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From the Founder & President, Alex "The Bronx Bomber" Ramos:

Wow! The Retired boxers Foundation has been in existence for nearly 10 years now! We have developed a reputation over the years that will continue to be the foundation for our growth (no pun intended!).

We are very proud of our accomplishments and the retired fighters we have been able to help over the past years. We have added some new programs and some are in the works. We thought it was time to let you all know that we remain dedicated to our mission of assisting retired professional boxers in the transition from their glorious days in the ring to a dignified retirement. We have learned a lot and some of it wasn't easy! No matter! We learned enough to do

a better job and to make our organization even more efficient!

Things are going well for me as well. Executive Director, Jacquie Richardson, always tells me that we must continue taking a

step forward every day for the benefit of thousands of retired professional boxers who need our assistance.

The Retired Boxers Foundation is my passion and with plenty of retired fighters in the same boat I am, and some far worse off, I will never run out of work.

Jacquie taught me how to use the Internet and email, and now the world of boxing is at my fingertips (slow as they are!). I want to thank so many people, but I don't want to leave anyone out either!

Jacquie has stuck by me through thick and thin, and thus, all the retired fighters we help. I live in my own place now, but we stay in touch

every day so that the RBF continues to work for the fighters. I would also like to thank Lt. Mike Indri and his wife Lori for sticking by us for the past eight years! Lt. Indri is our Vice Presi-



The Killer and the Kitty! The Bronx Bomber and his adopted Kitten, "Papa!"

4th Annual RBF "Irish Micky Ward Celebrity Golf Tournament



The Retired Boxers Foundation would like to

thank Gary Litchfield and his staff for the outstanding success of the Fourth Annual "Irish" Micky Ward Celebrity Golf Tournament on Monday, August 27th, 2007 at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, Massachusetts. This year's

event returned to a fantastic championship venue and with new and returning celebrity personalities.

Legendary junior welterweight boxer "Irish" Micky Ward, and the RBF extends Special thanks to "Irish" Micky Ward for his continued support of the

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"Micky Ward retired with dignity after a career that spanned nearly 20 years. He represents everything we want the sport of boxing to be: A sport where world class athletes compete with the best in their class, give the fans what they really want to see, and retire when they want to. "

Alex "The Bronx Bomber" Ramos
Founder & President

Golf Tournament (continued)

Retired Boxers Foundation and for being the host of our 4th Annual Celebrity Golf Tournament, now named in his honor. Special thanks also go to Gary and his crew at the Litchfield Company are simply awe-

some! Special "Thanks" to Patty Shuler who is the "boss behind the scenes" and is instrumental in helping organize the golf tournament. Steve Fournier, Premiere Golf, has done an

awesome job putting this tournament together. Please visit www.rbf-golf.com for more information and for registration information for next year's tournament.



"Every kid should have the chance to compete to be a HOME TOWN HERO!"

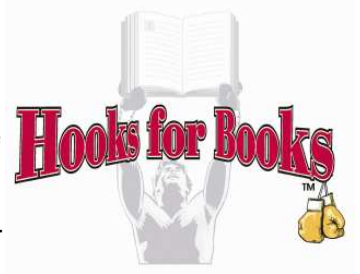
Mark Frazie, Founder
HOOKS FOR BOOKS

"Hooks for Books" Supports Amateurs & Schools

Many professional boxers were once youngsters whose lives were touched by caring adults who mentored them. The RBF made a promise when we organized in 1998, to assist disadvantaged youth including support for existing programs and gyms, and academic enrichment programs and mentoring. Former Middleweight Contender, Mark Frazie created a successful pre-amateur program in the Ohio Valley

area that brings thousands of fans to local high schools to watch students compete for the honor of being named a "Home Town Hero," complete with applause, a medal, and community recognition. The RBF is in the process of creating a formal partnership with Mark Frazie and "Hooks for Books" to make the program nationwide, starting in California. The program provides an opportunity for ordinary kids to

shine and be recognized, and provides scholarships and donations to local schools. Again, these kids become fans of the sport at the very least, and several



RBF News

WBC Cares / Jill Diamond

Jill Diamond is the WBC's Lady-in-charge of women's boxing and the WBC Cares Program. The RBF has had the privilege of working with the WBC and Jill Diamond for some time now, and we commend them for all they do for the retired and current fighters. Following are some upcoming events:

[September 27th - 3 Title fights at the Tachi Palace, Le-moore, California](#)
[October 9th - Benefit for WBC and Celebration of Boxing, Gotham Comedy Club, NYC \(212.367.9000\)](#)
[October 13th - Boxing Hall of Fame, California](#)

The WBC is also partnering



RBF Prez, Alex Ramos and WBC Cares,

with V-Shield to produce sports wear with a return to the RBF and the WBC Cares program. Watch for the news!

