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# Update – Feb 1, 2009

## Jason Myslicki With Great Results in France!

- Canada's Jason Myslicki finished with a personal best 23<sup>rd</sup> in yesterday's World Cup Nordic Combined competition held in Chaux-Neuve France.
- Jason's single round jump of 87.0 m. on the HS 100 Normal Hill put him in 15<sup>th</sup> position for the 10km X/C race where he jockeyed for position in a tightly packed field of 43 athletes.
- His solid jumping performance set the stage for an opportunity to get the most out of the race. With consistent split times throughout most of the race Jason was positioned for a top twenty finish but fell just short in the final sprint.
- Current overall World Cup leader Anssi Koivuranta of Finland won the competition. Second and third place went to Mario Stecher and Christoph Bieler respectively, both from the Austrian skiing powerhouse.
- Results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=NK&raceid=1268>
- Congratulations, Jason!
- Jason travelled to France with the German team and has been hanging out with the US team Alex Gluek (34) Taylor Fletcher (36) Brett Denny (42) and Nick Hendrickson (43).

## Photo of Logan Mitchell With Autographed Face At Whistler World Cup



Thanks to Tom Reid (ski jumper Rogan Reid's dad) for the great photo!



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# Update – Feb 6, 2009

## Women's Continental Cup – Zakopane

- Sarah Hendrickson, the young USA jumper finished first at the Continental Cup today! Born in 1994, she is just 14 and may have broken Atsuko Tanaka's record of being the youngest winner of a Continental Cup ever!
- Juliane Seyfarth of Germany, winner of the Continental Cup held in Calgary, finished second, successfully blocking an American sweep of the podium. Lindsey Van, the veteran American was third and Avery Ardovino was fourth.
- Nata deLeeuw was 8<sup>th</sup> and Katie Willis 18<sup>th</sup>. Nata remains in 4<sup>th</sup> place overall in the standings.
- Atsuko Tanaka did not jump as she has injured her knee and it is uncertain whether she will remain in Europe to jump in the first ever Women's World Championships in Liberec. We are hoping you get better soon, Atsuko!

For Results, see: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2727>

## World Juniors – Ski jumping - Ladies

Nata deLeeuw was top North American, placing 4<sup>th</sup> at the World Juniors in Strbske Pleso, Slovakia. Katie Willis was 24<sup>th</sup> and Atsuko Tanaka did not jump due to injury.

For Results, see: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2778>

## World Juniors – Ski jumping - Men

Trevor Morrice was 52 at the World Juniors and Eric Mitchell was 64<sup>th</sup>. Team USA placed 10<sup>th</sup>. Canada did not have a team.

For Results, see: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2779>

## World Juniors - Nordic Combined

Wes Savill was 41<sup>st</sup>, Yukon deLeeuw 53<sup>rd</sup>, Barrett Martineau 55<sup>th</sup> and Chanon Pretorius 57<sup>th</sup>.

For Results, see: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=NK&raceid=1345>

## Ski jumping - World Cup Qualification Willigen Germany

Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes was top North American, placing 40<sup>th</sup> in qualification and Stefan Read was 49<sup>th</sup>. Competition round is tomorrow, Feb 8.

For Results, see: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2581>



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# Update – Feb 13, 2009

## Ski Jumping Men's World Cup Team Tour

- Stefan Read, Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes and Coach Ted Bafia are representing Canada in the Team Tour in Europe, jumping on three hills in Willingen, Klingenthal and Oberstdorf from February 5 to 15.
- In Willingen, Mackenzie qualified in 40<sup>th</sup> place and was the youngest jumper in event, jumping into 48<sup>th</sup>. See results at: [http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event\\_id=24657&cal\\_suchsector=JP](http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event_id=24657&cal_suchsector=JP)
- In Klingenthal, Stefan had his best result of the year so far, finishing in 35<sup>th</sup> place. Mackenzie had the flu and was hospitalized but has recovered, See results at: [http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event\\_id=24789&cal\\_suchsector=JP](http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/1228.html?event_id=24789&cal_suchsector=JP)
- In Oberstdorf today, they jumped on the ski-flying hill (HS 213). Stefan was 24<sup>th</sup> and Mackenzie was 32<sup>nd</sup> in training – they both flew over 170 meters – over 560 feet in the air with no parachute! Qualification round just completed and if there were 50 spots on the start list, as there usually are, they would both have qualified (at 47 and 49 out of 64 jumpers) but unfortunately on this hill only the top 40 move on to the first round. See results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2556>

