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PAKAMUT International hosted its 3rd Annual Full Contact Stick Fighting tournament. It was organized by 3-time World Full Contact Stick Fighting Champion and President of PAKAMUT International Association Master Felix Roiles. Many of the local Filipino Martial Art schools and clubs participated as well as ones from other states and countries.

Some of the participating schools and clubs were; PAKAMUT Las Vegas Nevada, led by Pat Fletch, The Filipino Martial Art Academy, Sacramento, CA led by Master Nilo Baron and Guro Jojo Antolin, Doce Pares Sacramento, CA, led by Master Nito Noval, Mt. San Antonio College Martial Art School led by Master Steve del Castillo, TAE KALI DO Oxnard, CA. led by Master Henry Garcia, Bandalan Doce Pares, Hayward, CA led by Guru John Garcia, LADP club led by Master Erwin Mosqueda, Team PAKAMUT Paramount, CA. led by Guro Sonny Sanico, Doce Pares San Diego CA. led by Guro Albert Mendoza, Philippine National Police (PNP) Team, Manila, led represented by PO2 Marcial Chavez Jr, International Martial Art & Boxing, Carson, CA. led by Ed Iyas, LAMECO SOG, Los Angeles, CA. led by Guro Arnold Noche.

The Master's Demonstrations event was one of the highlights of the tournament with Grandmaster Atillo of Balintawak and one of his student demonstrated weapons defense and disarms, Grandmaster Christopher Rickets of Kali Ilustrisimo and one of his students did a bladed weapons defense and disarms. Master Shea Gipti of Hawaiian Karate did Japanese traditional sword form using a Katana then converted this form using Bolo machete. Guro Arturo "Dino" Flores of SIDA LAMECO and one his students did a demonstration of bladed weapons attacks and counter attacks. Master Felix Roiles did an awesome demonstration of stick verses stick, knife verses knife, empty hands verses weapons complete with disarms and takedowns. Master Felix Roiles did an Filipino martial arts empty hands verses Master Shea Gipti's Karate empty hands that was simply phenomenal!

Grandmaster Esing Atillo

Grandmaster Christopher Ricketts

The proud father Don Gipti with his phenomenal son SHEA GIPTI.
During the 3rd Annual Los Angeles Open Full Contact Stick Fighting Championship.

After the demonstrations was the start of the battle for the "Best of the Best" in competitor single elimination rounds. Each of these rounds was a single elimination round with 15 competitors in this division. In final elimination round Marcial Chavez defeated Ed Iyas. Marcial Chavez Jr. won the six foot 2006 Best of the Best Competitor Trophy.

But Chavez thought the day was complete, however the 2005 Best of the Best Champion who is under Master Steve del Castillo of Mt. San Antonio College of Martial Art, Al Romo was waiting for the challenge for a DEATH MATCH type fight, both fighters wore only head gear in a no holds bar match.

Al Romo is 6'2" and 275 pound super heavyweight class competitor. Marcial Chavez Jr is 5'10' and 175 pound heavyweight class competitor. These two competitors fought in a no holds barded fight similar to "death matches of old". The fight was spectacular going back and forth with Al Romo won in the end despite a valiant effort by Marcial Chavez Jr when the fight went to the ground.

This fight concept was created by Master Felix Roiles based on his experiences he witnessed at a young age back in the Philippines. Fighters used only head gear and hand gear using rattan sticks 32-inches long and 1 inch diameter. Fighters could use all manner of stick strikes, punch, kick, throw, grapple, choke and lock. The fighter were briefed of the dangers of the fight and still agreed to fight.

Al Romo successfully defended his title of the "Best of the Best" The fight was personally refereed by Master Felix with assistance from Bradford Namoe Director of HK3. Al Romo was able to retain the coveted "Best of the Best" Grand Champion Cup.

PO2 Marcial Chavez , 2006 Champion
Being awarded the trophy.

2006 BEST of the BEST Grand Champion Al Romo

Men's Form Winner

Women's Division Winner

Women's Form Winner

During the award ceremony at the end of the tournament, two special awards were handed out by PAKAMUT President Felix Roiles. These were two Silver Medal US Presidential Fitness Awards for Training to the Master of Ceremony Guro Marc Lawrence and to his son Michael Lawrence for their many hours in training with Filipino Martial Arts. The entire tournament was covered by Martial Arts TV and Filipino Martial Arts Digest magazine.

**Presidential Fitness Awards for Training**

Marc Lawrence

Michael Lawrence

This souvenir photo was taken during the biggest Filipino Martial Art gathering that organized by 3 times World Full Contact Stick Fighting Champion Master Felix Roiles last December 16, 2006 at Yosemite Recreation Center 1840 Yosemite Drive, Los Angeles California 90041. Among the famous masters standing from left to right Guro Rudy Divero, Master Joe Valencia Tan from Tapado Longstick Fighting Art, Guro Hospecio Bud Balani, Dino Flores from LAMECO SOG, Frank Goodin and Wilson from U.S. Navy, Master Felix Roiles from PAKAMUT International Assoc., Master Henry Garcia Tae Kali Do, Oxnard, CA. Setting from

left to right Guro Gabriel, Master Arnold Noche from Mandirigma and Grandmaster Christopher Rickets the brother of famous Filipino action star Ronnie Rickets whose been traveling all around United States promoting the Filipino Fighting Arts in general.