

## BOXING

# Golden Gloves dates, ticket sale announced

The 1998 Colorado Golden Gloves state amateur boxing tournament will be held 7:30 p.m. Apr. 2, 3 and 4 at the Regency Hotel Ballroom, 3900 Elati St.

Tickets are priced at \$15 ringside, and \$10 general admission for each of the three nights. To purchase seats in advance and for more information, call 303-935-4230. Remaining tickets will be available at the door, John Ulibarri, Chairman of the Colorado Golden Gloves, announced.

Presented by Colorado Golden Charities, Inc. and the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks #17, Denver, and sponsored by Tower Beverage, Miller Lite and Tecate, the 52nd annual tournament again expects over 100 competitors, including, for the fifth year, female boxers.

Weigh-ins and physician physicals are set for April 1, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Regency Hotel Ballroom. All competitors must bring their United States Amateur Boxing pass books. Amateur boxers and coaches needing more information or registration forms can call Robert Baca, Tournament Director, at 303-477-9901.

Seniors, 16 and older, may enter the novice, B or A (open) divisions according to experience, and will compete in the 12 traditional weight classes, 106 pounds to Super Heavyweight.

"A" division champions advance to meet New Mexico's champions in the 1998 Regional Golden Gloves Tournament, at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Apr. 18, also at the Regency Hotel Ballroom, for a chance to advance to the National Golden Gloves, May 4-9, in Biloxi, Mississippi.

For the first time ever at the Colorado Golden Gloves, there will be different age divisions for junior competitors: 13-14 and 15-16-year-old divisions, allowing 13 and 16 year olds to fight in the Colorado Golden as juniors for the first time. With a single 14-15-year-old classification previously, 13-year olds were not eligi-

ble. Sixteen-year-olds could compete only as seniors. In 1998 they can choose to box in the tournament without entering as seniors, and surrendering their junior status before the upcoming Junior Olympic tournament.

All tournament bouts are three rounds and, in a non-olympic year, two-minute rounds will be fought, except in the 13-14-year-old division. They will box one-and-a-half-minute rounds.



In 1996, a victory in the Colorado Golden Gloves lead to a National Golden Gloves championship for Denver bantamweight Baldito Ramirez, (left).