From the RBF Founder & President

dent covering the East Coast and does a fabulous job! Thank you Mike!

I also have to thank Col. Bob Sheridan, who is not only on the RBF Board of Directors, but also my mentor. He is one of my most trusted friends and I respect him so much.

Thanks Col. Bob!

My most sincere thanks must also go to Ron Shelton for his generous donation that made it possible for the RBF to exist in the first place. Ron Shelton is clearly one of the "Undisputed Champions for

Dignity!"

My thanks must also go to Per Akeson for his great articles for our "Where are they Now? Page at our website, www.retiredboxers.org.

There are a lot of other people to be thanked and you will read about them in our latest edition of the Punchline! If you like it, maybe we can publish more! Let us know what you think!

THE FUTURE

We have so much to look forward to at the RBF

RBF! We continue to create relationships to help retired fighters, including jobs, education, and opportunity! Look for future stories on SuperFighter, www.myworldofsports.com, V-Shield, Hooks for Books and more! Very exciting opportunities are in the works! We also have some wonderful documentaries in the works, including one that is almost finished by Rob Sale, on the safety aspects of boxing that will help educate the athletes and the public about head injuries in boxing.



Amateur Boxing is the Future of Boxing!

The Retired Boxers Foundation firmly believes that the sport of boxing will thrive only if the amateurs get the support they need. Back in the 80's, the sport of boxing was proud of the up and coming fighters who were featured on network sports! Fighters that were a part of "Tomorrow's Champions" on NBC are still recognizable to the fans. The fans got to watch them

as amateurs in "USA Against the World" and the in the bouts leading up to the Olympics! Healthy amateur programs are the future of a sport that needs to grow their new talent AND new fans! The RBF has several programs lined up to make this possible:

PUBLICITY:

ALL STAR PRODUCTIONS out of the Palm Desert has

been producing great amateur shows like the Desert Show-down that draws over 600 amateur fighters from around the country! Look for 60 hours of programming on local cable networks and on a new website, myworldofsports.com! This partnership, in collaboration with the Retired Boxers Foundation, will feature not only amateur boxing, but small shows and features on up and coming fighters! More information in future articles and at www.retiredboxers.org!

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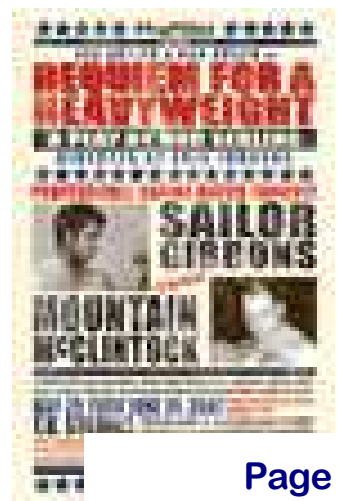
"Requiem for a Heavyweight"

Bob Rusch, an actor and the Artistic Director for the Sky Pilot Theatre in North Hollywood, just finished an amazing performance of "Requiem for a Heavyweight" and the theatre company donated 10% of the proceeds to the Retired Boxers Foundation. Bob played the part of Harlan "Mountain" McClintock, and the RBF was there on opening night. The play was so good, Alex "The Bronx

Bomber" Ramos, wanted to jump out of his chair and advise "Mountain!" Ken Butler, who played Mountain's manager, Maish, was so good, Alex wanted to jump up and argue with him! Unfortunately, Butler became ill during the run of "Requiem" and passed away shortly after the run concluded. The Retired Boxers Foundation extended our heartfelt sympathy to the Sky Pilot Theatre Company

and to Ken's family, for their loss. We were lucky to see such an amazing performance, and luckier still to get to see Ken Butler!

The Retired Boxers Foundation is deeply touched by the generosity of Sky Pilot Theatre Company, and especially Bob Rusch. We urge you to support their performances. Visit them on the web at <http://www.myspace.com/skypilottheatre>



California Boxing Hall of Fame



Sugar Shane Moseley & Alex Ramos



Redmond O'Neal, Alex Ramos, Ryan O'Neal



Richard Schaefer & Alex Ramos



Paul Anderson, Alex, Hedgemon Lewis and Jerry Cheatham



Tony Baltazar, Alex Ramos & Jerry Cheatham



Rafael Ruelas & Alex Ramos

“The Brotherhood of Boxing is as strong as the Brotherhood of Soldiers. We look out for each other! For a lifetime!”

