Art Martori and Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club to Close After 2024 Paris Olympic Games

This week and after four decades, Art Martori, the founder and visionary for the Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club, the #1 wrestling club in world, has announced they are discontinuing their club after the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris, France. The former President of USA Wrestling and U.S.A. Team Leader of the US Olympic freestyle wrestling team, along with the clubs Executive Director Kim Martori and his wife Sue, have decided that they would close the club after the U.S.A. Olympic Team Trials in April, 2024 and the Olympic Games in Paris in late July.

The Sunkist Kids Wrestling Club, winner of over 120 world and Olympic medals, more than most countries, is deciding to spend more time with his family. Five wrestlers recently returned from the 2023 World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia with 2X NCAA Champion and Sunkist Kids wrestler Zahid Valencia, coming home with a world bronze medal. Former Sunkist Kids Wrestling legends Rulon Gardner, Henry Cejudo, Zeke Jones, and John Smith, are just a few of the athletes that wrestled for Sunkist over the last four decades. The club was founded in 1976 as tool to help the nation's best wrestlers in their quest to win world and Olympic gold medals. Known as the dream makers, The Sunkist Kids supported many wrestlers around the nation but as an alumni and wrestler at Arizona State University, he supported the Sun Devil Wrestling program with considerable resources.

He was the former 1965 WAC Conference champion at 175 lbs. with his team finishing in the top five of the 1965 NCAA Championships. He was instrumental in ASU Wrestling winning the 1988 NCAA Championship under Hall of Fame Coach, Bobby Douglas. Martori, a local successful Phoenix, Arizona businessman, he was at one time Arizona's largest land holder and now recently a retired farmer in Arizona. One of largest land holders in the west, has decided that he was going to spend time with his family.