## World Junior Championships (more details)

- Canada's nordic combined and men's and ladies' ski jumping teams had a successful trip to the WJC this year in Strbske Pleso, Slovak Republic, Feb. 4 to 8th (ages 20 and under)
- The Nordic combined team succeeded in reaching their goal of beating the Russian team - this was accomplished by some decent jumps and some interesting x-country strategies which included Chanon and Yukon wearing each others X-C boots, and then Wes setting the stage by gaining 2 minutes on their opponents.
- Barrett managed to gain more time while Ilkka brushed Wes's skis, and then handed them off to Chanon for a quick 3rd leg. Meanwhile Barrett's skis were being prepared for Yukon who brought home the race in style. Out of the 20 pairs of skis that the boys had with them, only 2 seemed to have the proper base structure for the warm, slushy snow on this demanding course.
- Yukon de Leeuw was the youngest competitor in then nordic combined (the only 15 year old), and managed on the first day of individual competition (HS

100/5km) to jump into 36th place out of 60 competitors and then x-c skied into 53rd place.

- Nata de Leeuw was the top North American at the competition with a 4th place finish in the Ladies HS 100 event - so close to 3rd that they originally called her up to the podium and then had to quietly ask her to step down to the 4th place spot.
- Atsuko Tanaka hurt her knee with a fall on the landing of the trial jump. She remains in Europe, resting it, and hoping to be able to compete in the upcoming World Championships in Liberec, Czech Republic - the first time women will be jumping in this event! Katie Willis, Nata and Atsuko will be training in Europe until the big event.
- Trevor Morrice and Eric Mitchell had a hectic schedule, competing in the Men's ski jumping event and immediately heading north to Zakopane, Poland to compete in a warm, rainy continental cup. Trevor is now representing Canada at the Continental Cups at Iron Mountain Michigan on February 14 and 15.

## Ski Jumping Legacy

- From a letter to volunteers from VANOC's John Heilig, Amanda Cohen and Ian McGrath: "Have you ever wondered what will happen to the ski jumps at Whistler Olympic Park post 2010? If you would like to help insure that the jumps and ski jump programming continue past 2010 we invite you to join the Callaghan Winter Sports Club.
- "The Callaghan Winter Sports Club was created to encourage the development of Nordic sports in the Sea to Sky corridor (Vancouver to Pemberton). Membership in this club helps us demonstrate that there are people interested in supporting the future of Ski Jumping, Nordic Combined, Biathlon, and Cross-Country skiing. The Callaghan Winter Sports Club is working hard to establish a ski jump training venue in the Sea to Sky Corridor. This training venue will provide opportunities for children to enjoy the fun and excitement of ski jumping. It will also build a base of young athletes that can progress to jumping on the Olympic jumps in the Callaghan Valley and maybe someday represent us at World Cup and the Olympic events.
- *"Membership is free for volunteers/officials. Please visit: <https://www.zone4.ca/register.asp?id=314> and select "Sport Officials and Club Volunteer Membership"*
- "Thank you again for all your help and let us know if you have any questions, John, Ian & Amanda
- PS - Watch Gregor Schlierenzauer from Austria jump 149 on our (well prepared J) jumps: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x37Xlb8Z1CQ&feature=related>

## Denise Imbeau is Citizen of the Year and Advocate for Ski Jumping/Nordic Combined in the Callaghan Valley

- [Denise Imbeau](#) is Managing Director of the Callaghan Valley Local Organizing Committee (CALOC). She has embraced ski jumping and nordic combined and

the community could not be more pleased to have Denise on board – she is a strong and unforgettable force. Congratulations Denise!

