍷





Avant Iowa Champion

April 16, 2018 · 🌐

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A trip down IAGG's legendary lane! The All Iowa Golden Gloves Des Moines in 1968, with the Great Rocky Marciano, who was the Honorary Referee at the tournament that year. We had great times when our boxing team would travel around the state. Each trip would supply us with enough stories to repeat and embellish upon until the next trip.

-Don Avant 🍷



**1968 IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES
VETS AUDITORIUM**



Avant Iowa Champion

April 13, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Board of Directors 1990 many have passed on to the big ring in the sky.
Donald Avant





2018 FINALS RESULTS

Open Champions

106 lbs. Female – Jacqueline Cuddeback (Cedar Rapids Boxing Club) - unopposed
123 lbs. – Felix Cardenas (Fort Dodge Boxing Club) - unopposed
132 lbs. – Mitchell LeConte (Cedar Rapids Boxing Club)
141 lbs. – Jaquan Weeks (University of Iowa Boxing Club)
152 lbs. – Diego Zuniga (Pena's Des Moines Boxing Club)
165 lbs. – Cruse Stewart (South East Side Boxing Club)
178 lbs. – Antonio Woods (South East Side Boxing Club) - unopposed
201 lbs. – Brian McIntire (Mason City Boxing Club)
201+lbs. – Antonio Mireles (Des Moines PAL Boxing Club) – unopposed

Open Team Champions will represent Iowa and compete in the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions May 14 – May 19 at the Ralston Arena in Omaha, NE

Novice Champions

123 lbs. – Khurt Bacho (University of Iowa Boxing Club)
141 lbs. Female – Alana Fahlenkamp (Keswick Boxing Club) - unopposed
152 lbs. – Luis Rangel (University of Iowa Boxing Club)
165 lbs. – Roman Sanchez (Sanchez Boxing Club)
178 lbs. – David Amankwah (Unattached) – unopposed
201 lbs. – Brandon Glinski (University of Iowa Boxing Club)
201+A lbs. – Cody McDermott (Cedar Rapids Boxing Club)
201+B lbs. – Jon Cheney (Keswick Boxing Club)

Open Team Champions – Cedar Rapids Boxing Club

Novice Team Champions – University of Iowa Boxing Club

Don Avant Presidents Award Outstanding Open Boxer – Cruse Stewart (South East Side Boxing Club)

Outstanding Novice Boxer – Cody McDermott (Cedar Rapids Boxing Club)

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2016 IAGG
CHAMPIONSHIPS



Antonio Mireles with the Des Moines Police Department boxing club (right) celebrates his win over John Aschel Saturday, April 2, 2016, in the heavyweight open bout at the Golden Gloves state championships at the Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines.
Michael Zamora/The Register



Antonio Mireles with the Des Moines Police Department boxing club (right) boxes John Aschel Saturday, April 2, 2016, in the heavyweight open bout at the Golden Gloves state championships at the Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines. Mireles went onto win the title in the first round.
Michael Zamora/The Register



Max Bly (left) boxes Enrique Uvalle Saturday, April 2, 2016, as Uvalle goes onto win their 132 pound novice bout at the Golden Gloves state championships at the Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines.
Michael Zamora/The Register



Ronya Black (left) boxes Deena Gibbs Saturday, April 2, 2016, as Gibbs goes onto win her 125 pound novice bout at the Golden Gloves state championships at the Val Air Ballroom in West Des Moines.
Michael Zamora/The Register



**2015
IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES
OPEN CHAMPIONS**



Avant Iowa Champion

March 24, 2018 · 🌐



Antwun Echols Former Iowa Golden Gloves Champion being awarded outstanding boxer award.
Donald Avant





