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During the 51st annual convention, the **WBC** presented a number of awards for outstanding achievements over the last year outside of the organization, as well as many to **WBC** members for their dedication and hard work with no compensation.

Man of the Year: Pope Jorge Mario Bergoglio

Commissioner of the Year: Nevada State Athletic Commission Chairman Bill Brady

Commission Officer of the Year: Michel Hemlin (Canada)

Committee of the Year: **WBC** International **Championships** - Mauro Betti

Committee Chairman of the Year: William Boodhoo (Safety Compliance)

Confederation President of the Year: Charles Giles (British **Boxing** Board of Control)

Eileen Eaton Lady of the Year: Deborah Hawkins

Special Achievement Award: Newton Campos (Brazil)

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Broadcasting Award: Colonel Bob Sheridan

Humanitarian Award: Frank Garza

Edmund Lipinski Good Fellow Award: Alberto Reyes

Harry Gibbs Judge of the Year Award: Craig Metcalfe (Canada)

Arthur Mercante Referee of the Year Award: Bruce McTavish (Philippines)

Bobby Naidoo Human Equality Award: Jill Diamond

Commercial Company of the Year: Under Armour

PROCLAMATION

In connection with its 51st Annual Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, and the visit by **WBC** World Heavyweight Champion Vitali Klitschko, the World

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Council Board of Governors issued the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Vitali Klitschko has proven himself not only an exemplary champion in the **boxing** ring, but also a role model for youth around the world and an ambassador of goodwill for people everywhere, and

WHEREAS, Vitali Klitschko is a pride of the **WBC** and the sport of **boxing**, and

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WHEREAS, the **WBC**'s concern is always for the **boxers** and their success, not only in the ring, but in their lives,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the **WBC**, representing 165 countries around the world, joins in absolute solidarity and consensus to offer Vitali Klitschko the very best wishes for success in his campaign for the Presidency of his country, Ukraine, as well as to convey our best wishes, respects, and hopes for unity to all the Ukrainian people.

Board of Governors
World **Boxing** Council
Bangkok, Thailand 2013

WBC Cares Chairperson Jill Diamond led a visit for a group of **champions** and other convention attendees to the Apichet Panjarat Orphanage in Bangkok on Thursday afternoon. Former world **cham**

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Humberto "Chiquita" Gonzalez and Nigel Benn,

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Female featherweight world champion Jelena Mrdjenovich, International Silver heavyweight champion Manuel Charr, and others shared their time with the children. Mr. Kiate Sirigul helped coordinate the visit, and Jill made a donation of 25,000 baht and clothes to the orphanage on behalf of

WBC

Cares.

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dino da vinci says:

I hate it when I miss these big gala-like events. Anyone, can you please tell me who won for "Best Supporting Weasel To A Commission That Makes Things Up As They Go, Not To Mention Collaborated With Others To Attempt To Destroy A Virtually Indestructible Sport In A Record-Setting Time, Considering They've Only Been At It For A Relatively Brief Period Of Time Given The Several Thousand Year History Of The Sport" category?

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Also, were there any real good sound bites from the Pope's acceptance speech?

Lastly, I don't care about your religious beliefs or non-beliefs, this Pope is a tremendous man.

brownsugar says:

Reminds me of when Roy Jones relinquished the light heavyweight crown and the WBC scheduled a fight for the vacant title between Rocchi and Nunn. Jones said he changed its mind and the WBC reinstated Jones title. Rocchi sued and the impending lawsuit threatened to bury the WBC forever. But somehow the conniving WBC begged themselves off the hook and have been unstoppable ever since. How ironic is that.

Radam G says:

JSTYK, B-Sug. Roc won a 34-million-dollar lawsuit against the WBC. It declared bankruptcy, and then got Roc on its back by making him WBC champ of something that I don't recall and letting Don King pay Roc \$3mil to settle the lawsuit. Holla!

brownsugar says:

Thanks for the clarification RG... I knew it was some how resolved at far less value than the original amount.

Radam G says:

No, problema, B-Sug. Some people exaggerate that Roc won a lawsuit of \$350mil. But that's boksing -- to exaggerate pay and height. Holla!

Bernie Campbell says:

Anybody for instance Joe Rockhead can give the Pope an award and look like the best thing since sliced bread! I don't mo anything about this guy! He definitely has a good PR department! Tpdays reading in Sunday Mass was about Onan! Very appropriate Jose'!