



1st World Martial Arts Games
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February 27, 2006 Victoria, B.C. Canada – The World Martial Arts Games are coming to Bear Mountain Arena August 18, 19 & 20, 2006. The event will showcase over 1000 athletes, from more than 20 countries, representing a multitude of martial arts disciplines including Karate, Kempo, Kung Fu, Sport Jujitsu, Tae Kwon-Do & Wushu. In preparation for this prestigious event the 2006 World Martial Arts Games Committee (Victoria 2006) is pleased to announce the following appointments:

Greg Martin, Vice Chair Victoria 2006 – Mr. Martin is a former CEO of Island Farms Dairies and currently operates the consulting firm of Greg Martin & Associates in Victoria. He holds an MBA from Royal Roads University and is ranked the martial arts of Okinawa Shorin-Ryu Karate and Yoshinkai Aikido. Greg is a familiar face in the Victoria Community and will be responsible for building the Victoria 2006 Hosting Committee through a dynamic group of Directors.

Bill Hunter, Tournament Director Victoria 2006 – Mr. Hunter resides in Vancouver, BC and is a well known Tournament Promoter and Director. He holds the annual Western Canadian Martial Arts Challenge and is the choice director for many other Regional Martial Arts Events. Bill will direct the activities at Bear Mountain Arena during the games.

Cathy West, Director of Accommodation Victoria 2006 – As Manager and Marketing Director for Totem Travel in Victoria, Cathy has created some unique travel opportunities for their clients. One of that has enjoyed great success is the Women's Travel Club which Cathy and colleague Colleen Johnson founded in 2003. In less than 3 years, The WTC membership has grown to over 700 women and has taken its members around the world including France, Italy, Cuba, Egypt, Mexico, and many more destinations. Cathy will look after areas relating to accommodating our Victoria 2006 guests.

April Dorey, Director of Fundraising Victoria 2006 – Ms. Dorey is an Investment Executive with ScotiaMcLeod in Victoria. She has holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Royal Roads University. She is an active member in many Greater Victoria associations including the Zonta Club of Victoria, the Victoria A.M. Association and the Rental Owners and Managers Association of B.C. (ROMA BC). April's many professional contacts and experience give her a unique perspective on the financial opportunities available for Victoria 2006.

"I am thrilled to welcome Greg Martin, Bill Hunter, Cathy West and April Dorey to the Victoria 2006 Executive Committee," said Ken Marchtaler, Chairman of the World Martial Arts Games Committee & Victoria 2006, "This initial group of high-profile individuals will help us build the infrastructure we need to have to show our visitors 'The time of their life' !"

The World Martial Arts Games Movement is a non-profit organisation formed in August 2005. Its goal is to unite the World of Martial Arts through annual competition. The World Martial Arts Games encompasses organizations, athletes and other persons who agree to be guided by the World Martial Arts Games Charter. The Charter is governed by World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC).

The World Martial Arts Games Committee (WMAGC) is the supreme authority of the World Martial Arts Games Movement. Its role is to promote top-level sport as well as sport for all in accordance with the World Martial Arts Games Charter. It ensures the regular celebration of the World Martial Arts Games and strongly encourages appropriate sports ethics and the protection of athletes.

Further information about the World Martial Arts Committee and the 2006 World Martial Arts Games can be obtained by visiting the WMAG website at www.worldmartialartsgames.com .

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