



ALBERTA SKI JUMPING  
& NORDIC COMBINED



## Update – Sept 24, 2009

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### Nominate Someone or Nominate Yourself!

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- VANOC has offered our sports each an additional Olympic Torchbearer BUT we must submit the name and complete information by tomorrow, **Friday September 25!**
  - “As you know, in just over six weeks the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Torch Relay will begin. October 30th marks the first day of the Torch Relay, and the beginning of one of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games’ most significant milestones. The Olympic Torch Relay will help set the stage for the Games and invite the nation and the world to celebrate with glowing hearts.
  - “It is our great pleasure to extend a special invitation to Nordic Combined Ski Canada (and Ski Jumping Canada – in a separate letter) to be a part of this celebration. In recognition of your exceptional commitment and support to Vancouver 2010 both through the development of your sport as well as through your cooperation with our marketing initiatives, we invite a member of your organization to accept a position as an Olympic Torchbearer.
  - “We are pleased to confirm that we have reserved a Torchbearer position for you. The location and date will be confirmed in the coming days, but in accepting the opportunity the torchbearer must be available at the time and place provided by VANOC. The costs related to any travel required to participate are the responsibility of the torchbearer and/or his or her organization.
  - “We require that you confirm your participation, along with the details outlined below, by **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>**. Upon receiving your confirmation and details, you will receive further information directly from our Olympic Torch Relay team.”
  - Send your name or the name of your nominee to Brent Morrice ([brentmorrice@shaw.ca](mailto:brentmorrice@shaw.ca)) for ski jumping or Tannis Carlson ([tannis.Carlson@gov.ab.ca](mailto:tannis.Carlson@gov.ab.ca)) by noon tomorrow (Friday September 25<sup>th</sup>) and please include the following. If you don't have all the info, please at least include the phone number so they can be contacted.
  - Mandatory Torchbearer Information:
    - First Name
    - Last name
    - Email
    - Gender
    - Date of birth (i.e. May 4, 1970)
    - Address (complete with Postal Code)
    - Language of preference
    - Phone number
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### New Alberta Ski Jumping Nordic Combined (ASJNC) Admin Assistant

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- “We are very pleased to announce that **Ingrid Servold** has accepted our offer as ASJNC Administrative Assistant, replacing Chrissie Noble. Barb Elms has kindly taken over Chrissie's duties over the past month and will now spend the next few weeks transferring them to Ingrid who will start in her position next week.

- “Ingrid will report directly to myself and her primary duties, as outlined by the conditions of the grant, will be; assisting ASJNC with the administration and promotion of the sports, grant applications and reporting, maintaining athlete and membership records and forms, billing, etc... While we have only one year remaining on our Alberta Government Grant for this provincial position we are hoping that her administrative position will be extended on behalf of the training centre.
  - “With Ingrid's extensive background in nordic sports (cross-country, biathlon, ski jumping) she will be an incredible asset to our organization. She is a qualified cross-country ski coach, was a member of the National Biathlon Team and was a provincial and national level rower. She has a B.Sc. in Home Economics and a Business Administration Diploma. We welcome Ingrid to the team and believe that she will be a valuable contributor to ASJNC and the training centre.” Gerry de Leeuw
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## Nordic Combined Update from Finland

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- Coach Ilkka sends this report from Finland:
- “Four Canadian NC-athletes, Jason Myslicki, Wesley Savill, Barrett Martineau and Channon Pretorius have been based in Finland in Vuokatti from July 17 to October 12. We have been training and competing with Finnish, Estonian and Russian national teams.
- “We have been living in Vuokatti where we can do effective NC-training all the time CC-skiing and jumping HS 100. We have had short camps also in Kuopio, Ruka, Jyväskylä, those camps focus have been jumping.
- “We have made good basic training here and we have had possibilities to do things what I have planned. Boys have been motivated here and feeling is good. It has been good to train in Vuokatti and also visit in different training places. In Vuokatti area and Finnish coaches have been working effectively with us as I have been planned before.
- **“We have competed in 2 official NC- competition in Finland:**
- **In Vuokatti July 17**
  1. Anssi Koivuranta, 2. Lauri Asikainen 3. Jaakko Tallus 8. Jason Myslicki 10. Wesley Savill. 21. Barrett Martineau. 28. Channon Pretorius
- **In Lieksa July 25 ( around 5000 spectators!!!!)**
  1. ANSSI KOIVURANTA 2, JAAKKO TALLUS 3. JASON MYSLICKI. Other Canadians placed 15-25.
- “We also have had a few unofficial competitions with other national teams, and I have seen few good performance with Canadian NC-side.
- “September 20 Finnish Nationals are in Lahti, then Janne Ahonen will make official comeback. I just wondering is the Hannu MANNINEN (NC-athlete) there also, because he will make comeback during the next season??? So interesting weekend is coming in September 20.” Ilkka

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## Ski Jumping Fever in Korea

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From the FIS website: The men's Ski Jumping Continental Cup events provided the occasion for the opening of the new ski jumping hills in Alpensia Resort near Pyeongchang (KOR) last weekend. 12'000 enthusiastic spectators were on hand to witness victories by Stefan Hula (POL) and Hyun-Ki Kim (KOR) in the two competitions held on the normal (HS 109) and large (HS 140) hills. The complex boasts a total of five hills, ranging from HS 25 to HS 45, HS 65, HS 109 and HS 140. An impressive stadium offers seating for 10'000 people along with 5'000 standing spectators. In addition, the brand-new stadium presents an artificial waterfall.

The blockbuster success in Korea of a recent movie called "Take Off" which features ski jumpers as its heroes has given rise to real ski jumping fever in the country. Take Off is currently the third most successful cinema film in Korean history. Thanks to great atmosphere and immaculate organization the venue of Alpensia Resort provided a great showcase of its ability to host competitions at higher levels such as FIS Grand Prix or even events in the FIS World Cup.

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## Podcasts

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- Check out the Ski Jump Spectacle PODCAST at <http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/news/podcasts/-/77824/32584/1wdn8n5/index.html>
- and the Nordic Combined PODCAST at <http://www.vancouver2010.com/en/news/podcasts/-/62402/32584/64o8k6/index.html>
- Both starring athletes from our own club!

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## Olympic Torchbearers!

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- Don't forget to volunteer as an Olympic Torchbearer or nominate someone deserving!
- Be sure to include the details required and have the info to Brent or Tannis by tomorrow noon!