

**USFMAF Qualifier
Filipino Martial Arts**

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If you give people the same information that you have, most likely they will come to the same conclusions. These bright smiles say - look at what I got! The spectators intuitively responded favorably to these happy campers and then they were off to see Disney's California Adventure Park.

There is something else going on behind the scenes, this isn't just another competition. It's recognition in a world class venue. If you look closely you can see the unity forming within the Filipino martial arts world. It is like a snowball heading downhill, you can feel the energy and momentum



Disney's Wide World of Sports® Complex near Orlando Florida. The February 16th tournament was our biggest tournament in terms of support, spectators and athletes. We had competitors from out of town as far as Nevada, Sacramento and Bay Areas. We had competitors from Hawaii and the Philippines and a strong showing from the surrounding Los Angeles area. The kids division was larger than what we have had previously and everyone including the spectators seemed to really enjoy themselves. What we did not have was our own athletes fighting in this competition. We wanted all other Filipino martial arts to participate while our own Referee Elite Group helped run the tournament.



Tucker Stritenberger, Jonah Piniol Boys
Padded Point Winners

silently picking up speed. If you are a part of this federation, it's exciting to see Filipino martial arts uniting and evolving. There is no better place to be than right in the middle opening the door and saying, "welcome aboard".

The USFMAF is one year old with tournaments a part of Disneyland Martial Arts Festival and Disney's Martial Arts Festival at



Master Tibon and Guro Rogers - Siete Pares



Fight Quest Team Jim, Doug, Darren Tibon, Jose Rogers

The Fight Quest Team, Jim and Doug were special guests and it was an honor to get to speak with them about some of their travels and fights. VIP guests present for Filipino martial arts were Grandmaster Ty Takahashi, Master Felix Valencia, Maestro Roger Agbulos, Master Ray Cordoba, Guro Jose Rogers. Also on our VIP list was Grandmaster Jon Bais, Master Gabriel Asuncion and Master Jerry Preciado who helped judge/referee many matches.



Guro Elmer Bais and Manuel Favorito getting awards



Tessa Williams, Grandmaster Jon Bais, Nita Iwan, Darren Tibon



Jordan Rojas, Janin Cordoba, Arulfo Alatorre, padded continuous winners



Guro Roger Agbulos and students of Lameco

