



Vision

Summer is here and so is the latest edition of *Vision*, the e-newsletter designed to keep you up-to-date on the latest sporting events and activities taking place in Miami-Dade County and at your local Sports Commission.

BRINGING MIAMI SPORTS TO YOU

MDSC Member & Partnership Drive Takes to the Streets

Your Miami-Dade Sports Commission will officially kick-off it's Member and Partnership drive this summer. With a full inventory of events, many of them right around the corner, we look forward to your support to help us continue to make Miami the top sports destination in the nation. From Powerlifting to Judo, from Fencing to High School Football, take your pick of sporting events!

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission, a 501(c)(3) organization, was created to help enrich and build upon the local community through sports. And now, through your Sports Commission, individual members of the community, as well as local corporations, can become actively involved in the sports of Miami.

This is your chance to make a difference through sports. If you are interested in learning how you or your company can become involved in the Miami-Dade Sports Commission, please contact us at Info@MiamiSports.org.

MIAMI SPORTS HALL OF CHAMPIONS

Hall of Champions to Transition to Sports Commission

The Miami-Dade Sports Commission (MDSC) and the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce (GMCC) have reached an agreement that will transfer the Sports Hall of Champions program to the MDSC, beginning with the 2006 Hall of Champions Banquet. The annual banquet was created to honor individuals for their contributions to sports and the competitive spirit of the local community.

"We are very pleased to be able to take a more active role in this great program," said Mike Sophia, Executive Director of the Miami-Dade Sports Commission. "This is the premier sports awards banquet for our community, and we look forward to continuing the growth and development of the Hall of Champions."

"The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce has been proud to honor the athletes and sports heroes from our community for the past 16 years," said George W. Foyo, President and CEO of the GMCC. "We are pleased the Miami-Dade Sports Commission

will continue saluting those that represent our community through sports."

The MDSC, along with the Hall of Champions volunteer committee that has been in place for years, is currently reviewing all aspects of the program, and developing the selection criteria for the 2006 inductees. The date for the 2006 banquet is expected to be some time in February, with a firm date to be announced in mid to late September.

To nominate candidates for induction, to volunteer to serve on the Hall of Champions planning committee, or to reserve your table for the 2006 Hall of Champions Banquet, please contact Heather Wasek at (305) 503-3251, or by e-mail at hwasek@miamisports.org.

RAISING THE BAR

IPF 2005 North American Championships

June 17 -19, 2005 marked the first of four International Powerlifting Federation (IPF) events to be held in Miami. The IPF, the governing body of powerlifting internationally, is comprised of member federations from eighty-three countries on six continents. Nearly 100 lifters representing countries from North America to the Caribbean came to lift their way into Powerlifting history at the James L. Knight Center.

The USA Women's team placed first among the Women's Division, while the Puerto Rican Men's team placed first in the Men's Division.

The United States' very own, Bonica Brown, set a new IPF world record squatting 227.50kg, or 500.50lbs. Bonica also broke another IPF world record by benching 120.00kg, or 264lbs.

To learn more about this event, or other Powerlifting events coming to Miami-Dade County, please contact [Heather Wasek](mailto:Heather.Wasek) or visit the IPF North American Championships website at www.ipfworlds.com/napf.

The Caribbean Comes to Miami

Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees General Assembly Meeting

The Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees held their first Annual General Assembly meeting in Miami, Memorial Day weekend at the Hilton Miami Airport. Presidents and Secretaries General from more than 15 National Olympic Committees were in attendance.

"This is the first of many steps that our County, our Board, and your Sports Commission will take to show our commitment to amateur sports and to our commitment to a true partnership with United States Olympic Committee and other International Olympic Organizations," states Mike Sophia, Executive Director.

In collaboration with the [World Olympians Association](http://WorldOlympiansAssociation), your Miami-Dade Sports Commission welcomed this group with a reception on Friday, May 27th at the Hilton. The meetings that took place were a great success and we look forward to having the

Caribbean Association of National Olympic Committees back in Miami in future years!

14th Annual Huntington's Disease Triathlon

Bringing Miami Together to Find a Cure

The 14th Annual Huntington's Disease Triathlon will take place at Crandon Park (South Beach Entrance) Key Biscayne, Sunday, August 7, 2005. The event will consist of both an Olympic and Sprint Triathlon. The Sprint Triathlon will consist of a .25 mile Swim, 13 mile Bike and 3 mile Run. The Olympic Triathlon distance will consist of a 1.5K Swim, 40K Bile and a 10K Run.

100% of the proceeds from this event will support research in finding a cure of treatment for Huntington's Disease. For more information on how you can participate in this event, please call 305- 971-4372, email hdtri@bellsouth.net or visit www.huntingtonsdiseasefl.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2005

14th Annual Huntington's Disease Triathlon - August 7 at Crandon Park, Key Biscayne

2005 Swim Miami - August 27 at Miami Rowing Center

USA Judo Fall Classic & Ladder Tournament - September 3-4 at FIU Pharmed Arena

US Fencing NAC Tournament - October 7-10 at Miami-Dade Fair Expo Center

IPF World Championships / Pan Am Championships - November 8-13 at James L. Knight Center

FHSAA Football Championships - December 2-3 at FIU Stadium

FHSAA Football Championships - December 9-10 at Dolphins Stadium

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks goes out to all of our new members and corporate friends in the community. Thank you for your continued support!

We continue to work on several prospective events each day, and are always interested in new sports and new events. If you have any events or sports that you would like us to work on, or you are just curious as to other events we are considering, please feel free to email your Miami-Dade Sports Commission.

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"Just play. Have fun. Enjoy the game.

" ~Michael Jordan