

CANADIAN SPORT PARACHUTING ASSOCIATION
COMPETITION AND NATIONAL TEAMS COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE 2016 AGM

It is with sadness I open my report with the announcement of Don Stewart's passing on December 26, 2015. Don passed away after several years living with cancer and cancer treatment. He died peacefully in the company of a friend in Victoria, BC. Don was a passionate supporter of competition skydiving and had served on the CNTC since 2004.

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barb Davies (Chair)
Joe Ablitt (Judges Rating Supervisor)
Don Stewart
Eileen Vaughan (National Coach)
Martin Lemay
Daniel Paquette
John McCarthy (LTAD Liaison) (Compdev)
Rina Gallo

2. NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nationals

Nationals were held at Westlock, Alberta, July 27 through August 3, 2015. There were 100 registered competitors. The weather was not kind which resulted in long days waiting for winds to drop. Some disciplines suffered from low number of teams so events could not have medal presentations or not be held at all. Other events suffered from equipment problems or lack of understanding of the scoring system. There was a well attended demonstration event in Wingsuit both Performance and Acrobatic and a judges training course in both Wingsuit Performance and Acrobatic. Our thanks go to Michelle Matte-Stotyn, CSPA Executive Director, for her attendance and assistance, Neil McGrath for the often thankless job as Chief Judge, Mic Sweeny as Meet Director, the hosts Edmonton Skydive and of course all the competitors and volunteers who tried very hard to make the event a success.

There was a fatality towards the end of the Nationals, Andrew Donald, participating in the Wingsuit Performance event. Our condolences go out to his family and friends.

International Parachuting Events 2015

World Cup Wingsuit Performance - Netheravon, England, May 25-29, 2015. Competitors included Marc-Andre Denault and Nicholas Yu. Marc-Andre Deanault won the bronze medal only 6 pts behind the winner and 1 pt behind second place. Nicholas Yu, fairly new to Wingsuit flying placed 33rd out of a field of 56. Promising futures for both. Buzz Bennett attended the judge's training course and acted as Head of Delegation to assist the competitors.

World Cup Canopy Piloting - Farnham, QC, August 25-30, 2015. Canadian competitors included: Chris Day and Serge Blouin. In total there were 76 competitors from 19 countries.

CSPA was represented by Brian Cole and Michelle Matte-Stotyn operating the In-Time scoring system. A judges training course was held, sponsored by CSPA and included six Canadian judges. Barb Davies acted as Assistant to the Chief Judge. Nouvel Air, as always, was 100% behind making the event the best it could be.

World Cup Indoor Skydiving Prague, Czech Republic - included Canadian officials Barb Davies acting as a jury member and Rina Gallo acting as Chief Judge of the Formation Skydiving Event.

World Air Games - Dubai, UAE - December 1-12, 2015 - WAG is a multi-air sport, multi-discipline event which is by invitation only. Results from previous World Championships are used to select competitors. Barb Davies was selected by the Aero Club of Canada as the Head of Delegation for Canada. Each discipline has only a select number of individuals or teams chosen on their previous performance. It is prestigious to be invited, Canada qualified in 6 events in parachuting. Canadian competitors included air sports Parachuting, Ballooning, Aero Modeling and Paragliding. Team Leaders included: Michelle Matte-Stotyn, Izzy Perry and Marie France Daignault. Also included Canopy Formation Panel judge: Rina Gallo.

Parachuting Competitors included:

FS4 & VFS 4 - Evolution - Martin Lemay, Vincent Lemay, Benoit Lemay, Jean- Christophe Ouimet, Jean-Sebastien Vadeboncoeur, Monika Wittmer

FS4 Women's - Fuzion -Marie-Eve Dallaire, Janylene Breton, Valerie Bisson, Renee Point, Julie Martel and Martin Casgrain (replacing Sylvie Tremblay)

Accuracy - John Davies, Joe Ablitt, Jim Patterson Dumitru Streza, Lionel Chambon

Canopy Piloting - 2 competitors - Sven Jseppi and John Minos

Canopy Formation - Pararescue - Eric Dinn, Lee Bibby, George Beatteay - respectfully declined invitation

Evolution won the gold medal in Vertical Formation Skydiving and Fuzion won the bronze medal in Women's Formation Skydiving. All competitors presented well. Scores for all events are available via the FAI website, www.fai.org/parachuting

International Events 2016

Nouvel Air in Farnham, QC, will host the World Parachuting Championships of Canopy Piloting, dates August 21-28, 2016.

Mondial World Parachuting Championships Skydive Chicago USA September 9-23, 2016.

At time of writing we expect to see a WPC Wingsuit Acrobatic and Performance, perhaps in the United States.

