

GLBT Historical Society
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Holdings Related to Sports

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This research guide is intended to help users locate collections related to sports. It highlights organizational records and personal papers, as well as digitized collections and periodicals.

While this guide was carefully curated, it should not be taken as comprehensive. Researchers are encouraged to conduct their own searches of the catalog and finding aids. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archives (reference@glbthistory.org) with any questions or comments and for more information on how to access digitized audiovisual holdings.

Organizational records and personal papers (alphabetical by name)

[Bay Area Women at the Helm records, 2005-15](#)

Founded in the mid-1980s, Bay Area Women at the Helm (BAWATH) describes itself as "a lesbian organization open to all women actively engaged in boating." Club activities include boating trips, potlucks and other social events. The collection includes event flyers, meeting minutes, newsletters and photographs.

[Blaney \(Zane\) collection, 2016-18](#)

Zane Blaney is a radio journalist, producer, and co-founder of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation/San Francisco Bay Area (GLAAD/SFBA), a group which advocates for an end to bigotry and misinformation about LGBTQIA+ people in media. The collection consists of organizational files related to GLAAD/SFBA, as well as a large amount of audiovisual material from between 1982 and 1991, relating to the Gay Games, queer activism, and the national conversation on queer identity. Some of the audiovisual material has been digitized.

[Collection of Gay Games, Gay Tennis and Gay Softball Materials, 1997-17](#)

This collection contains a wide variety of materials related to the Gay Games I and II (San Francisco) and III (Vancouver); tennis at the Gay Games; the Gay and Lesbian Tennis Alliance, the Gay Tennis Federation of San Francisco (GTF) and its founder Leslie Hilton Balmain; the Community Softball League (CSL) and gay softball more generally. There are also a small amount of materials related to gay sports in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Atlas, the first gay savings and loan.

[Collection of softball photographs, 2018-26](#)

This collection of photographs contains snapshots from a softball game between teams from the Twin Peaks Tavern and the San Francisco Mint, and also snapshots of a parade, featuring the Community Softball League and the Twin Peaks Tavern groups. There are also photographs of an event held at the Twin Peaks Tavern. This collection was an anonymous donation.

[Gay Games VII photographs, 2013-02](#)

This collection includes photographs from Gay Games VII in Chicago. Most are of track and field events and feature members of the San Francisco Track and Field Club. There are photos of and by the following athletes: Chuck Louden, Bob Callori, Howie Chan, Joe Soto, Marcus Valera, [Giampiero Mancinelli], Rick Thoman, Quartknee Kwatek, Mike Pierce and the San Francisco Rockdogs basketball team. Other sports and events featured include the opening and closing ceremonies, basketball, water polo, martial arts and MOVE--the House Music Festival. There are also photos of the Track and Field Club at other events and some photos from the 1st World Outgames in Montreal in 2006. All photos are on CD-ROMs.

[Gay and Lesbian Tennis Federation of the San Francisco Bay Area records, 2006-15](#)

The Gay and Lesbian Tennis Federation of the San Francisco Bay Area was founded in 1980, and organizes social and competitive tennis events for both LGBTQIA+ and straight athletes. The collection includes correspondence, organizational records, meeting minutes, calendars of events, newsletters, news clippings, photographs, and a timeline of the U.S. Gay Open (USGO) running from 1981-2004.

[International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists records, 2006-16](#)

The International Association of Gay and Lesbian Martial Artists (IAGLMA) records contain publicity and newsletter materials, a rule book, photographs and artifacts. The organization, originally known as Homosexuals in Martial Arts (Hi MA), was formed at the 1990 Gay Games III in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. IAGLMA is a nonprofit corporation dedicated to outreach, inclusion and education for the gay, lesbian and supportive martial arts communities through the martial arts and self defense on local, national and international levels.

[Jones \(Martin\) collection of Gay Games material, 2018-80](#)

Materials collected by Martin Jones related to the Gay Games. Jones (March 28, 1943-June 12, 2018) participated in the Gay Games for several years representing team San Francisco, including running as a long distance marathoner in 1998, 2002, and 2006, in Sydney, Amsterdam, and Chicago. Jones won medals in those games. Jones spent his later years in Northern California, in Guerneville, CA. He was active in local gay community organizations. The collection includes Gay Games programs and other printed material, ephemera and pins, a CD and a DVD of Gay Games 2006, VHS recordings of Gay Games Sydney 2002 and Gay Games Amsterdam 1998, Team San Francisco jackets, shirts, and a sweatsuit, a race bib, Gay Games medals, photographs and 35mm slides, a large Gay Games banner, and other material.