Avant Iowa Champion

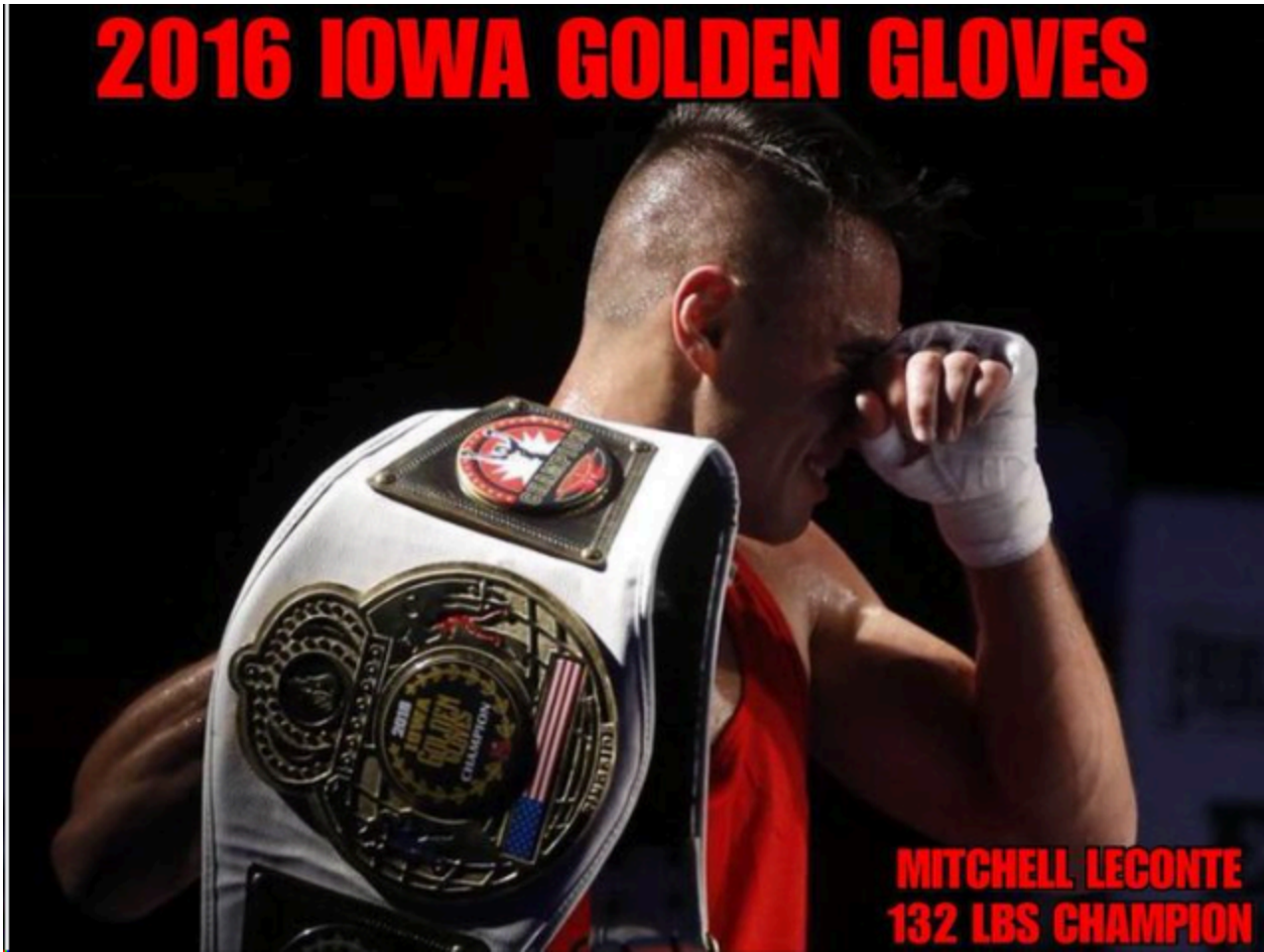
March 24, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Championship Team 1996 in Cleveland Ohio



2016 IOWA GOLDEN GLOVES



MITCHELL LECONTE
132 LBS CHAMPION





Avant Iowa Champion

February 17, 2018 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champion and two time semi finalists in National Tournament of Champions
Cederick Thomas by Donald Avant Jr





Avant Iowa Champion

December 29, 2017 · 🌐



Mick Hagerman Muscatine Iowa Coach of the year 1973

The award was designed this year by B
Indianola and is sponsored by KCBR TV ch
Iowa.

Past Recipients:

- 1971 - Ralph Breir - Des Moines
- 1972 - Oscar Hicks - Manchester
- 1973 - Maury Hachey - Cedar Rapids
Mickey Hagerman - Muscatine
- 1974 - Maury Hachey - Cedar Rapids
- 1975 - Alvino Pina - Davenport
- 1976 - Maury Hachey - Cedar Rapids
- 1977 - Dick Hogan - Viton
- 1978 - Alvino Pina - Davenport
- 1979 - Don Avant - Des Moines
- 1980 - Larry Gibson - Marshalltown
- 1981 - Alvino Pina - Davenport
- 1982 - Wayne Nelson - Cedar Rapids
- 1983 - Bill Robinson - Ottumwa
- 1984 -



Mel Barber, 118-pound National Champion
in 1948 Des Moines.