There were other World Cups in 2015, in Bulgaria and Holland and a World Championships of Indoor Skydiving in Czech Republic. Canadians attended these competitions as officials or guest jumpers but not as competing individuals/teams.

3. CSPA CANADIAN RECORDS

Only Registered Participants (RP) of CSPA can participate in Canadian Records. So the requirements are very simple, a person must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and be an RP of CSPA. If you are making a record attempt it is advisable to contact the CNTC to confirm requirements of the record and how to apply for the record. Specifics are available in PIM 4D.

A notation for 2015: include in our records achievements in line with IPC records we had not adopted previously and then records achieved during 2015.

A-1b Individual Accuracy - 10 round program

General: Joe Ablitt Lodi, California April 2011 15cm

Women: Dana Sasarean Burnaby, ON August 2007 27 cm

C-1 Formation Skydiving - Longest Sequence

Women: December 10, 2015 Dubai, UAE 26 points "Fuzion"
Valerie Bisson, Janylene Breton, Marie-Eve Dallaire, Renee Point, Martin
Casgrain (camera)

J-1 Wingsuit - Largest Formation

Womens:

September 6, 2015 Joliette, QC 9 persons
Karine Drolet, Carine St Marseille, Pamela Casaubon, Audrey Bernier, Michelle Wong,
Liz Jack, Catherine Bolduc, Vanessa Mercure, Stacy Meisner, David Lutzy (camera)

September 6, 2015 Notre Dame de Lourde, QC 8 persons
Karine Drolet, Carine St Marseille, Pamela Casaubon, Audrey Bernier, Michelle Wong, Liz Jack, Catherine
Bolduc, Vanessa Mercure, David Lutzy (camera)

J-3 Wingsuit Time of Fall (performance)

General: Marc-Andre Denault May 28, 2015 Netheravon, UK 270.8 seconds
Nicolas Yu May 26, 2015 Netheravon, UK 156.8 seconds

J-4 Wingsuit Distance of Flight (performance)

General: Nicholas Yu May 27, 2015 Netheravon, UK 7.225 km
Women: open

J-5 Wingsuit Distance (competition)

General: Marc-Andre Denault May 27, 2015 Netheravon, UK 4.471 km

J-7 Wingsuit Time

General: Marc-Andre Denault May 27, 2015 Netheravon, UK 88 seconds

4. CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAMS

Team Members are selected from the Canadian National Parachuting Championships and in exceptional circumstances by application to the CNTC taking into consideration previous competitive experience, ability, perceived motivation, and commitment. At time of writing selections have been made in Accuracy, Formation Skydiving Open, Formation Skydiving Women's, Vertical Formation Skydiving, Formation Skydiving 8 Way, Canopy Piloting and Canopy Formation. Invitations will be sent to all concerned and we will await responses. Wingsuit being a demonstration event at our Nationals and not officially recognized as a competition discipline by the BoD has not undergone a selection procedure, applications for participation in the next WPC Wingsuit will be solicited from CSPA Registered Participants once a location has been approved and numbers of participants allowed to represent each country is determined.

Team Funding

Team members receive an equitable share of the interest generated by the principal fund and in addition; funds donated by CSPA Registered Participants or other charitable donors on an ongoing basis for each specific discipline. Funds are shared equitably by those persons entered in those specific events who finish in the top 75% at World Parachuting Championships (WPC). The only WPC in 2015 our members attended was the Wingsuit World Championships. At the time of the competition Wingsuit was not a recognized discipline by CSPA hence no financial

support. In November the CSPA BoD officially included Wingsuit as a recognized discipline and authorized the set up of a fund specific to Wingsuit.

5. RATED JUDGES

Joe Ablitt has acted as the Ratings Administrator for at least the past 10 years. He liaises directly with the Judges and the Chair of the IPC Judges Committee to ensure annual validation of international ratings and nomination of Canadian judges to the FAI List of Judges for specific competitions. Going forward the CNTC will no longer be responsible for judge certifications. An adhoc committee has been formed to be responsible for all judge related issues and to review and update all judges' manuals. We thank Joe for his dedication and attention to detail all these years. A list of currently rated judges is available on the CSPA website PIM4E app I.

The National Judge's Training Seminar (NJTS) took place March 13-15, 2015 in Langley, BC. 10 judges attended. The seminar includes a review of new IPC rules and practice using current judging media and in breaks discussion of upcoming or past events, judging issues and general information. Roger Theriault joined us for the first time this past year, Joe Ablitt joined us Saturday afternoon and evening. John Davies, as in past years, volunteered his services to support the seminar.