[Kammerer \(Kam\) papers, 1992-12](#)

C.W. "Kam" Kammerer is a gay man who has been involved with the Gay Games, Star Trek and science fiction fandom, and with the queer employee caucus of Bank of America. The collection contains correspondence, ephemera, publications, and audiovisual materials, some of them related to fandom, Gay Games II and III, and Bank of America, including employee Pride contingents.

[Lee \(Eileen\) papers, 2018-92](#)

The collection includes material related to filmmakers Eileen Lee and Marilyn Abbink and their documentary, "Women of Gold," which focuses on Asian and Pacific Islander women who participated in the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver, Canada. Materials include VHS and U-Matic copies of the film, photographs, ephemera, film festival printed material and posters, programs and other publications from Gay Games 1990 and Gay Games 1994.

[Liecty \(Derek\) papers, 2002-12](#)

The Derek Liecty papers document his work and that of others in the organization of the first-ever AIDS Bike-A-Thons (1986-1994) promoted by the Different Spokes/San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Bicycling Club. Other documents include several years of Newsletters of the club and his service as Men's Outreach Co-Chair and Director of the club (1983-2003) Other papers document his attempt along with others to organize a cross-country bicycle tour promoting AIDS awareness called Cycle For Life (1986). The papers include organizational records, correspondence, financial records, meeting minutes, outreach materials, and press releases.

[Lowe \(Sanford\) papers, 2008-33](#)

Dr. Sanford "Sandy" Lowe (1935-2005) was a rabbi, biblical scholar and instructor of religious studies at Santa Rosa Junior College. His Bay Area Reporter obituary describes him as a rabbi without a temple and a gay liberationist. Lowe also won medals in swimming at the Gay Games. The bulk of the collection consists of black and white photographs taken by Lowe after 1981. The collection also has snapshots (dating back to at least 1963), ephemera and posters from the Gay Games.

[Lymbertos \(Chris\) photographs, 2005-23](#)

Collection contains photograph snapshots and negatives taken by Chris Lymbertos. Subjects include: San Francisco's International Lesbian & Gay Freedom Day Parade in 1984 and the first Gay Games (originally called the Gay Olympics) Opening Ceremonies at Kezar Stadium in 1982.

[Martin \(Catharine\) collection, 2017-15](#)

This collection includes photographs and various ephemera from the San Francisco LGBTQ Pride Parade, the San Francisco Gay Games, the Levi Strauss & Co. Lesbian & Gay Employee Association, and the West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival.

[McKnight \(Lindy\) collection, 2006-29](#)

The Lindy McKnight collection contains documents, medals, t-shirts and warm up jackets from Gay Games I and II in San Francisco in 1982 and 1986. McKnight was a National Co-Chair of the the Racquetball Committee for the 1986 Games and won gold and silver medals in the sport. In addition to materials about the racquetball competition at the Games, there are also assorted t-shirts from lesbian softball teams, and materials related to the Artemis Cafe, including clippings, ephemera, t-shirts and a jacket.

[Morris \(Michael\) papers, 2005-16](#)

The Michael Morris papers document his involvement with LGBTQ sports. Morris was active in both San Francisco FrontRunners and Gay and Lesbian Sierrans, and he helped organize several "Gay Sports Days" on Angel Island. The collection includes materials related to the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th Gay Sports Day; FrontRunners White Water Rafting trips; and Gay/Lesbian Sierrans outings, programs and ski weekend. There are organizational records, flyers and photographs. The photos include shots of "Gay Sports Days" as well as private parties and other LGBTQ events.

Pacific Association of Women Martial Artists records, 1999-14

This collection contains records from the Women's Martial Arts Training Camps organized by Pacific Association of Women Martial Artists (PAWMA) in the summers of 1980 to 1982. The camps were held in Nevada City, California and were attended primarily by lesbians from the Bay Area. Nina Jo Smith was coordinator of the training camp.