Avant Iowa Champion

March 5, 2016 · 🌐

Mel Barber 1948 National Golden Gloves Champion. Donald Avant Jr



Avant Iowa Champion

November 15, 2017 · 🌐



DeRae Crane Iowa National Golden Gloves Champion by Don Avant Jr President Iowa Golden Gloves





Avant Iowa Champion

February 24, 2017 · 🌐



Donald oldest and Craig the youngest of the Avant Brothers



Avant Iowa Champion

February 23, 2010 · 🌐

Craig and Brother Donald Avant Jr receiving his boxing life time Achievement award
Championship belt

2016 Iowa Golden Gloves Boxing Championship Finals Results

Open Champions

112 lbs. Female – Jaquie Cuddeback (CRBC) – unopposed
141 lbs. Female – Jaylin Buckley (Davenport Pena) – unopposed
108 lbs. – Cederick Thomas (Davenport Pena) - unopposed
123 lbs. – Rodrigo Rubio (Cedar Valley Boxing Club)
132 lbs. – Mitchell LeConte (Cedar Rapids Boxing Club)
141 lbs. – Justin Hill (Southeast DSM Boxing Club) – walk-over
152 lbs. – Juan Estrada (Cedar Rapids Boxing Club) - unopposed
165 lbs. – DeAndre Harris (Southeast DSM Boxing Club)
178 lbs. – Cruse Stewart (Unattached)
201 lbs. – Tristan James (Southeast DM Boxing Club)
201+lbs. – Antonio Mireles (PAL Des Moines)

Open Male Champions will represent Iowa & compete in the National Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions May 16 – May 21 in Salt Lake City, Utah

Novice Champions

119 lbs. Female – Mireya Mendoza (Davenport Pena BC) – unopposed
125 lbs. Female – Deena Gibbs (Davenport Pena BC) - TKO
152 lbs. Female – Natasha Moore Louis (Davenport Pena BC) – unopposed
125 lbs. – Alexander Hunt (Ottumwa BC) - unopposed
132 lbs. – Enrique Uvalle (Unattached)
141A lbs. – Jorrell Fredricks (ISU BC)
141B lbs. – Alfred Wiles (Unattached)
152A lbs. – Cody Johnson (Keswick BC) TKO
152B lbs. – Dakota Carner (Dubuque)
165A lbs. – Richard Zepeta (Muscatine BC)
165B lbs. – Nicholas Reineft (ISU BC) TKO
178 lbs. – Pachino Hill (Davenport Pena BC)
201 lbs. – Demarious Robinson (Dubuque)
201+lbs. – Khalid Smith Jr. (Southeast Des Moines BC)

Show Bout

80 lbs. – Tabiaz Sindt (Davenport Pena BC) & Joshua Green (SE Des Moines BC)

Open Team Champions – Southeast DM Boxing Club

Novice Team Champions – ISU Boxing Club

Don Avant Presidents Award for Outstanding Open Boxer – Rodrigo Rubio (CVBC)

Outstanding Novice Boxer – Richard Zepeta (Muscatine Boxing Club)

John Connors Sportsmanship Trophy – Roberto Negrete (Unattached)

Donald Avant Jr., President
Iowa Golden Gloves



Avant Iowa Champion

March 10, 2016 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves Champions from the past. Don Avant Jr







2010
**NATIONAL
GOLDEN**
GLOVES



May 4, 2010 - Little Rock, Arkansas, USA - TRAVIS THOMAS, left, representing Iowa, and RAESESE ALEEM, from Michigan, in a 132 lb. bout on the second night of ring action at the Golden Gloves National Tournament. Hundreds of amateur boxers from 30 different regions around the United States have gathered in Little Rock to fight in the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions.

2010 NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES



May 3, 2010 - Little Rock, Arkansas, USA - CESAR BRAVO, left, representing Iowa, and DWAYNE CHATMAN, from St. Louis, battle in their 123 lb. bout on the first night of ring action at the Golden Gloves National Tournament. Hundreds of amateur boxers from 30 different regions around the United States have gathered in Little Rock to fight in the Golden Gloves Tournament of Champions



Avant Iowa Champion

May 18, 2013 · 🌐



Martin Schuh 165lb 5X IAGG Champion holding Bronze Medal he won at National Golden Gloves Tournament SLC.