Alex “The Bronx Bomber” Ramos

The Annual California Boxing Hall of Fame inducted Oscar de La Hoya, Shane Moseley, Fernando Vargas, Albert Davilla, Art Frias, Jimmy Harryman, Genaro Hernandez, Armando Muniz, Richard Martinez in the “Boxer Category.” In the “Non-Boxer Category,” they inducted Richard Schaefer, CEO of Golden Boy Promotions, Don and Lorraine

Chargin, Dr. Michael De Luca, Frank Espinoza, Carlos Avilas, Josie Arrey-Mejia, Hank Nagamine, David Martinez and Frank Baltazar, Sr. The highlight of the day for Alex was to see his old friends, Frankie, Tony, Bobby and Frank Baltazar, and Jerry Cheatham who drove in from Arizona. It was a reunion of more than 25 years. We were also glad to

see Jim Lampley, who has always been good to the RBF, along with Don Fraser, our dearest friend and President of the California Boxing Hall of Fame. Kudos to Shane Moseley who is so good to the fans! Also to Richard Schaefer who, along with Oscar De La Hoya and Golden Boy Promotions is changing the face of boxing for the better.

Resurrecting the Champ



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Tommy was one of the first people we helped when we started the Retired Boxers Foundation and he also helped us understand that some people simply prefer living on the streets. A lot of retired fighters have brain injuries that make things even more complex. Tommy has had a lot of people care for him, or at the very least, care enough to

> talk to him and listen to what he has to say. Since that first encounter, we read about him in the 1997 article by J.R. Moering, and subsequently met a man who created a bronze statue of the photo that accompanied that story. That man, the artist, presented us with the Satterfield sculpture which has become our “Dignity” Award, that

we present to benefactors of the RBF. Mr. Morris has also been involved in the RBF, having recently moved to Sacramento.



Peter Lerner—A Real Hero to the RBF

Sometimes, there are angels out there that love boxing and love the athletes. Sometimes, these people are more than fans. In this case, on such person, Peter Lerner, was born in England, lives and teaches in Italy, and really “walks the talk!” An important international event occurred in Italy, inspired by a young man who loves the sport of boxing and who wanted to do something for the retired fighters who had fallen on hard times. Peter Lerner (Age 26) – a young Englishman who moved to Rome two years ago – completed a grueling 24-hour walk to show his support for the great warriors of the

Sweet Science. With the help of his family, friends, his girlfriend, their friends and school children, this young man made an historical humanitarian effort on behalf of people he has never met—retired professional boxers. He began the walk on the coastal road outside the capital on November 18 for a day and a night, to raise funds for the Retired Boxers Foundation. The last minutes of the walk were absolute agony for Peter Lerner, who is the Retired Boxers Foundation Representative in Italy. Peter started at started at 14.45 local time on Saturday from Ostia, as

seaside town about 20km from Rome. From there he followed the coast road (known as the 'lungomare') south. The road took him through different resort towns and areas of countryside. Lerner reported that “the first eight hours or so were fine. Then the pains started! First the blisters on the soles of my feet popped, and then the skin on the top of my toes started to get worn away. This meant that every step was painful - it didn't matter if I was going quickly or slowly. What matters is that he did it for US. THANK YOU PETER LERNER!



“What if all the sports on MySpace and YouTube were all in one spot and you never had to sort through all the phony stuff again! Well..It's here! MyWorldofSports.com”

MyWorldOfSports.com

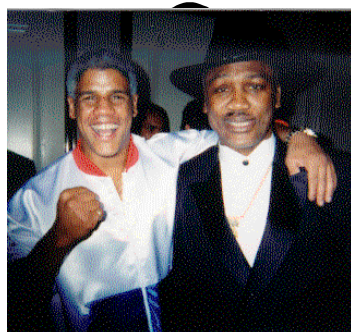
The RBF is constantly on the lookout for ways that retired fighters and our supporters can make some money. As you would guess, we get some crazy ideas that generally have more to do about the person calling, than the fighters! On the other hand, we have had some great successes and one is in the early stages, but promises to be a phenomenal con-

cept that we are happy to share with you. If you are a sports fan and have ever looked at MySpace.com or YouTube to find interesting film clips, stories and photos, you know that it takes quite a little searching to separate the crap from the good stuff. Imagine if there was one site where all of the quality boxing stories and clips appeared,

along with all of the other sports we love, and that you would get paid by sponsors every time someone clicks on your site? Think of it as MySpace and YouTube dedicated to sports and their fans! If you want to check out the test site, which is fully functional, go to myworldof-sports.com and check out boxing.. Tell us if you like it!

Where are they now?