Provenzano (Jim) papers, 2006-14

This collection contains materials related to the work of journalist, author and activist Jim Provenzano. Provenzano was an editor at the Bay Area Reporter and wrote a column about LGBT athletics called "Sports next hit Complex." The collection includes materials from "Sporting Life," the world's first exhibit on LGBT athletics, which Provenzano curated at the GLBT Historical Society in 2005. DVDs and CDs include footage played at, and a panel about the exhibit; and footage and photos of an ACT UP demonstration, the Gay Games, local previous hit sports next hit teams and clubs, including the Barbary Coast Boating Club, Cheer SF, FrontRunners and the San Francisco Tsunamis water polo team.

Pruzan (Robert) collection, 1998-36

Robert Pruzan (1946-1992) was a photojournalist, horticulturist, and mime whose vast library of photographs documented the queer history of San Francisco throughout the 1970s and 1980s. His collection contains many photographs of the 1986 Gay Games.

Reiff (Emery) photographs, 1991-30

The Emery Reiff collection contains slides, prints, negatives and contact sheets of his photographs. The vast majority document the early years of the Community Softball league (CSL), but there are also images of friends, a production of the "Wizard of Oz," tricycle races, Halloween, the Golden Awards, and Everetts Bar. Included are images of games, team portraits, candid and posed shots of individual players and owners, and some post-game social scenes.

Richards (Mary) audiotapes, 2002-34

Mary Richards was a freelance writer for the Bay Area Reporter (BAR) for twelve years in the 1980s and 1990s. This collection contains over 150 audiotapes of interviews Richards conducted with a wide variety of LGBTQ people on various issues of concern. Included are interviews of Virginia Apuzzo, Gilbert Baker, Pat Norman, Jose Sarria and Alan Selby. Topics include AIDS, sports, events, politics, and many others.

Roesener (Richard) photographs, 1995-19

Black and white and color photographs include images of nudes, human-animal studies, Gay Games I, the San Francisco Gay Freedom Day Marching Band and Twirling Corps, S.F. Pride marches, cowboys, erotica. Also includes a small number of line drawings and watercolors.

[SAGA North Ski and Snowboard Club records, 2008-11](#)

This collection contains records from SAGA North, the San Francisco Bay Area's Gay and Lesbian ski, snowboard and recreation club. The club organizes summer trips with hiking and water skiing as well as ski trips. Founded in Los Angeles in 1975, SAGA reportedly stood for "Skiers and Gay Athletes." SAGA North (or Saga North) was founded in 1981 when some members moved to San Francisco. The collection contains membership records; trip reports; advertising and publicity; and financial records.

[San Francisco FrontRunners collection, 2017-23](#)

Material related to San Francisco FrontRunners, an LGBTQ+ running and walking club. San Francisco FrontRunners is an LGBTQ+ running and walking club. The organization traces its roots to Lavender U founded in 1973. The first run took place in 1974 in Golden Gate Park. It has since evolved into a worldwide confederation of social and athletic clubs. Member Bob Callori has written an extensive history of the organization that is available online at www.sffr.org/history. A narrative timeline and digitized primary sources are included on the site.

[San Francisco LGBT General Subjects Ephemera Collection, SUB-EPH](#)

Consists of a wide range of ephemera related to LGBT communities in San Francisco and the Bay Area, representing a diverse collection of subjects, including sports teams.

[San Francisco LGBT Groups Ephemera Collection, GRP EPH](#)

Consists of ephemera pertaining to groups affiliated with San Francisco's LGBT community. The bulk of the material is from the late 1970s through the 1990s, with the homophile groups of the 1960s represented as well.

[Smith \(Nina Jo\) papers, 1991-09](#)

Nina Jo Smith is a Bay Area songwriter and guitarist. A student of martial arts, she also taught self defense and devoted herself to non-violence work for 20 years. The collection includes newsletters from the National Women's Martial Arts Federation, circa 1987-1992; and records documenting the Pacific Association of Women Martial Artists, including by-laws and articles of incorporation, board materials, flyers, newsletters and photographs, circa 1990.

[Waddell \(Thomas\) papers, 1998-21](#)

This collection contains material related to Dr. Thomas Waddell (1937-1987), who is best known for founding the Gay Games. It includes correspondence, subject files, memorabilia, and a small amount of photographs.