Big Congratulations to Martin for advancing to the bronze medal bout! Next year you'll get that gold! -Don Avant





Avant Iowa Champion

May 16, 2013 · 🌐



Iowa Golden Gloves +201 Pound Division, Champ Wesley Washington





Avant Iowa Champion

May 15, 2013 · 🌐



Coach Greg Sykes, 132 lb. champ Rodrigo Rubio & Coach Steve Rice





TEAM
IOWA AT
NATIONAL
GOLDEN
GLOVES
SALT LAKE
CITY

2013 Iowa Golden Gloves Finals Results

Open Champions

108 - Skyler Healy (Muscatine Boxing Club)
114 - Phillip Acuna (Muscatine Boxing Club)
123 - Gregorio Aguilar (Muscatine Boxing Club)
132 - Rodrigo Rubio (Cedar Valley Boxing Club)
132Female - Jacqueline Cuddeback (CRBC)
138Female - Marianne Krause (New Beginnings)
141 - Kevin Cruz (Cedar Valley Boxing Club)
152 - De'André Harris (New Beginnings)
165 - Martin Schuh (ICOR)
178 - Deante Cole (New Beginnings)
201 - Tristan James (SE DM)
201+ - Austin Akers (CRBC)

Open Champions team will represent Iowa & compete in the National Tournament of Champions
May 13 - May 18 in Salt Lake City, UT

Novice Champions

123 - Tanner C Smith (Ft Dodge)
132 - Damonte Smith (Pena's Davenport BC)
141A - Dane Reynolds (CRBC)
141B - Ismael Cardenas (Ft Dodge)
141C - Alajandro Ledezma (DM PAL)
141Female - Damarice Rodriguez (Muscatine County)
152Female - Regina Hausch (ICOR)
152A - Demarco McClain (New Beginnings)
152B - Jesus Ortiz (SE DM)
152C - Derek Anderson (Ottumwa)
165A - Jacob Sherman (New Beginnings)
165B - Markey Glenn (Pena's Davenport BC)
178 - Francisco Rico (Muscatine County)
178Female - Chloe Bonar (CRBC)
201 - Christopher Kazak (ICOR)
201+A - Nathaniel Blower (ICOR)
201+B - Rudy Barcarcel (DM PAL)

Open Team Champions - (Tie) New Beginnings & Cedar Valley Boxing Club

Novice Team Champions - DM PAL

Don Avant Presidents Award for Outstanding Open Boxer - Kevin Cruz (Cedar Valley Boxing Club)

Outstanding Novice Boxer - Markey Glenn (Pena's Davenport BC)

John Connors Sportsmanship Trophy - Jacquelyn Cuddeback (CRBC)

Donald Avant Jr., President
Iowa Golden Gloves

2013 Iowa Golden Gloves Men's Open Team Champions -Don Avant



Team Iowa reppin @ the Nationals:

(123lb) Darrell Johnson (132lb) Adam Gates (141lb) David Levy III (152lb) De'Andre Harris (165 lb) Martin Schuh (178lb) Gregory Sykes (+201lb) Wesley Washington & Head Coach Vince Kelly
So PROUD of our guys!

**IOWA OPEN TEAM CHAMPIONS
NATIONAL GOLDEN GLOVES
TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS
MESQUITE, NEVADA
MAY 5, 2012**





Avant Iowa Champion

April 17, 2012 · 🌐



De'Andre Harris receiving the 2012 John Connors sportsmanship trophy at Iowa Golden Gloves he also won 152lbs Championship Donald Avant JR





Avant Iowa Champion

April 8, 2012 · 🌐

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2012 Iowa Golden Gloves Finals Results

Open Champions

123 – Darrell Johnson (New Beginnings)

132 – Adam Gates (Ottumwa)

141 – David Levi Jr. (Beasley's Downtown BC Davenport)

152 – De'André Harris (New Beginnings)

165 – Martin Schuh (Ft Dodge)

178 – Greg Sykes (Cedar Valley)

201 – Javonta Charles (New Beginnings)

201+ - Kevin Merchant (Dubuque YMCA)

Open Champions team will represent Iowa & compete in the National Tournament of Champions later this month in Mesquite, NV