- From Brent Morrice, Chairman, Ski Jumping Canada: “Congratulations to Denise for being named citizen of the year in Squamish, thank you for helping us work together with the community of Squamish for the continued development of Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined in the Callaghan Valley. Good luck with the Jumps I hope someday soon we will have learn-to-jump hills in Squamish.
- More about Denise’s contributions:

<http://www.squamishchief.com/madison/WQuestion.nsf/SClocal/8016588E41BE1EE88825755400702283?OpenDocument>

- Ski Jumps in Squamish?

<http://www.squamishchief.com/madison/WQuestion.nsf/294e048a05e868438825685f00830b3a/77f435b2430cf3158825754d0078ad67?OpenDocument>

## **Annual Summer Springer Tournee**

- Annual Summer Springer Tournee dates have been confirmed for 2009: Aug 6 - 8 in Calgary, Aug 13 - 16 Park City (Aug 10 – 17 are teams travel/ training dates)

## **Learn to Jump**

- Print out attached “Learn-to-Jump’ poster and give it to parents whose kids like to jump of the mantles, post one in your community centre, school, or wherever kids who might love flying might spy it.



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# Update – Feb 16, 2009

## Trevor Morrice Scores Continental Cup Points & Qualifies for the 2010 Olympics!

- Trevor placed 30<sup>th</sup> on Saturday, Feb 14 at the Iron Mountain Continental Cup. He was the second North American just one place behind John Lyons of the US. See results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2639>
- On Sunday, Feb 15, Trevor placed 27<sup>th</sup> and was top-placing North American. <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2640>
- Trevor now has met the minimum qualification standard for next year's Olympic Winter Games, the third Canadian athlete to do so. Congratulations Trevor!
- Tom Thompson, former Canadian ski jumper and strong supporter of our ski jumping and nordic combined community accompanied Trevor to Iron Mountain as his coach. Thanks, Tom!

## Notes from Ron Read in Europe

- “The Canadian women head to Liberec today for their first ever World Ski Championship event. Training starts tomorrow and they will be competing on Feb 20. Nata and Katie warmed up by competing in Strbske Pleso and Zakopane and getting in some training in Zakopane with several other teams. Atsuko has been nursing a knee injury and she hopes to jump in Liberec.
- “The Canadian men are training in Hinterzarten today before heading off to Liberec tomorrow, World Ski Championship training starts Wednesday. Mackenzie started the trip off well qualifying for the Willingen event where he finished 48th. Stefan finished 35th in Klingenthal where Mackenzie missed the event due to a virus. Both Mackenzie and Stefan had their first experience on the Oberstdorf Ski Flying hill. Both jumped over 170 meters in training. Mackenzie 35th and Stefan 37th in Qualification did not pass into the final.”

## Canadian Nationals

- The Canadian Nationals, K18 to HS 95 (Normal Hill) will be held in Calgary on March 7.
- The Large Hill Nationals will be held in Whistler in conjunction with the Ski Jumping Training Camp to be held there at that time.



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## Update – Feb 19, 2009

### Walter Hofer on the World Championship Debut for Ladies' Ski Jumping:

- Ladies' Ski Jumping will debut at the FIS Nordic World Ski Championships in Liberec (CZE). Walter Hofer, FIS Race Director for Ski Jumping, answered some questions about the premiere and the current state of the discipline.
- See the article at: [http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/disciplines/skijumping/ski-jumping1.html?actu\\_id\\_1253=1599&actu\\_page\\_1253=1](http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/disciplines/skijumping/ski-jumping1.html?actu_id_1253=1599&actu_page_1253=1)

### Schedule Changes in Liberec (CZE)



Due to continuous snowfall and wind, both the men's Nordic Combined mass start ski jumping and the Ski Jumping training had to be cancelled on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.



The new program at the Jested Ski Jumping venue on 20th February is as follows:

Ladies Ski Jumping as scheduled – 9:30 CET

Nordic Combined trial round at 14:45 CET

Nordic Combined mass start ski jumping 16:00-17:45 CET

Ski Jumping training at 18:00 CET

On 21st February the Ski Jumping qualification will begin at 14:30 CET.

