



## Swift Eagle notches ninth win

By Joel Priest  
Special to the Drum

Her opponent once claimed a losing bout with "altitude sickness" prevented a better bout inside the ropes. But she's got zero excuse for a repeat defeat via Thaddine Swift Eagle-Johnson's mitts.

But to Maria Sanchez's credit, she survived 80 seconds longer before becoming the featherweight's first-ever twice-beaten foe — broken down by a barrage of body shots at 1:48 of the first round in the main event of Red Fist Promotions' "Rumble on the Rez III."

"The Navajo MMA/Boxing Commission was happy no-one got hurt," said the champ, now 9-0 with eight KOs, in an e-mail. "The crowd loved it."

Unable to finalize a desired fight recently with Fredee Gonzalez (still 6-7-1, 2 KO) in Atlanta, Swift Eagle-Johnson took a rematch with Sanchez with the Global Boxing Union's International Featherweight title up for grabs at the Shiprock, N.M., fairgrounds.

And a fine afternoon for fights it was: The "Rumble" took place alongside closing events of the 100th Shiprock Northern Navajo Nation Fair — dubbed the oldest and most traditional of all — with an estimated 1,500 people



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observing the action inside the ring under the big top.

Twelve bouts, attracting boxers from all Four Corners states, filled out the Oct. 9 card, though full results were not available. The Navajo Nation Lightweight title was contested on the undercard, pitting Brittany "Bad News" Hadley and Chevira "Viper" Jack in a rematch of their Jan. 29 meeting.

That bout, held at Shiprock H.S., ended in a draw after four rounds. This one didn't; Jack's hand was raised after an exhausting six-rounder, upping her record to 1-0-1 and dropping Hadley's to 0-1-1.

"Brittany got knocked down in the first seconds of round one and quickly got up and shook off the nerves," said Swift

Eagle-Johnson. "Came back with hard three- and four-punch combinations throughout the fight. Chevira held a lot behind the head and threw upper cuts to the body — she was the busier fighter."

Still seeking the aforementioned Gonzalez, Swift Eagle-Johnson noted that her recent inclusion in the WBC's rankings could speed up the process of securing a fight.

The champ was shown as the No. 15 featherweight in the organization's July tabulations, but seemed more optimistic in an e-mail — probably even more so now after maintaining her unbeaten record.

"The WBC ... said I can fight her for their title; I just have to get a promoter to put it on," she said.

## Veteran BGC organizer joins tribe

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
The Southern Ute Drum

On Oct. 10, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe brought in an experienced leader for its Boys & Girls Club.

Armed with charisma and more than 40 years experience with club programs across the nation, Gordon L. Eldredge steps in as the newly appointed chief professional officer.

Eldredge began his mentorship career in Baltimore, Mass., as the executive director of the "boys' club." In 1970, he was offered the opportunity to pioneer the first BGC programs in the state of Montana, which he continued to oversee for the next 25 years before retiring in 1995.

Since then Eldredge has helped out as a consultant to eight clubs throughout the United States.

Eldredge will work with the tribe on a three-month plan to set protocol and establish guidelines for the club, staying on longer if needed. He hopes to evaluate the club, make recommendations, train staff, and inform the community on the nature of the Boys & Girls Club.

Eldredge made the clarification that his title is chief professional officer, but that his job is "impacting the lives of kids."

The club is "particularly helpful on the reservations," he added.



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Eldredge said people must work with what they have and do the best job they can, always striving to do better. To get the best of the kids, you have to give the best you have, he said. These are the guiding principals that have carried Eldredge through his lifetime of service to the Boys & Girls Club.

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to remind local community members to "keep it clean" to prevent water pollution from storm runoff. Storm water pollution can cause serious problems for water quality, since anything left out on the ground — such as grease, oil, fertilizers, trash, household chemicals, and animal waste — has the potential to get washed down into local creeks and rivers.

When these pollutants enter local water bodies, they can adversely affect drinking water, aquatic life, recreation, and other uses.

The major components of the 319 program are stream restorations and stabilizations, agricultural irrigation practice improvement projects, and education and out-

reach. The program began actively reducing non-point source pollution and improving water quality on the reservation in 1996.

The program has completed a total of nine stream restorations on five different streams and rivers totaling in more than 5.5 linear miles of restored streams and rivers. It has provided irrigation equipment to 27 tribal and non-tribal irrigators within the reservation boundaries, which has improved the irrigation and land management practices on a total of 721 acres.

The program participates in education and outreach activities with local students and community members with the goal of

improving water quality.

The Wildlife Division's Fish in the Classroom program is an environmental education program in which academy students raise native fish in an aquarium in their classroom. The students participate in lessons and activities related to wildlife, habitat, water resources and conservation, while applying skills in science, math, language arts, fine arts, and other subjects.

The students end the year by releasing their fish into a pond or stream on tribal lands near the school.

For more information about non-point source pollution, call Pete Nylander, senior water quality specialist, at 970-563-0135.

## Boys and Girls Club PeaceJam Film Night

"Hearing Radmilla Cody"  
A film by Angela Web

Friday, Oct. 28, 6 – 9:30 p.m.  
SunUte Community Center  
Q&A after the film  
Free to the community

Hearing Radmilla Cody (82 mins) is a portrait of Radmilla Cody, Miss Navajo Nation 1997-1998. The film follows Radmilla through her controversial reign as the first biracial Miss Navajo. It then explores her promising singing career, and the realities (domestic violence) that led to serious legal consequences.

"Shout. The story of domestic violence"  
A film by Robert Sam Nuttmann

Friday, Nov. 4, 7 – 9 p.m.  
Multi-Purpose Building  
Q&A after the film

An in-depth look at the effects domestic violence has on the many people it touches in everyday life. Follows the story of Sam, who lost his sister as a result of domestic violence, as he discovers the realities of domestic violence through personal interviews with survivors, politicians, domestic violence advocates, and others affected by the issue on a regular basis.

## Health & Wellness Poker Run & Walk

'Uvwiyaram wi'ikapa!  
"Let's All Dance!"

- Starts **Sat. October 22nd, 2011**
- 10 AM Registration @ Southeast corner of Veterans Park located on Southern Ute Indian Tribal campus in Ignacio, CO.
- 10:45 AM Greeting and Stretch
- 11 AM Start Dist.: Run=3.1 mi. Walk=1 mi.
- 12 PM Finish @ Southeast corner of Veterans Park
- Open to entire community & NO registration fee!
- Top 4 hands (5 card draw) will receive prize
- Participants receive gift bags & Snacks will be provided!

Contact: Robin Duffy-Wirth or Justin Lupe @ SunUte Community Center  
290 Mouache Circle, Ignacio, CO. Tele: 970-563-0214



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"Guys Night"  
\$2.50 a game, (shoes for  
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From 4:00 to 11:00 for  
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game gets the second  
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**Friday and Saturday night**  
"Cosmic Glow Bowl"  
From 9:30 to close on Friday  
and on Saturday night from  
8:00 p.m. to close, under  
the black lights bowl with  
the Red Pin and see if you  
get the chance to Spin the  
Wheel and win prizes and  
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**Sunday Practice Special**  
11:00 to 4:00 p.m. \$10.00  
(per person) all you can  
bowl for up to two hours.  
Five people maximum a  
lane and shoes are included.

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Saturdays and Sundays  
from 11:00 to 4:00 if you  
are a student with either a  
valid Student I.D or a  
current report card you can  
get \$2.00 games!! (shoes  
not included)

**For information call 970-563-1707**

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