



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING
& NORDIC COMBINED



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Sad Day for Ski Jumping

[The Canadian Press: BC Appeal Court dismisses appeal by women ski jumpers to compete in 2010 Games](#)

Source: www.google.com

VANCOUVER The B.C. Court of Appeal has dismissed a bid by women ski jumpers to force Vancouver 2010 organizers to let them compete in the Winter Games.

New Coach for Nordic Combined

- “Nordic Combined Ski Canada welcomes Scott Johnstone our new Head Coach for the National Team.
- “Scott joins us from the US where he has extensive program experience as a Nordic coach and program director including coaching and wax technician experience in cross country and biathlon. He has a BA in Business Administration and Economics from the New England College in New Hampshire.
- “Scott competed as a Nordic Combined athlete in the 1980s and first started as a Nordic Combined coach at the NYSERF in 1990s. We are looking forward to employing Scott's experience in building partnerships in the community to support our team.
- “Scott will be working with Ilkka Jylhänkangas in the period leading up to the Olympic Winter Games. Ilkka will coach the World Cup team in Europe while Scott prepares athletes for the World Junior Championships and Continental Cup mainly in North America. Our goal will be to qualify two more athletes for our first ever participation in the Nordic Combined Team event in Vancouver and hopefully qualify another athlete for the individual events as well. Please welcome Scott when you see him.” Walt Savill, Nordic Combined Canada.

New Coach for the Hoppers

- “The Altius Board would like to announce Alexey Levichev has been awarded the contract for the head coach for the Hopper and Altius Development Programs for 2009-10 seasons.
- “Alex has been working with our program on a part time basis for the last five years as our recruitment coach and has a very good working knowledge of our programs He has a Bachelor of Physical Education, NCCP level 3 coaching Certification. Alex was the head coach of a local ski club for the last two years and before that he coached their junior programs.

- “The Altius board feels very lucky that we can bring such a highly skilled and very well educated coach to our club. The grass roots programs are an integral part of the process of producing future high-performance athletes for Canada and deserve the best coach we can find.
- “The Altius board would like to thank Jamie Wedgerfield for all his efforts last year and wish him well in his future endeavours.” Ian Mitchell, President, Altius Nordic Ski Club
- If you see Alexey on the hill, please introduce yourself and give him a good ski jumping/nordic combined welcome.

National Sport School Open House For Prospective Students

- Please pass this invitation on to any who may be able to take advantage of what the Sport School offers.
- Find out how academic and athletic success flourishes in the Culture of Excellence that is the National Sport School.
- Wednesday, November 25th @ 7:00 p.m.
- Ernest Manning High School Cafeteria
3600 - 16 Avenue S.W. Calgary, Alberta
403-777-7329
- Young Canadian athletes are achieving excellence around the world – both on and off the playing field. This summer there were **three world records in swimming** set by former honors students of the National Sport School.
- Last year NSS honors student-athlete Kurtis Wenzel won the **Junior World Biathlon Championship**.
- The reigning **Canadian All-Around Gymnastics Champion**, Sydney Sawa, is currently a grade 12 honors student at the National Sport School.
- At the Torino Olympics in 2006 twenty members of the Canadian team were current or former students of the school.

Former Olympian Mike Nell is Involved with ActNow BC

- Mike Nell, 2006 Olympic Ski Jumper, is currently attending University of Victoria and studying Mechanical Engineering. Mike has become involved with ActNow BC, a program of the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport for BC.
- Through this program he gets to promote Ski Jumping and talk to all kinds of people about being a high performance athlete and about healthy living. Mike was in Vernon a few weeks ago and wrote a recap of the events there. To see what kinds of things Mike was up to for ActNow BC in Vernon and the accompanying photos, go to the following link: http://gamestown2010.ca/early_bird_prize/early_bird_prize_-_vernon,_b.c
- Mike says “I just wanted to let you know I'm also still jumping whenever I can (hopefully fore-running for the Olympics) and I'm running the torch in Vancouver – Maple Ridge - on February 10, just before the Games start! “

Whistler 2010 Sport Legacies

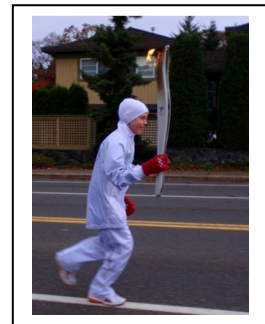
- If you have a Facebook account and are interested in keeping up to date about what Whistler Olympic Park is planning post-Games, search for "Whistler 2010 Sport Legacies" and join as a fan.

Art Installation About Women's Ski Jumping During the Games in Vancouver

- TAKE IT OUTSIDE is a cultural project taking place during the games in Vancouver
- BLUE is a project by Project Rainbow on a Video Screen at Robson and Granville Streets, and other locations (in February).
- As described in the *Globe and Mail Wednesday Nov 11, 2009*: "The Canadian women's ski-jumping team won't be competing at the Games, but their talents will be on display on one of the city's busiest corners, with a looped slow-motion film of a competition last February. The title refers to an in-between space - the sky, where these women operate; or a state of limbo, as an athlete waits to find out whether she can compete alongside the men in her sport."