### Notes from Ron Read in Europe

- “Women's Training #3 - Nata had a great jump to finish training, 95.0 meters (3rd in round). It is good she finished with a good jump because her second jump was not good at all - 74.5 meters (31st) but she relaxed on the final jump and did very well. She was 17th in the first round. The jury did have some problems setting the gate and the last jumps in both the 1st and 3rd round went from HIGHER gates than the first jumps, in most comps it is the other way around.
- “Katie had start #11 and mostly got the lower gates. She was 30th, 20th and 26th. Like Nata she has to relax and enjoy jumping just like training.
- “Weather conditions did affect the training results; the first jumpers were burning in the track on the first round and did not have a chance to be competitive. Tomorrow morning is the comp and the conditions should improve some, please pray for some head wind in Liberec when you go to bed tonight.

- See training results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/pdf/2009/JP/3028/2009JP3028RLT2.pdf>
- Atsuko saw the US Team Doctor and is not fit enough to jump. This is hard on her but she has not jumped in two weeks so it would have been difficult to jump at her best abilities.
- The first ever Ladies World Championships is scheduled to begin at 9:30 Friday Feb 20 (8 hours earlier in Canada at 1:30 AM – Trial Round and 2:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> Round).
- Men's Training #2 - Because there are two training sessions today only 47 of 79 athletes took part. Mackenzie was 31st, 37th and 24th while Stefan was 41st, 24th and 23rd. They did get 3 rounds this morning and are supposed to get another 3 rounds as well so our guys are getting more training in Official Training here than they get may get at home. They either will know the hill well or they will be burnt out from too much training. “
- Training results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/pdf/2009/JP/3029/2009JP3029RLT2.pdf>
- Men's Ski Jumping 3<sup>rd</sup> Training round goes at 18:00 (CET) Feb 20 and Qualification round has been rescheduled to 14:30 (CET) on February 21<sup>st</sup>.



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## Update – Feb 20, 2009

### Two Canadians Top-20 in 1<sup>st</sup> Ladies World Championships

- Nata deLeeuw was 11<sup>th</sup> and Katie Willis was 19<sup>th</sup> today in the first ever Ladies Ski Jumping World Championships. Atsuko Tanaka did not jump due to injury.
- Congratulations girls – you have trained long and hard and fought many obstacles to compete for your country at a world championships and we are proud of you! See results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2649>
- Ron Read writes from Liberec, Czech Republic, site of the World Championships: “Nata was 11th today and Katie 19th. Nata’s result was a little off her best and Katie did very well finishing 19th. We are quite happy to have two athletes in the top 20 considering the budget we operate on.
- “The weather conditions here are very challenging, it is an outdoor sport and you have to take all conditions. The best three jumpers were on the podium today; they are also the most experienced athletes in the field. Lindsay Van of USA is the first-ever female World Champion Jumper - she competed very well. This was a competition that favoured the experienced athletes with one or two small exceptions.
- “Lindsey Van won the final round by jumping 97.5 meters on a hill designed to have safe jumps of 100.0 meters. The jury was very conservative to make sure that the competition was safe and fair because of the difficult weather conditions. The organizing committee has done a great job running these World Ski Championships and they had 80 - 100 people on the hill to make sure the conditions were as similar as possible for all athletes. They had 20 leaf blowers going between jumps to keep the inrun clear.
- “To put our women's results into perspective:  
9th 10 km C - Sara Renner  
11th NH Jumping - Nata de Leeuw  
19th NH Jumping - Katie Willis  
21st 15km C - George Grey  
36th 15km C - Alex Harvey  
37th 15km C - Devon Kershaw  
45th 10km C - Shayla Swanson  
48th 10km C - Perianne Jones  
54th 15km C - Christopher Butler
- “If you look at the money we receive from Sport Canada \$0, and OTP \$0, I think we are delivering great value for the money invested.
- “If you look at the other traditional ski discipline's women’s results I would say our young jumpers are holding their own:  
11th DH - Emily Brydon  
12th SL - Anna Goodman  
13th Super G - Emily Brydon  
17th Super G - Britt Janyk  
21st DH - Kelly Vanderbeek  
23rd Super G - Kelly Vanderbeek  
25th SL - Brigitte Acton  
26th GS - Britt Janyk

