



Eric Mitchell K89

Frozen Pipes Competition in 2010 Lives Up to its Name



Ted Bafia and Gregor Linsig



Charlotte Mitchell K89

The jump conditions for this year's Frozen Pipes Competition were a bit sketchy but the sky clear blue. Ever wonder where this comp got its name? Some pipes were frozen, particularly on the K63. Our athletes braved the hills with good humour. For result details visit www.skijumpingalberta.com or www.altiusnordicskiclub.org.

Coming out of retirement for the day, Stefan Read awed the crowd. With borrowed equipment, he put two jumps past the K point on the K89 and was once again #1 in Canada. Coming off a successful season, Eric Mitchell closed the summer with a career best second place finish. With his parents out of town on a Nepalese hiking expedition and being footless and free, Yukon Deleeuw hung on to 3rd place and closed out the podium. For Nordic Combined, Wesley Savill came out in front with a strong 6K run.

Charlotte Mitchell won top spot for the women on K89 with an impressive 91 meter jump, followed closely by Taylor Henrich. Charlotte also ran first across the 6K finish line for a Nordic Combined win.

This year the running races were held at the cross country ski area not the east lands, so runners were visible throughout the race. Spectators were able to easily cheer on the athletes. It was great to see older athletes battling longer distances and the ski hoppers' happy faces sprinting across the finish line. Congratulations to all the competitors and thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped to organize and make this event possible.



Young Talent Show Promise & Spirit

Ted Bafia and Max Thompson



Alexandra Pretorius K63

The Jury let the kids take some speed on the K90 and it was an awesome showcase of our young talent. Matthew Soukup and Joshua Maurer both soared to plus-90 meter finishes. Dusty Korek and Nathaniel Mah competed in the Nationals and showed they aren't far behind the top guys on the jump hill. For the women, Taylor Henrich flew high and far to win the K63, followed closely by Alexandra Pretorius.

There was tight competition on the K38 and great effort from new Alberta Ski Jumping Nordic Combined athletes Logan Mitchell and Hayden Munn. Hayden ran from the back to finish 3rd on the K38 NC event and Logan was throwing down some beauties on the jump hill. On the K38, Raven Yip won the top spot followed by Mahni Bruce, and Raven also finished first for the Nordic Combined 2K event.

Congratulations to all athletes for their persistence and spirit.



Dusty Korak K63



Rohan Reid (32) and Logan Mitchell (31) 2K run

Congratulations and Thank-you from Nordic Combined Canada

There were many stellar finishes and supreme efforts at the Frozen Pipes Competition. Your strength and spirit reflects the increased endurance capacity being incorporated into all the programs. Congratulations to the Nordic Combined winners of Frozen Pipes and to all the athletes who are putting so much into training into endurance and cross country skill. Thank-you, too, to Brokerlink insurance, who help us break records in personal endurance.



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Hoppers have Racing spirit

Alexey Levichev

Nicole Maurer K18



Under clear skies and with racing spirit in the air, young and fearless Ski Hoppers competed at the Frozen Pipes competition. The K18 was the last and busiest jumping event, with many new kids in their first ever competition after only a few weeks of practice. Major applause for carrying their big skis up the hill!

On the K18 m Ski Jump decent distances and style brought Nicole Maurer to first place performance. An impressive second place came from Eleora Hamming who showed consistency and determination in her jumping. Shannon McManus came in third with two well placed jumps.

For the boys Ollie Munn captured the crowd's attention on the K18m hill. With near flawless performances on both jumps Ollie once again grabbed the gold. Jesse van Brunschot closely followed with two solid jumps. An incredible third place performance came from a new Hoppers team member Jack van Lierop. Jack started jumping just this fall and shows great potential in the sport.

In the Nordic combined 1k running event, Shannon McManus was first followed by Eleora Hamming and Nicole Maurer. For the boys 1K, Ollie Munn was first, then Jack van Lierop and Jesse van Brunschot.

In the 9 year old and younger girls category Abi Strate took the gold in both Special Ski jumping and Nordic Combined event. She was closely followed by Jenna Bertschmann with an impressive running race. Talented Rochelle Lalonde took the bronze. For boys, Daniel Fraulin took the gold in both Special jumping and Nordic Combined. Max Stretch stood up strong and delivered two solid second finishes. Christopher Krug won his first ever Nordic sports medal placing in third.



Abigail Strate K18



Ollie Munn 1K run



Shannon McManus 1K run



Thank you Davis LLP.

Starting in 2008, Davis LLP represented a group of women ski jumpers fighting against their exclusion from the 2010 Olympic Games. They claimed that they were excluded solely because of their sex, and that this violated their equality rights under the Charter. Though they lost in court, the judicial finding that the women are in fact being discriminated against is an important victory. It's generally credited with bringing about the inclusion of women's boxing in the 2012 Games, and drawing attention to the unequal support for women in sports. There is now a good chance that women's ski jumping will actually be included in the 2014 Games.

From female jumpers of all ages, thank you Davis LLP for Your Pro Bono Work and congratulations on winning the Lexpert Zenith Award as a "Change Agent" for the Gender category. 2014 and 2018 here we come!

Thank you Alberta.



Thank you to the Alberta Government and the Alberta Sport, Recreation, Parks & Wildlife Foundation for their continued support of our provincial level Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined athletes. With the continued support of the Alberta Government, we are able to purchase additional equipment and travel for training and competitions.

