

Dear Strongman Athletes and Fans,

I received today the official retirement from Derek Boyer multiple Australia's Strongest man and 7 times World Strongest man and Multiple International Grand Prix participant.

Derek first approached me in late 1995 when I was still an active athlete and asked how I can enter strongman shows, I was impressed with Derek's drive and enthusiasm and most of all all his raw energy to take on the World of Strongman.

Derek has proven time and time again that he is an exceptional athlete and has weathered the storm for so many years as an Athlete in this tough sport.

All the Strongman community salutes you and wish's you all the best for your Future endeavors and knows you will still be roaring for years to come in the World of Strength.

**Bill Lyndon
President
F.A.S.C.**



Derek Boyer's official Retirement Statement

I Derek Boyer 2010 Australia's strongest man would like to officially indicate to the World Strongest Man community that I have retired from professional strongman competition both nationally and internationally.

It has been a great privilege and honor to have competed against the World's strongest men of the modern era.

As a young man growing up in a small country city in Australia I had seen on TV Huge giants from Scandinavia testing their strength against unbelievable obstacles in exotic locations around the world.

I believed I could shine in this environment and wanted to take my place amongst them. In 1996 I was invited to Calendar by Dr Douglas Edmonds to compete in a trial for W.S.M. I placed 8th and 3rd in the next event at Killen to secure a position in the 1996 W.S.M in Mauritius.

I then went on to compete in 7 W.S.M Championships and numerous Strongman Grand prix all over the world stretching over a 14 year period.

I am proud of being the First Australian to be a finalist in W.S.M., beating the number one ranked strongman in the world in 1997 Riku Kiri, to be considered one of the top 10 strongest men on the planet, And I did this drug free.

In Australian strongman competition I have beaten all comers since 1997 to be undefeated in all strongman and Powerlifting events with highest totals and placings to the present day. This made me the legitimate titleholder of AUSTRALIA'S STRONGEST MAN. This I'm most Proud of and will treasure to the end of my days.'

I have achieved a number of Guinness world records and a couple of World strongman records over this period and will continue on, challenging myself to better specific records well into my 40's and 50's.

The sport of Strongman has given me so much and it has given me an International identity that is now crossing over into the T.V. and movie industries.

I have made great friendships with kindred spirits, brothers that challenged and pushed me to new limits creating a belief that you can achieve anything in any environment.

This sport has also allowed me to travel at the promoter's expense to distant and exotic countries all over the World where I have found great adventure ,learning and to all the girls in exotic lands I kissed along the way thanks it was fun.

My legacy is this:

I BELIEVE STRONGMAN IS FOR ALL MEN, NOT JUST AN ELETE FEW. I BELIEVE IT IS CRITICAL TO CHALLENGE OURSELVES EVERY DAY TO THE ABSOLUTE END. NO MATTER WHO OR WHERE YOU ARE...

I would like to make a special thank you to BILL LYNDON who got me into Strongman and has supported me along the way. Also special thanks go to Dr Douglas Edmonds, Illka Kinnunen, Jamie Reeves and Paul Olh.

At 41 I have presented a recent picture of my new challenge, I have recently been crowned Australian Sumo heavyweight champion and have qualified for the world championships in Poland in Oct.

I am now heavily involved in the Movie Industry and looking for featured roles in Major Productions; I have recently finished on a film shoot in Australia called SINBAD AND THE MINOTAUR.

I have also taken up Powerlifting for fun and posted the biggest raw total in Australia with an 880 kg total with a lot more to come. From here I will pick and choose Singular Strength Events to concentrate on as did the Olden day Strongmen, embracing the motto...FOREVER STRONG!

THE ISLAND WARRIOR
Derek Boyer