35th GS - Marie-Pier Prefontaine  
DNF DH - Britt Janyk  
DNF Super G - Larisa Yurkiw  
DNF Super Comb - Emily Brydon  
DNF GS - Genevieve Simard  
DNF GS - Marie-Michele Gagnon  
DNF SL - Marie-Michele Gagnon  
DNS SL - Marie-Pier Prefontaine



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## Update – Feb 22, 2009

### Normal Hill Results from World Championships

Ron Read reports from Liberec, Czech Republic:

- “The weather was much better today, still cold but at least the snow stopped. Stefan and Mackenzie headed into the Qualification Round with hopes of moving on to the Competition Rounds. It was tough in that the guys had to perform right away, as there was no Trial Round. Stefan had a good jump and qualified for the competition even though he had the lowest style marks of all the guys that qualified because he had a very sloppy landing. He had a much better landing on his competition jump. Mackenzie did not perform up to the level of his training jumps and missed moving on, he did not have the best of conditions. One lesson to be learned at this level of competition was Chedal of France - he has been dominating training but he had marginal conditions and a missed take-off and he missed qualifying too.
- “The competition was so close that the difference between 13th and 30th was just 3.0 meter or 8.0 points. Some well established jumpers failed to get a second jump, Jakub Janda (medalist in 2005 and former World Cup Champion), Matti Hautamaeki (multiple Olympic medalist). Stef was able to stand in the Leader's Box for 4 jumpers and was leading the World Championships after 8 jumpers problem was he beat only on of the last 42 jumpers.
- “Wolfgang Loitzl is the 2009 Normal Hill Champion. He jumped very well, had the longest total distance and the best style marks. Stef ended up finishing 42nd; he jumped well and according to coach Ted Bafia, made the most of his jump.
- “Quote from Loitzl: 'It was my goal this year to win a medal at the World Championships and now that I have the Four Hills and a gold it is a dream come true. It was a good competition today and was very fair'
- “Quote from Stefan: 'I was glad I was able to jump better today than I had been in training, I am looking forward to getting on the Large Hill on Monday and the Large Hill competition next Thursday & Friday'
- “It was good to see the Canadian women out watching the guys jump. They head home tomorrow.
- “Here is a summary of the Canadian results over the past 24 hours:
  - 21st 15 km Pursuit - Sara Renner
  - 42nd NH Jumping - Stefan Read
  - 47th 15 km Pursuit - Daria Gaiazova
  - 48th 15 km Pursuit - Shayla Swanson
  - 50th NC Mass Start - Wes Savill
  - 60th NH Jumping - Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes
  - DNS NC Mass Start - Jason Myslicki

See results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2651>

## CANADIAN NORDIC COMBINED ATHLETES AT FIS NORDIC WORLD SKI CHAMPIONSHIPS

LIBEREC-CZECH REPUBLIC — Canada's Jason Myslicki and Wesley Savill finished 42<sup>nd</sup> and 43<sup>rd</sup> respectively today in the Gunderson Normal Hill HS 100 with a 10k cross country race. For Myslicki who is recovering from a fever that caused him to scratch in the Mass Start event on Thursday, today's event was a disappointment. "Any of my training jumps at all would have put me in the 20's" but "bad luck with the wind and snow" put him in 42<sup>nd</sup> position going into the X/C race. I started with Wes (Savill, CAN) as the next guy to catch. The fastest 2 guys in the race were behind me. It was a windy course...I stayed with them as long as I could. I didn't have the preparation I wanted having had a fever with little exercise in the last couple of days."

Competing at his first Nordic World Ski Championships Wes Savill reports "today was an all round good day. I jumped very well and got quite lucky with the conditions. I wished that I could have skied a little faster because I know that if I race smarter and technically stronger I can shave a minute off."