Novice Champions

132 – Francisco Rubio (Cedar Valley BC)

141A – Taylor Everett (Tommy Joe's BC)

141B – David Guzman (Lee County)

152A – Nick Pierce (Dubuque)

152B – Christopher Blanco (ICOR)

152C – Henry Majin (Ottumwa)

165A – Austin Butts (New Beginnings)

165B – Josh Reber (Ottumwa)

165C – Cody Long (DM)

201+B - Kenneth Klinner (Dubuque YMCA)

201+A - Gillermo Martinez (Ottumwa)

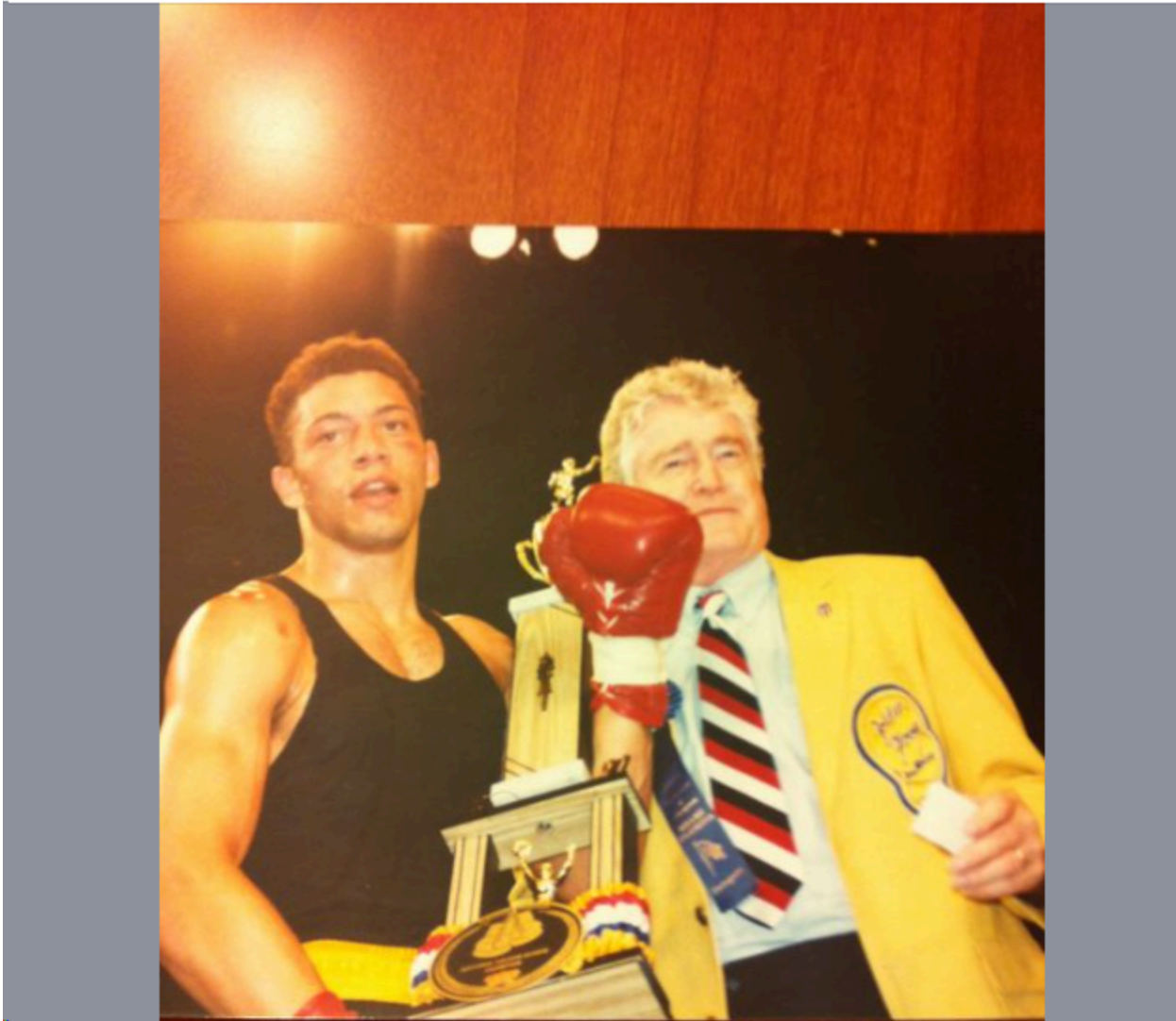


Avant Iowa Champion

March 14, 2011 · 🌐



Jeremy Williams 178lbs National Champion 1990 and 1991 from Iowa





Avant Iowa Champion

March 14, 2011 · 🌐



De'rae Crane 178lbs National Champion from Iowa



👍 Mike Timblin and 3 others

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Davenport Boxing Club's Own!!

