



COMMONWEALTH BOXING COUNCIL BULLETIN

JANUARY 2021

Firstly, please let me wish each and everyone of you a Happy New Year, I am sure can all agree that we were pleased to see the back of 2020, a year that was challenging to say the least. 2021 has begun without much more to celebrate but I like to think we can see a light at the end of the tunnel this year with vaccinations effectively being rolled out across the globe, lets hope we can start to return to a new normal, however that will look.

The Commonwealth Championship Boxing begins the year with Championships and Eliminators planned, there is no doubt Promoters are up against it in being able to stage tournaments with no or little crowd and in such turbulent conditions – we salute you for your efforts in ensuring Boxers are being kept active where it is possible.

UPCOMING CONTESTS

VACANT COMMONWEALTH LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
SEAN MCCOMB V GAVIN GWYNNE
6TH FEBRUARY 2021 – DUBAI – MTK GLOBAL PROMOTION

COMMONWEALTH LIGHTWEIGHT ELIMINATOR
OTO JOSEPH V ANAMA DOTSE
13TH FEBRUARY 2021 – ACCRA – DONS PROMOTIONS

COMMONWEALTH SUPER-WELTERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP (also for the vacant British Title)
TED CHEESEMAN V JAMES METCALF
6TH MARCH 2021 - MATCHROOM BOXING PROMOTION

COMMONWEALTH CRUISERWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
CHRIS BILLAM-SMITH V DEION JUMAH
20TH MARCH 2021 - MATCHROOM BOXING PROMOTION

VACANT COMMONWEALTH SUPER-FLYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP
PRINCE PATEL V JULIUS KISARAWA
1ST MAY 2021 – MUNICH, GERMANY

SPRING MEETING

The Commonwealth Boxing Council would normally now be planning for their Spring AGM, it is still unsure as to whether Directors will be able to meet in person and so when plans are made these details will be made available on our website www.commbc.com, a decision is likely to be made by end of February 2021.

WORLD BOXING COUNCIL – BRIDGER WEIGHT

You may well already know that the World Boxing Council, to which the CBC is affiliated, has now introduced a new weight division between Cruiserweight and Heavyweight, which has been named the BRIDGERWEIGHT division.

This new weight division will apply for boxers weighing between 200 lbs (90.72k) and 224lbs (101.6k).

The WBC has already approved matches for Eliminators and a Silver Championship in this weight division and has compiled the first set of ratings.

This new weight division has been introduced, given health and safety concerns about the potential weight disparity between a boxer weighing above 200lbs but unable to reduce safely to that maximum weight limit, and some of the bigger Heavyweights eg Tyson Fury at 273lbs and Anthony Joshua at 240 ¾ lbs in their last contests.

The Commonwealth Boxing Council has no immediate plans to follow suit but will almost certainly have the obligation to consider that possibility during 2021 when it next becomes possible to hold an Annual General Meeting.

MEANWHILE, SHOULD THERE BE ANY CURRENT OR POTENTIALLY WORLD-RANKED COMMONWEALTH BOXER WHO WISHES TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE WBC FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR NEXT SET OF RATINGS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THAT WE MAY INFORM THEM OF YOUR INTEREST AND WHERE THERE ARE SOLID GROUNDS FOR INCLUSION, CONVEY REASONS IF NECESSARY, ON YOUR BEHALF.

FINAL MESSAGE

Until my next Bulletin may you and your loved ones stay safe and keep well – better times are coming !!!