On the podium today were – Todd Lodwick of the USA winning his second gold medal in the Nordic World Championships, Jan Schmid from Norway finishing in 2<sup>nd</sup> place took Silver , and Bill Demong of the USA won the Bronze.

The next individual event is the Gunderson Large Hill HS 134 with 10k race on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Results today:

1. Todd Lodwick USA 24:22.3 min (Jump rk. 1)
2. Jan Schmid NOR +0:13.0 min (Jump rk. 2 tie)
3. Bill Demong USA +0:33.5min (Jump rk. 12)
4. Anssi Koivuranta FIN +0:54.7 (Jump rk. 2 tie)
5. Norhito Kobayashi JPN +1:02.9 (Jump rk. 8)

For complete results

<http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=NK&raceid=1298>

### LATEST FIS NEWS



#### Lodwick takes second gold

In an historic day for the USA, Todd Lodwick took his second World Championship gold and teammate Billy Demong took the bronze during the 2009 FIS Nordic Ski World Championships in Liberec. Norway's Jan Schmid claimed the silver medal with World Cup leader Anssi Koivuranta (FIN) finishing 4th for the second time at Liberec

2009.

Lodwick and Demong's performance marks the first time two U.S. Nordic Combined athletes have made the World Championship podium together. It was the second of four Nordic Combined events at the Championships, featuring a single jump on the 100-meter hill and a 10k cross-country race.

After years of yielding no medals at major competitions, Lodwick has now won two World Championship gold in a matter of days and calls his comeback to the sport nothing less than a fairytale.

## Managing Director of Canadian Snowsports Association Excited About Callaghan Developments

- Dave Pym, Managing Director of Canadian Snowsports Association has responded positively to the news of the development of training jumps on the BC coast.
- He says: “I was delighted to read in the recent SJC/NCC update of the creation of the Callaghan Winter Sports Club. This is a huge opportunity to begin the expansion of both Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined in the “far west” and hopefully can be a model for other communities. By keeping the name generic and not tied to any specific community there is the potential to attract membership from the entire Sea to Sky corridor and beyond. In addition, keeping the name as Winter Sports Club will permit this club to expand beyond SJ and NCC.
- “From the CSA standpoint I could not be happier. I commend everyone involved in this development – perhaps it can be used as a model to re-generate enthusiasm for these wonderful sports across Canada. I look forward to formal recognition of the Club by SJC/NCC
- “I recently attended the Board meeting of the Canadian Ski Museum in Ottawa and was immediately struck by the photos and the long and rich history of jumping in Canada. Indeed I would urge you to go to the Museum’s new web-site (<http://www.skimuseum.ca/index-eng.php>) and use the search function for ski jumping to see what they have and what is being constantly added to – it is amazing.”

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## New Website for Alberta Ski Jumping and Nordic Combined

- Chrissie Noble reports “It is with great pleasure that I announce the official launch of our new website. Below is a list of a few highlights you can expect to see:
  - ~ Up-to-date information on events, competitions and results
  - ~ Event Calendar
  - ~ Athlete bios
  - ~ Photo galleries
  - ~ Training Tips
  - ~ Much, much more...
- “I hope you all get great use of the website. Check it out at <http://skijumpingalberta.com/> I look forward to hearing your feedback!”



