



***For Immediate Release  
October 12, 2006***

## **Field Set for 2006 UPA Club Ultimate Championships *Tournament to take place in Sarasota for seventh straight year***

BOULDER, CO – With the final weekend of regional qualifying complete, the field has been set for the 2006 Ultimate Players Association (UPA) Club Ultimate Championships. Sixteen teams each in Open, Women, and Mixed divisions, as well as twelve teams in the Masters division, have battled through a series of sectional and regional competitions in order to qualify for the UPA Club Series season finale. The event is set to take place at the Sarasota Polo Club (8201 Polo Club Lane, Sarasota, FL) October 26-29. Sarasota is playing host to the event for the seventh straight year.

Furious George (Vancouver, BC) out of the Northwest Region is expected to receive the top seed and is an early favorite to defend their 2005 UPA Club Championship title; their third in the last four years. Sockeye (Seattle, Wash.), also coming out of the Northwest, won the title in 2004 and finished second to Furious George a year ago. Sockeye has actually gotten the better of Furious George this year in their head-to-head meetings, winning four of five against their rivals. Furious George's lone win may be the most important, however, as it occurred in the regional final, 15-12.

Other teams expected to fare well at the event are Death or Glory (Boston, Mass.), Johnny Bravo (Boulder, Colo.), and Ring of Fire (Raleigh, N.C.). New comers to the event are Truck Stop (Washington, D.C.), Monster (Los Angeles, Calif.), and Revolver (San Francisco, Calif.).

Most of the focus in the Women's division will be centered on the two Northwest qualifying teams – Fury (San Francisco, Calif.) and Riot (Seattle, Wash.). Fury is expected to be named the top seed after defeating Riot in their regional final. Riot, looking for a three-peat this year, hadn't lost a game in over two years before falling to Fury at the Emerald City Classic in August. The teams have faced each other five times this season with Fury taking the slight edge in games won, 3-2.

Coming in under the radar could be Backhoe (Raleigh, N.C.) and Brute Squad (Boston, Mass.) who normally put up a good showing at the UPA Club Championships. Backhoe is the expected third seed and have only suffered two defeats this season – one to Fury and one to Riot.

The Mixed division always sees a slew of changes and this year is no exception. Defending champions Brass Monkey (San Francisco, Calif.) picked up several key players in the off season to improve an already stellar roster and will be the favorite going into the event. Their Northwest counterparts Mischief (Sunnyvale, Calif.) also picked up a few key acquisitions and could receive the No.2 seed. Bad Larry (Denver, Colo.) finished third last year and could pose a threat to the top two teams.

Old and in the Way (Boulder, Colo.) is back to defend their Master's division title and have yet to be defeated this season. They picked up the speedy Bob Krier and appear poised to make another run at the title. Newcomers Throwback (Seattle, Wash.) look to be the most formidable challenge for Old and in the Way. Although newly formed, Throwback boasts six members of Sockeye's 2004 UPA Club Open champions and Stephen Finn, who is looking for his own three-peat after winning Mixed titles with Shazam (Seattle, Wash.) in 2004 and Brass Monkey last year. Above and Beyond (New York, N.Y.) finished second at last year's Club Championships, but also finished runner-up to GLUM (Ottawa, Ont.) in their region this year which poses the question: Is GLUM that good or has Above and Beyond slipped a notch?

***For more information, please visit the following websites:  
[club2006.upa.org](http://club2006.upa.org) or [www.upa.org](http://www.upa.org)  
For media requests contact Ryan John, UPA Director of Communications:  
[ryan@hq.upa.org](mailto:ryan@hq.upa.org) or ph: 719-499-3516***



## 2006 UPA Club Championships - Qualifying Teams

### Open Qualifiers

#### Central

1. Sub Zero (Minneapolis, MN)
2. BAT (Delton, MI)
3. Machine (Chicago, IL)

#### Mid-Atlantic

1. Ring of Fire (Raleigh, NC)
2. Truck Stop (Washington, DC)

#### Northeast

1. Death or Glory (Boston, MA)
2. Metal (Cambridge, MA)

#### Northwest

1. Furious George (Vancouver, BC)
2. Sockeye (Seattle, WA)
3. Revolver (San Francisco, CA)
4. Rhino (Portland, OR)

#### South

1. Chain Lightning (Atlanta, GA)
2. Vicious Cycle (Gainesville, FL)

#### Southwest

1. Johnny Bravo (Boulder, CO)
2. Condors (Santa Barbara, CA)
3. Monster (Los Angeles, CA)

### Women's Qualifiers

#### Central

1. Nemesis (Chicago, IL)
2. MOJO (OH/MI/IN)

#### Mid-Atlantic

1. Backhoe (Raleigh, NC)
2. Wicked (PA/NJ)
3. Bnogo (Washington, DC)

#### Northeast

1. Brute Squad (Boston, MA)
2. Capitals (Ottawa, Ontario)
3. Lady Godiva (Boston, MA)

#### Northwest

1. Fury (San Francisco, CA)
2. Riot (Seattle, WA)

#### South

1. Ozone (Atlanta, GA)
2. Showdown (TX)
3. Layuma (Gainesville, FL)

#### Southwest

1. Rare Air (Boulder, CO)
2. Safari (San Diego, CA)
3. Box Lunch (Boulder/Denver, CO)

### Mixed Qualifiers

#### Central

1. Mr. Briefcase (Chicago, IL)
2. Flaming Moe (Minneapolis, MN)
3. ¡The Salsa Police! (Northfield, MN)

#### Mid-Atlantic

1. AMP (Philadelphia, PA)
2. Hooray (State College, PA)

#### Northeast

1. Slow White (Boston, MA)
2. Puppet Regime (New York, NY)
3. Tandem (Somerville, MA)

#### Northwest

1. Brass Monkey (Bay Area, CA)
2. Mischief (Sunnyvale, CA)
3. Ror\$hack (Portland, OR)
4. Mental Toss Flycoons (Missoula, MT)

#### South

1. Rival (Atlanta, GA)
2. Deliverance (Knoxville, TN)

#### Southwest

1. Bad Larry (Denver, CO)
2. Gendors (Santa Barbara, CA)

### Masters Qualifiers

#### Central

1. Surly (Minneapolis, MN)
2. Chico's Bail Bonds (OH/IN)

#### Mid-Atlantic

1. Rust Belt Ultimate (Pittsburgh/NJ)
2. Boneyard (Durham, NC)

#### Northeast

1. GLUM (Ottawa, Ontario)
2. Above and Beyond (New York, NY)

#### Northwest

1. Throwback (Seattle, WA)
2. Big Sky (Boise, ID)

#### South

1. Ball and Chain (Atlanta, GA)
2. Silverbacks (Gainesville, FL)

#### Southwest

1. Old and in the Way (Boulder, CO)
2. Ironwood (Phoenix, AZ)

Teams are listed in the order they placed at their respective regional tournaments. The UPA provides each of the six geographic regions with two bids to the championships. The remaining four bids are allocated through a wildcard system. There are three types of wildcards: strength, size and growth. Strength wildcard allocation is based on the performance of each region in the previous year's championships. Size wildcards are determined by the number of teams that participate in each region during the current year. Growth wildcards are based on the percentage of membership growth in a region over the course of the previous year.