

**RHETA WEST SMASHES THE ALL-TIME WOMEN'S RAW RECORDS AT
THE 2012 IPA ULTIMATE POWERLIFTING CHALLENGE**

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Rheta West blows the All-Time Raw Record away with this 470 lb. squat.

The 2012 Ultimate IPA Powerlifting Challenge was a huge success due to the IPA's great lifters. Mark and Ellen Chaillet helped tremendously in all aspects of this event. *Lifters for Lifters* is what the IPA is all about!!!

There were ZERO bomb-outs among the 44 lifters who joined in competition. The competition was tough and the judging was strict but fair with Mark Chaillet, Mark VanAlstyne, Jeff McVicar, Jules Furniss, Jim Crowley, and James Howell in the chairs.

Rheta West shattered the IPA World and All-Time Records. She dazzled the crowd of close to 100 spectators with her historical feats of

strength. She became the ALL TIME BEST squatter in history of the 148 lb. women's weight class, and 2nd in HISTORY in coefficient! We are so proud to have her as a representative of the IPA. We were honored that she graced our platform with her accomplishments. Rheta also won an inspirational award for her contributions to powerlifting. Thank you Rheta!

Bobby Fields represented the Metal Militia and broke his existing IPA World Record with a powerful 850 lb. squat. He also broke his IPA bench record with a 620 lb. bench and a long battle with a 700 lb. pull that seemed to last minutes. Dave Heffernan, Michael Walrath,

David Alercia, and Juan Callazo all broke IPA World Records. Congratulations to you all!



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Juan Collazo still lifting at 76 years broke three IPA World Records ending with a 1000 lb. IPA Record total.

NY State records were set by Seth Gilbert, Nick Roman, Mathew Murray, James Brooks, Alex Beatty, David Alercia, Michael Henry, Juan Callazo, Michael Walrath, Rheta West, Mark Bailey, Bobby Fields, Alex Alexander, Andy Middleton, Dom Constantino, Pete Knudson, Dave Heffernan, Todd Laughlin, Walt Savage, Shaun Petronella, William Barrotti, Ray Barth, David Campbell, JermeY Carrey, MichaelEddy, and Levi Veliz-Reed.

The quality of lifters was excellent; from William Barrotti's 805 lb. bench to Juan Callazos efforts at 76-years-old. Juan created the most excitement of the bunch as he hooted and hollered after each attempt, it was truly awesome.

Without the support of our lifters we would not exist. So thanks to you this was a great event!!!See you in March 2013 for another Ultimate IPA Powerlifting event. Until then we'll see you on the platform at the 2012 IPA Nationals in York in November 17-18.

Special Thanks to my wife, Linda, Eddy Korbell, Casey Drader, and to Britt for doing the announcing, you're the best!!!!!!!

Below Mark Bailey squats a new NY State Record of 680 lbs. totaling another NY state record 1755 lbs.