Digitized Collections

Robert Pruzan's extensive photographs of the 1986 Gay Games are digitized here:

<https://diva.sfsu.edu/collections/glbts/search?q=%22gay+games%22&go=Go>

Zane Blaney's video footage of the 1982 Gay Games is digitized here:

<https://archive.org/details/glbthistoricalsociety?and%5B%5D=creator%3A%22blaney%2C%20zane%22>

We also have a primary source set with curated Gay Games material here:

<https://www.glbthistory.org/primary-source-set-gay-games>

Periodicals

The *Bay Area Reporter* contains articles on a variety of queer sports:

<https://cdnc.ucr.edu/cgi-bin/cdnc?a=cl&cl=CL2.1995.09&e=-----en--20--1--txt-txIN-----1&sp=BAR>

Sports-specific periodicals in our collection include:

Title: Gay Sports

Type: Magazine

Holdings: vol. 1 #1 (Nov 1982) - #2 (Dec 1982); vol. 2 #1 (Jan 1983) - #10 (Dec 1983); vol. 3 #1 (Jan 1984) - #3 (Mar 1984)

Title: Gladiator

Type: Newspaper

Subtitle: An Arena for Truth and Integrity in Gay Sports

Holdings: vol. 1 #1 (Jun 26, 1980) - #3 (Oct 21, 1980)

Title: Team San Francisco Sports Calendar

Holdings: Oct'89-

Title: The Women's Sports Connection

Type: Newspaper

Holdings: #1 (Win 1993/1994)

Title: Women's Sports Page

Type: Magazine

Subtitle: Bay Area News for Women in Team Sports

Holdings: vol. 1 #2 (Jly 1993), #3 (Sum/Oct 1993); vol. 2 #1 (Mar 1994)

Title: Sports Pride

Type: Magazine

Subtitle: National Gay & Lesbian Sports Magazine

Holdings: Vol 1 #1 - #3 (Summer 1991)

Title: Compete

Type: Magazine

Subtitle: The Gay Sports Magazine

Holdings: Vol. 3 #1 (January/February 2009)

Title: Eureka! Banner

Type: Magazine

Subtitle: Hit the Streets Running

Holdings: vol. 1 #1 (Nov 21, 1988) - #5 (Dec 8, 1988), #7 (Dec 16, 1988), #8 (Dec 20, 1988)

Title: Natalie's Affairs

Type: Newsletter

Alternate Title: Natalie Barney Running Club Newsletter

Subtitle: A Monthly Newsletter Published by The Natalie Barney Running Club

Organization: The Natalie Barney Running Club

Holdings: vol. 2 #4 (May 1982), #8 (Sep 1982)

Title: Celebration '90

Type: Newsletter

Alternate Title: Celebration 90

Subtitle: Newsletter of Gay Games III and Cultural Festival

Organization: Metropolitan Vancouver Athletic and Arts Association|Gay Games III

Holdings: 1987: #1 - 2 (Aug - Oct/Nov); 1988: Mar/Apr, Aug/Sep, #5 (Nov/Dec); 1989: #6, Pride (May, Jun); 1990: Apr

Title: Gay Olympics Newsletter

Type: Newsletter

Organization: Gay Olympic Games

Holdings: vol. 1 #1 (Nov 1981) - #10(Aug 1982)

Title: Peninsula Area Games Association Newsletter

Type: Newsletter

Alternate Title: P.A.G.A. Newsletter

Organization: Peninsula Area Games Association (P.A.G.A.)

Holdings: 1989: Apr, Jul; 1990: Feb

Title: The Daily Friendship

Type: Magazine

Subtitle: The Official Gay Games Newspaper

Holdings: #1 (Aug 2, 1998) - #7 (Aug 8, 1998)

Title: U'94 Brief

Type: Newsletter

Alternate Title: U '94 Brief|Unity '94 Brief|Unity 94 Brief

Subtitle: Gay Games IV

Organization: Unity '94

Holdings: three issues (n.d.)

Title: Unity '94

Type: Newsletter

Alternate Title: Unity 94

Subtitle: Newsletter of Gay Games IV

Organization: New York in '94, Inc.|Gay Games IV

Holdings: Vol. 2: #1 (Spr 1992)

Title: Friendship

Type: Bulletin

Alternate Title:

Subtitle: The International Quarterly Magazine of Gay Games Amsterdam 1998

Organization:

Holdings: #4 (Sum 1996), #6 (Win 1997) - #10 (Win 1998)