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## Update – Feb 26, 2009

### World Ski Championships – Liberec – Men’s Large Hill HS134

- Mackenzie Boyd-Clowes jumped well enough to qualify today in the final individual ski jumping competition at the World Championships in Liberec. One of only two seventeen-year olds, the youngest athletes in the competition, he finished in 46th place out of 63 jumpers.
- See results at: <http://www.fis-ski.com/uk/604/610.html?sector=JP&raceid=2653>
- The story behind the results is complex, as you will read in Ron Read’s messages below:
- “I do not know how to describe today’s comp. Andreas Kuettle is the new Large Hill Champion but he did it on a one-round competition. After the jury spending so much time trying to make things fair they just ran out of time and weather and had to settle for a one round comp. They tried to pull off the second round twice, the first time they came within 7 skiers of completing the round but it did not look like they were going to get the winner they wanted so they pulled the plug and restarted. It was not fair conditions but this is an outdoor sport and they have to let things go sometimes. The second restart was a joke and thankfully they called it after about 15 skiers.
- “Mackenzie did really well in Qualifying in the second Quali Round they held because of the conditions last night. Stefan was in the area of the start order where no one qualified. There was a 5-minute hold after Stef went and the conditions got better, but hey it is an outdoor sport and you have to make the best of your conditions, Stef did not jump well enough to have a chance of qualifying anyway. They spent so much time pulling jumpers off the bar and putting them back on you really had to wonder if we would be there until midnight.
- “Mackenzie did not have as good a jump in the first round and ended up in 46th position; it was great to see him get past the Quali so that is a victory for him.
- From yesterday’s scheduled Qualification: “They were not able to complete the Quali because a tail wind picked up with 10 jumpers to go. Stef was in and Mac was out; Nick Ferrall, USA was in and Anders Johnson, USA was out so it is 50/50 news for CAN & USA. It was too bad they could not finish the Quali but the conditions did change quite a bit so it was the fair thing to do. I am still waiting for the first time that a Jury changes things when the first ten do not get fair conditions; it will never happen!”

### Athletes Read This!

- “Big news of the day was the Bib-gate the USA NC team went through. Billy Demong their first jumper could not find his bib when it was his turn to go. They turned the start house upside down, there were even rumours of someone stealing it. Billy knew he had his bib when he got to the start but without a bib they did not let him jump so the USA team was over 3 minutes behind after the first jumper from each nation went, too much to catch up.
- “It turns out that Bill found the bib shortly after he missed the start (I have heard as soon as 10 seconds). It had fallen down the leg of his suit and was stuck between his boot and bottom of the suit leg. Lesson for all SJ and NC athletes, always know where your bib is because you are not allowed to jump without it!” Ron Read

## Photo of Inrun on February 24:



- “Today I thought I would send a picture because no matter how well I described the conditions today you would not understand unless you saw what it was like.
- “When Ted (National Team Coach Ted Bafia) came down from the Coaching Stand after training he could not believe how much we could see. He saw much less than what we could see from the bottom.
- “Canadian Results since I last reported:

22nd 30 km Pursuit - Alex Harvey  
27th 30 km Pursuit - Devon Kershaw  
28th 1.6 km F - Alex Harvey  
29th 1.3 km F - Daria Gaiazova  
30th 1.6 km F - Phil Widmer  
40th 30 km Pursuit - Ivan Babikov  
42nd NH Gundersen - Jason Myslicki  
43rd NH Gundersen - Wes Savill  
44th 30 km Pursuit - Chris Butler  
48th 1.6 km F - Sean Crooks  
55th 1.3 km F - Perianne Jones  
63rd 1.3 km F - Shayla Swanson

- “We are still matching Cross Country's results and they receive much more funding.” Ron Read
- Ski Jumping Team comp tomorrow (Saturday) - As we only have two ski jumping athletes in Liberec, we don't have a team but you can watch results of the team event Live on Saturday morning 8:00 am at <http://live.fiscki.com/live3033.htm>
- Beautiful Facilities - Want to see the hills and courses at Liberec? Check out the virtual tours at: <http://virtualtravel.cz/360/liberec2009/>

## **American Lindsey Van is first women's ski jump world champion**

- See the Canadian Press article on Lindsey Van's win:  
<http://www.google.com/hostednews/canadianpress/article/ALeqM5hC9UWMwKbzzkrE8yNkkOLidanDFA>

## **Canadian Winter Nationals**

“Please make a note that next Saturday, March 07 is our Canadian Winter Nationals competition. It would be great if you could all come out and support our athletes and if there are any positions any of you would like to volunteer or train for, I'd be happy to slot you in. If you could let me know I'd appreciate it.” Pat Callaghan

As mentioned in a previous Update, the small hills competition will be held at COP and the large hills will be held in Whistler during March training.

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