

The Fighting Doctor

By Vince Palumbo

On Saturday April 8th there was a tournament held in Wollongong of New South Wales, and was sanctioned by the World Eskrima Kali Arnis Federation representative, Mr. Peter Mc Nalley. The tournament was the 2006 WEKAF Invitational NSW Stickfighting Championships and it had some of the best stickfighters in the country come and compete at the games

The two representatives from South Australia were Master Vince Palumbo 8th Dan, and his student Dr. Andrea Wheatley who went to fight in the women's stickfighting division at the tournament.



Dr. Andrea Wheatley is a student of Master Vince Palumbo, and she has been training for about 3 years now at the International Combative Martial Arts Academy on 96a Grange road at Welland in South Australia.

She is one of Adelaide's leading Osteopath Specialists, and she has her clinic in North Adelaide! Dr Wheatley specializes in treating children that have suffered different kinds of head traumas.

Andrea has competed in the 2005 World Championships, which were held in Los Angeles, and she just lost the contest in a great bout on a 'split decision' to the current female World Champion Stickfighter.

Unfortunately when Andrea turned up in Wollongong to compete for the Women's Stickfighting title, she was told that there were no female competitors for her to fight against, so feeling some what disappointed, she asked the organizers if she could compete in the Men's under 75kg division, then to her shock and dismay, the organizers discussed the idea with Master Vince Palumbo, and he also felt that she was more than capable of holding her own against the men in that division. (Andrea weighs 58kg!)

Andrea went on to have 6 fights on the day, she won the double stickfighting division, and won a Silver medal in the single stick fighting division, and she also won a Bronze medal for her great effort in the Open Filipino Martial Arts Forms Division.

Andrea received a standing ovation from the other competitors, and the entire crowd as well, they all acknowledged her tremendous warrior spirit on the day of the competition.

Both Andrea and Master Vince are preparing themselves to compete in the World Championships, which will be held here in Adelaide, in the month of November later on this year!

The special guest of Honor at this event, will be the youthful Grand Master Cacoy Canete of the Philippines, he is renowned for having over 100 'NO-RULES' stickfighting matches in his country, the 87year old warrior is expected to make a demonstration of his incredible skills at the games!



Grandmaster Cacoy Canete and Dr. Andrea Wheatley



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About Master Vince Palumbo



Vince Palumbo won 2 World Titles at the 2005 Cacoy Doce Pares Eskrima World Federation World Full Contact Stickfighting Championships in Los Angeles, he won the middleweight and the open weight world titles after having 13 very demanding fights on the day!

After giving a wonderful demonstration of skill, fitness and technique, he was also asked to make a guest appearance in the new movie which is yet to be released, 'Confessions of a Pit Fighter' starring Hector Echavarria, and the movie was produced by Art Comacho. It was actor Bob Wall from the Bruce Lee movie 'Enter the Dragon' who introduced Vince to the main producer of this movie, and Mr. Wall described Vince as a 'Real Deal' martial

artist and fighter. Bob Wall played the part as the scar faced villain 'O'Hara', in the classic Bruce Lee movie!



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