An IPC Judges Training Course in CP took place at the World Cup in Farnham, QC August 25-30, 2015. Six Canadian judges took part. CSPA generously supported the course by reimbursement of entry fees upon successful completion of the course. Anders Berggren (Sweden) was Chief of Judges Training, I appreciate the extra time he took encouraging and working with judges whose first language is French, making sure all English language requirements were fulfilled.

6. ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT

Three athlete development seminars were supported financially by CSPA through application to the CNTC program. These included a skills camp at Okanagan Skydive including members of Evolution, a canopy piloting seminar hosted by Skydive Moncton and canopy piloting seminar and competition presented by Jay Moledzki in conjunction with Alberta Sport Parachute Association. Other seminars were supported by the Women's Initiative Committee and Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD). The CNTC requested the responsibility for these seminars be passed to another committee. We feel the work accepting applications, approving and follow up is too time consuming for the CNTC. Future applications for Athlete Development will now be directed to the LTAD committee.

7. INFORMATION SOURCES

The CSPA website has undergone extensive renovation over the past year. In the meantime the CNTC was told not to expect anything to be posted to the website until further notice. I think further notice came in September 2015. We no longer have a person on the CNTC dedicated to updating or reviewing the website however, we will need to monitor the CNTC portion as best we can. Michelle Matte-Stotyn and Brian Cole are in charge of the website.

Manuals have been under revision on an ongoing basis. PIM4A, which was updated in the fall of 2014, was awaiting the go ahead for translation. It has subsequently been revised four times. It hopefully will appear on the website in time to be useful to anyone wishing to bid to host the 2017 Nationals. Currently PIM 4A and PIM 4E are with the BoD for approval and will then go to translation, after this edition, the CNTC will not be responsible for PIM 4E revisions. At time of writing PIM 4D is currently under revision with its appendices. PIM 4 B is no longer under the responsibility of the CNTC and will be updated by the newly formed Judging Committee. The CNTC's responsibilities have changed and grown substantially as skydiving has evolved. It is time we revamped our policies and procedures and that will be in our sights after PIM 4D and its' appendices.

8. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The CNTC held its usual committee meeting at the 2015 Nationals in Westlock, Alberta; five of our eight members attended; two apologies due to work commitments, one due to ill health. We had the opportunity to meet with

competitors regarding issues relating particularly to their disciplines or as a whole with regards to international meets. The absent members of the committee were informed of the discussions the same day by minutes of the meetings. The majority of our work is done by email and during this past year I have been able to meet with most of the members of the committee while attending competitions or events close to their homes or by mutual agreement while performing other duties in other places.

9. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Registration for International competitions usually falls in the lap of the CNTC. This year's registration for the World Air Games was extremely time consuming. I estimate 75% of our competitors had issues using the FAI registration portal. In the end, the registration people who took over from the FAI required the same information from the CNTC as if there had never been a registration portal. Of course, in the end everything worked out and was perfect when we arrived on site, but was a major headache May through November.

Indoor Skydiving (IS) is a discipline supported by the IPC. We spent considerable time investigating and debating the relevance of IS in our world of competition. It is big, as most of the current IS competitors in Canada are already skydivers, if they are old enough to be. Indoor Skydiving is here to stay, the CNTC supports the inclusion of IS as a competitive discipline within CSPA.

International Parachuting Commission (IPC) nominees for 2016 have been confirmed as follows: Rina Gallo (delegate), Barb Davies (alternate delegate), Martin Lemay (official observer and member of the FS and IS committees) and R. Bennett (official observer and member of both the finance and the rules and regulations committee).

Eileen Vaughan has acted as our National Coach since 2010 and continues to do a great job following up with advising competitors how to make training plans, steps to follow, what's important to consider. She is a very important resource and although she has been rated as a Coach 3 for as long as most people can remember, she will participate as a candidate in the first Competition Development Coach course being held in the spring 2016.

John McCarthy is retiring as a member of the CNTC after nine years of service. We thank him for his insight and opinions over all these years. John will be turning his attention to coaching competitive athletes in his favourite disciplines: style and accuracy.

With the passing of Don Stewart and the retirement of John McCarthy, the CNTC will be seeking two new members. How best to find them is under consideration.

Thanks to Judy Renaud and Michelle Matte-Stotyn at the office for their help during the year and Suzanne Carter at the Aero Club of Canada for her great service to our association in all manners pertaining to the ACC/FAI/IPC

Sincere thanks to the many Registered Participants of CSPA who volunteer their expertise and time to help the CNTC develop programs and special projects related to competition and to the members of the CNTC for their direction and opinions backed by years of experience and special skydiving related talents.

Respectfully
Barb Davies/ Chair Competition and National Teams Committee

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