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### *Side Kicks' gizmo evens arm wrestling*

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"The Machine" is being touted by the World Class Arm Wrestling Federation as an instrument that eliminates the advantage of a larger hand or a longer flex. That is important because said machine will be featured at an arm wrestling exhibition at Side Kicks Restaurant and Lounge, 7802 Madison St., at 7 p.m. next Wednesday.

Manager Mike Scaramella said the latest attraction is not wholly motivated by Sylvester Stallone's latest movie, which is about arm wrestling. "We're doing it because I feel it's something that's going to pop, as an individual and team sport."

Mike Embrey, vice president and sports commissioner of the arm wrestling federation, is organizing this tournament and events all around the country, with "the machine" as an added attraction. "The machine pits strength against strength," said Scaramella. "No more going over the top." Embrey said he expects anywhere from 40 to 70 competitors, who will pay an entrance fee. Spectators will be allowed in free. There will be a weigh-in at 7 p.m. and the tournament begins at 8 p.m. Scaramella said he's planning other arm wrestling promotions about every eight weeks, and may host a collegiate competition during the summer.

On April 16, Side Kicks is sponsoring a charity basketball game against the disc jockeys from Q-101 (WKQX-FM) at 7:30 p.m. at the Collins Center in Triton College. Admission is \$2 each, and proceeds will

benefit the neo-natal intensive care unit at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. There will be an exhibition game at half-time between the disc jockeys and a group of handicapped children.

Scaramella attempted to launch a live turkey catching contest last November to benefit Children's Memorial Hospital, but was turned down by the village council and local animal welfare groups.

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