Charlotte and Josh Run on the 1st Day of the Olympic Torch Relay

- Charlotte Mitchell and Josh Maurer's names were drawn from a hat to represent our sports on the first day of the Olympic Torch relay.
- Ian and Eric Mitchell accompanied Charlotte out to Victoria to participate in the opening day of the 2010 Torch Run. Here is a link to the web site that has all the pictures they took of Charlotte during the torch run. www.gallery.me.com/eric2122



- Josh has written the following report of his day for us. (Thanks, Josh, I feel like I was there after reading your story!)

My torch relay experience

My day started at about 6:30 when I got out of bed. I went down stairs and waited for Charlotte after 5 or so minute's Charlotte came and we went to Smitty's for breakfast. After that we went and watched the lighting of the cauldron where some natives floated across the water in canoe. The natives were chanting and playing drums. They handed the flame to somebody else but the cauldron didn't light after 45 seconds the cauldron burst into flames and everyone cheered the flame was in Canada.

Simon Whitfield and Catriona Le May Doan were the first to run the torch. After a few minutes had passed after they left we left the area and went back to the Marriott. After a while we went and ate lunch. Then I went back to the hotel to get ready to run the Olympic flame. I got on my torch bearer uniform and my red mittens and I was ready to go so we left for our meeting point was we got to meet everyone who was running with us and we got our torches. We took lots of pictures with our torches and the policemen who were around came and got pictures with Charlotte and I. We met

a former Canadian women's rower. Women were not allowed to row in the 1976 summer Olympics and then the 1980 Olympics were boycotted so they never got to compete. She has been following the women's ski jumpers fight to get included in to the Olympics and could relate.

After an hour there we got on the bus and left the parking lot just to go to another one closer to where we ran. On the bus we had to introduce ourselves, there were some people running who worked for RBC, an Olympic women's rower, a youth rower, a wheelchair athlete. After 15 minutes we left the parking lot and we saw the convoy of coke and RBC trucks behind us so we started to drop people off at there running places.

Then it was my turn - I got off the bus and everyone in the bus cheered. There was a crowd of people waiting who wanted to take pictures, look at the torch and ask me questions. I was happy my little sister came through the crowd to stand beside me. Lots of people wanted to hold the torch but we were not allowed to let them. Finally a biker came up over the hill and he stopped and waited with me until I could run. He got my torch ready to be lit. Finally there was lots of music and cheering as the Coke and RBC truck arrived handing out flags and giving me high fives. Before I saw the man who was passing me the flame, I saw Eric Mitchell running up the hill... he had run a couple of kilometres from where Charlotte had run to me.

The biker turns the gas on in my torch and tells me to meet the guy who was passing me the flame in the middle of the road. It was cool watching the flame approach. We touched our torches and I was now responsible for running with the Olympic Flame. I was very excited when I started to jog my 300 meters of excitement. My mom, sister, Grandpa and Grandma and Eric all ran along the road beside me. Mom said I ran too fast! 3.5 pounds is heavy after about 100m and you can't bring it down or you'll burn your face. Then it's my turn to hand the flame to someone else and have mine turned off. After the guy turns my flame off the bus comes to pick me up and when I get on everyone cheered. We go and pick up our other group members and then the bus driver got lost. When we finally find our way back to the original we spent 15 minutes talking about how it was and the spirit of the Olympics.

That evening we stood in the rain and watched some entertainment and the flame return to the parliament buildings in Victoria.

When I got back to the hotel I went to bed happy and exhausted. I can't wait to see the flame in Calgary. I hope everyone can get out to cheer it on.

Thank you Ski Jump Canada for letting me have this experience.

Olympic Rentals:

- **One bedroom suite:** We have a newly renovated one-bedroom suite for rent in Brackendale. Brackendale is situated in between Vancouver and Whistler on the north side of Squamish, 45km away from the Whistler Olympic Park (a 40 minute drive). The suite can be outfitted with either one double bed or two single beds.
- This suite was renovated 12 months ago to include a full kitchen, living room, bathroom with a shower, and a roomy bright bedroom. There is a shared washer and dryer with the suite. Heat, utilities and wireless high speed internet are included in the rental price. The rental suite comes with basic furnishing including dishes, cutlery, pots, bed(s), sheets, towels, and a pull-out couch. No cable or TV included but this can be open for negotiation.

- The nightly/monthly rental charge for the suite is - \$200/night or \$5000 for the month (Feb 1 – 28th, 2010) one person; \$300/night or \$7500 for the month (Feb 1 – 28th, 2010) two people.
- Potential guests looking for more flexible dates around the Olympics or Paralympics, feel free to email to inquire. We can also email photos of the suite to interested parties.
- Contact: Sean Bickerton, seanbickerton@yahoo.ca 604-848-4601 (cell) 604-898-3289 (home)

- **3 Bedroom home** in Garibaldi Estates for Olympic Rental ~ \$650 per night
- Dates are flexible, min 10 days, max 21 days
- Sleeps 5 comfortably, (queen, double, single)
- Wireless Internet
- Cable
- 5 min walk to all amenities (groceries, restaurants, transportation, etc)
- Private yard
- Fireplace
- Open concept
- Bi-Weekly Cleaning
- Lots of Parking
- Large mud room
- 50% of payment due at booking
- \$1500 damage deposit required Please contact Jamie king if interested @ Jamie.ea.king@gmail.com

Two Grey Cup Tickets For Sale

- Interested in a couple of Grey Cup tickets? Talk to Gregor @ skijump00@gmail.com

Nik Petrov Sends Photos from Sochi, Russia, site of next Olympic Ski Jumping Hill

