

10 Vegans Compete In Regional Golden Gloves At Showboat

Ten young Las Vegas Amateur boxers will attempt to earn a berth into the national tournament when they compete (Thursday-Saturday) March 21-23 in the Western Regional Golden Gloves Championships at the Showboat Hotel, Casino, Country Club and Bowling Center.

The winners in the 12 Olympic weight classifications at the regionals advance to the 58th annual National Golden Gloves Championships in Little Rock, Ark., on March 25-30.

Squads from four states - Nevada, Arizona, Washington and Oregon - compete in the regionals with the individual winners representing a combined Las Vegas squad in the national event. Las Vegas captured the national team title in 1984.

Action begins at 7 p.m. Thursday and Friday with opening rounds and semifinals, respectively. The championship fights commence at 1 p.m. Saturday. All bouts will be in the Showboat Sports Pavilion. Doors open one hour prior to fight time.

Tickets are \$15 for reserved ringside and \$10 general admission. They are on sale Monday-Satur-

Baker Park Community School, 1100 E. St. Louis, is offering a basic course "Know Your Auto" for the novice mechanic. Learn to change oil, lubricate, and do minor tune-ups. Gain insights into the operation of brakes, cooling systems and transmissions. Classes will begin Saturday, March 23. Please call 733-6599 for registration information.

The course is sponsored by the City of Las Vegas' Department of Parks, Recreation & Sr. Citizen Activities.

A dog obedience class starts Saturday, March 23 at the Baker Park Community School, 1100 E. St. Louis. The beginning class for dogs six months and older starts at 10 a.m. The advanced class is at 11 a.m. Fee for the eight week course is \$12.

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day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Showboat Sports Pavilion Ticket Office.

Las Vegas on the Nevada squad include Akeem Amfowishi at 112 pounds, Saul Avelar at 119, either Joe Esposito or Juan Pena at 125 pounds, Donald Townsend at 132 pounds, either Leonard Munoz or James Diaz at 156 pounds, John Turnstall at 165 pounds, David Beasley at 178 pounds and Ed Scroggins at super heavyweight.

Other members of the Nevada squad include Jim Zumbaugh of Reno at 106 pounds, Bobby Adamson of Carson City at 139 pounds, Henry French of Carson City at 147 pounds and Ronny Gil of Reno at heavyweight.

The Nevada squad is coached by Las Vegan "Doc" Broadus. He is assisted by Larry Lopez. Tournament director, for the 31st consecutive year, is Hal Miller. He is also president of Golden Gloves of Nevada.

Nevada's boxers will have a tough time in the lighter weights. Competition includes Les Fabri of Washington, the current National Golden Gloves champion at 112 pounds. Fabri's fighting at 119 pounds this year.

Other standouts include Pete Solarez of Arizona at 119 pounds, Rodney Hughes of Washington and Johnny Vasquez of Arizona at 112 pounds and Tim Curley of Washington and Mike Carval of Arizona at 106 pounds. Hughes and Curley were National Golden Gloves champions in 1983, while Solarez and Vasquez have wins in international competition. Carval also holds a victory over Curley.

It will be rough at 156 pounds, where Mylon Watkins of Washington, current National Golden Gloves champion at 147, now is fighting.

"I expect the Las Vegas team we send to nationals to be strong again this year," said Miller. "In fact, I feel we can win the national championship again. But you never know for sure after an Olympic year because the turnover of kids going pro. You can't be sure just how strong the other 31 teams will be."

Vera Verbeck Keeps Poker Championship In The Family At Imperial Palace



Vera Verbeck's two pair took first place in the weekly \$1,000 Giveaway at the Imperial Palace Poker Room. From left, Greg Prochaska (3rd place) of Las Vegas, Joe Palmarozzo, Poker Manager, and Glenn Rosandic (2nd place) of Romulus, Michigan.

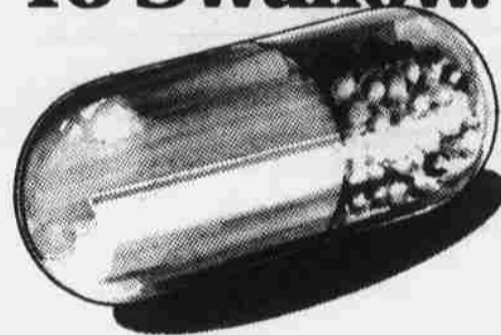
When Vera Verbeck turned over a queen and a six to match two cards on the table, the third weekly Poker Giveaway was over at the Imperial Palace. She took \$500 for first place in the popular playoff. To make her triumph even sweeter, it was one week since her husband, Bob, won the same playoff. The Verbecks, who are local residents, are frequent players in the friendly Imperial Palace Poker Room.

Second place went to Glenn Rosandic of Romulus, Michigan, and third place went to Greg Prochaska of Las Vegas. Total prize money each week is \$1,000.

Joe Palmarozzo, Poker Manager, had 130 eager players this week for the Giveaway. To qualify for the no buy-in game, players must play 10 hours in the Imperial Palace Poker Room during the week in any game. After qualifying, they must register Friday morning between 9:00 and 9:30.



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