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**BATTLE FOR THE CROWN OF KING AND QUEEN OF ARM-WRESTLING, SEPT 23**  
*Best Arm Wrestlers in the world compete at 40<sup>th</sup> Annual NYC Big Apple Grapple International*

Flushing, New York – Sept. 4, 2018--The New York Arm Wrestling Association (NYAWA) announced today that the 40th Annual NYC Big Apple Grapple International Arm-Wrestling Championships and Crowning of the King and Queen of Arms will be held. on Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018 at 1 PM. Cheap Shots Sports Bar (149-05 Union Turnpike Flushing, NY. 11367) will host the City’s number one premiere arm-wrestling championship and New York State title event: Entrance fees are \$35 for pros \$25 for Amateurs, Masters and \$15 for women. Masters Class 43+ and 55+ years-old Competition is open to the public, age 18 years and older, and is divided into right- and left-hand weight classes for men and women, in both amateur and pro categories. Weigh-in and Registration begins at 9:30 AM until the 1:00 PM Start Time. Spectator admission is \$5.00 and the proud sponsors are Captains of Crush Grippers® and Cheap Shots Bar

Over 100 male and female athletes are expected to participate, coming locally from the five NYC Boroughs and Long Island, and from the tristate area and as far away as Canada, Puerto Rico, Russia and other lands. Among those expected to take part are the 2018 Empire State Champions and defending 2017 NYC Big Apple Grapple International Champions.

First, second and third place winners will receive large Olympic-size half-pound custom designed engraved gold, silver or bronze medallions and official NYAWA seal plaques and certificates. The overall strongest right-handed male and female will be crowned International King and Queen of Arms®. A \$200 cash prize will be awarded to the right-handed overall MVP winner and \$200 to the left-handed overall winner, \$100 to the overall Queen of Arms® right and \$100 to the left female MVP winner. Teams will also compete, grouped by Borough, State, and Country, with a point tally to determine the winning team and prize.

“The NYC Big Apple Grapple International is the premiere arm-wrestling championship in NYC and the ‘King and Queen of Arms’® is one of the world’s most sought-after titles. This event will draw both veteran ‘hard-nosed pros’ to first time beginners and all will compete in their respective weight class categories,” said Gene Camp, founder and president of the 41-year old NYAWA. Camp continued, “We expect a captive, cheering audience rooting for their favorites with a contest of awesome feats of brute strength, exhausting endurance and explosive raw energy. The ‘King and Queen of Arms’ are crowned with traditional royal gold crowns and robes in this exciting 41<sup>st</sup> annual event.”

For information, upcoming events, photos, videos, sponsorship opportunities and partnerships visit [www.nycarms.com](http://www.nycarms.com) or [www.facebook.com/newyorkarmwrestling](https://www.facebook.com/newyorkarmwrestling)  
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