



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING  
& NORDIC COMBINED



## 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.