Joe Frazier is working with a great guy, who is also an advisor to the RBF: Les Wolfe. Les also represents Col, Bob Sheridan. He's helping Joe recover money he has already made, and is helping him make money today through appearances, etc. The RBF is collaborating with Les to do something for the RBF and for Joe. **Dwain Bonds**, former heavyweight contender is doing well, clean and sober and re-building



Ramos and Joe Frazier

a life in the South Bay, California, working at Home Depot.

Andrew Maynard, is also doing well, investing all of his spare time in a youth boxing program in Texas. **James McCloskey**, Suffering from early stages of dementia pugilistica, is now in the care of Father Joe's Village thanks to RBF Representative, Charles Parisi. On the way to SSI and a place to live. **Tommy Barrett**, fighter from the Boston area and trainer at the Wild Card is working on SSI with the RBF.

Tony Tucker was in California for his daughter's graduation and Alex took him to the Wild Card for a visit. He went back to Florida, and shortly thereafter, we were able to hook him up with a little paycheck for an event in Europe.



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HONORS:

Congratulations are in order for **Dr. John Stiller** who is an award recipient of the American Association of Professional Ringside Professionals at their annual meeting in Puerto Rico in November, for his ground breaking study on boxers. Kudos to **Beth Adams** for her forward thinking research on fighters who have become a burden to their families and are suffering in convalescent homes across the county. As you know, a person suffering from pugilistic dementia should not be treated as some one with Alzheimer's. Their conditions are DIFFERENT! These families need support and Beth turns NO ONE away. Thank you Beth. Congrats to **Dr. Ray Monsell** for the great article in Boxing Digest! Ray did an exhaustive study on professional boxers and the safety aspects. We are all about making the sport as safe as possible! The article is actually a condensed version of his doctoral thesis and it is amazing! Our deepest gratitude to the **International Professionals Ringside Officials (IPRO)** and especially, **Barry Druzman** for continuing to look out for fighters when their careers are over. They continue to check in to the needs of fighters and just recently, donated \$1200 for six fighters in need of a hand up!! THANK YOU! We also want to thank **Iona Satterfield** for her generosity in making arrangements for the RBF to be represented at the Hollywood Premiere of “Resurrecting the Champ.” We also want to thank **Showtime** for consistently providing tickets to their ShoBox fights so that the RBF can “hang with the fighters and their crews” to get a feel for who needs help. Remember, fighters NEVER ask for help. We only hear from their family members, their fans, and their teams. Also, thank you to **Charles Parisi**, a very busy man who also happens to be on the board of **Father Joe's Village**, but who takes the time to make sure our fighters get the help they need in the San Diego area. A special thank you to **Freddie Roach** and the **Wild Card Boxing Gym** for so warmly inviting us in to their family of champions and making us feel at home. Thank you to **Mike Indri** and his wife **Lori** who are forever there to host Alex Ramos when he visits the East Coast, and for all the articles that Mike writes, always insisting that the RBF be mentioned in the by line. There are so many more we need to thank....next issue?

MORE RBF NEWS!

BANANAS COMEDY NIGHT:

As usual, RBF VP, Lt. Mike Indri did a helluva job at the Bananas Comedy Night. The place was packed—a sell out! Special guests included Emile Griffith and Reynaldo Snipes. The RBF was able to help the fighters in attendance with a little cash, AND raise some money for the Foundation. Special Thanks to Harlan and Arlene Jamison, owners of the Bananas Comedy Club, for their hospitality and their support! Also to Everlast., Photographer Extraordinaire, Tom Casino, writers Jim Hague, George Kimball and Butch Gottlieb for helping with the publicity! Thanks also to Elso Indri for his generous donation and all the people who showed up for a night of fun at Bananas Comedy

Club.

NEW AMATEUR MAGAZINE:

Up and coming boxing entrepreneur, Castle Chalice, is working on a slick new amateur boxing magazine, in line with the RBF's interest in supporting amateur boxing. Castle is a lawyer with a burning desire to work in boxing. He has single handedly announced and taped amateur bouts around the country; He was the ring announcer for the Desert Showdown and had done the color commentary for Crown Boxing in Las Vegas. He also hosts “Castle's Corner” in both radio and cable broadcasts. Castle works closely with Alex and Jacquie at the RBF and we

are looking forward to the first magazine.

NEW RBF REPS:

Peter Lerner,
Italy

Dave Schneider—Western States (assisted by former junior middleweight, **Jerry Cheatam** and **Chris**

Louis Burke, New Mexico
Gumersindo Vidot—Philadelphia
Eva Futch—Ambassador with Class!
Carla McCuthcheon, Nevada Assistant. More next issue!