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Avant Iowa Champion

July 4, 2010 · 🌐



Don Avant Jr 1967 112lbs Iowa Golden Gloves Champion





Avant Iowa Champion

April 26, 2010 · 🌐



Don Avant Jr receiving award 42 years of service for Dewey Ford





Avant Iowa Champion

April 4, 2010 · 🌐



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Avant Iowa Champion

Donovan Dennis captures the 2010 Iowa Golden Gloves Championship at 201 lb













Mary Lynn Fortune ▸ Avant Iowa Champion

March 23, 2012 · 🌐



Good Luck to all fighters in the upcoming championships. This picture was taken back in the 68' Iowa Golden Gloves. Pictured Johnny Connors, Rocky Marciano, Golden Gloves Pres. Dave Fidler.





TAKE THAT—Dave Sacora of Cedar Rapids (right) and Kevin Bestick of Fort Dodge mix it up in the semi-final round of the All-Iowa Golden Gloves boxing tournament Friday night

in Des Moines. Sacora won the 147-pound match but lost in the finals to Steve Long of West Des Moines.

(Associated Press Photofax)

Golden Gloves Results

OPEN DIVISION

112 pounds—Greg Boyer, Cedar Falls, won by TKO over John Beadie, Oskaloosa, 1.

119 pounds—Don Avant, Des Moines, outpointed Gary McClun, Oskaloosa, 1.

125 pounds—Gerald James, Davenport, won by TKO over Richard Galvan, Des Moines, 3.

132 pounds—Marty Cook, Cedar Falls, outpointed Mike Sacora, Cedar Rapids.

137 pounds—Oscar Johnson, Des Moines, won by TKO over Alvino Peris, Davenport, 1.

147 pounds—James Furnish, Cedar Rapids, outpointed Gary Stefan, Dundee.

156 pounds—Lamont Lovelady, Davenport, won by TKO over Bobby Carr, Ames, 2.

165 pounds (semifinals)—Bill Robinson, Ottumwa, outpointed Ron Wilson, Des Moines.

165 pounds (finals)—Robinson won by TKO over Greg Patterson, Cedar Falls.

178 pounds—Doug Moyle, Dundee, outpointed Jesse Cortez, Des Moines.

Heavyweight — Ron Mcintire, Des Moines, won by default over Pat Stewart, Des Moines.

NOVICE DIVISION

112 pounds—Paul Munoz, West Des Moines, knocked out Mike Loy, Cedar Falls, 1.

119 pounds—Bruce Carder, Ansonia, outpointed Daryl Martin, Davenport.

125 pounds—Bryan Wafful, Fort Dodge, outpointed Ron Hefel, Dubuque.

132 pounds (semifinals)—Archie Collier, West Des Moines, won by TKO over Mike Turner, Cedar Falls, 2; Mike Connors, Des Moines, outpointed Larry Garcia, West Des Moines.

132 pounds (finals)—Collier outpointed Connors.

139 pounds — Mike Gustafson, Des Moines, knocked out Luis Ramirez, Des Moines, 1.

147 pounds (semifinals)—Dave Sacora, Cedar Rapids, outpointed Kevin Bestick, Fort Dodge; Steve Long, West Des Moines, outpointed John Jaquinot, Ottumwa.

147 pounds (finals)—Long outpointed Sacora.

156 pounds (semifinals)—Steve Hetter, Des Moines, outpointed Lee Gawtry, Fort Dodge; Mike Whitters, Cedar Rapids, knocked out Mark Zigler, Oskaloosa, 1.

156 pounds (finals)—Whitters won by TKO over Hetter.

165 pounds—Jan Collins, Indianola, outpointed Mike Messerly, Fort Dodge.

178 pounds—Tim Crook, Newton, outpointed Roland Winter, Cedar Falls.

Heavyweight—Mike Tripp, West Des Moines, outpointed Brian Stewart, Des Moines.