

2025 AGM

COMPETITION AND NATIONAL TEAMS REPORT

Joe Ablitt, Chair

COMMITTEE MAKEUP

Lee Bibby Kelsey Fry
Richard Bisson Rina Gallo
Barb Davies Benoit Lemay
Nicholas Yu
Jason Warren, BOD Liaison

In 2024 the Committee met a number of times using the Microsoft Teams meeting platform and conversed on a weekly basis by email. I would like to thank my committee members for their input throughout the year. The CNTC has numerous duties and having a group of committee members helping out as needed is a great assistance.

As you have probably heard our skydiving community lost a friend with the recent death of Katelyn Escott in December. Katelyn was an integral part of this Committee and her loss has been shocking and deeply felt. She will be missed by all of us and her input on CNTC topics and Wingsuit in particular, will be missed.

CNTC members carrying out special projects:

Benoit Lemay: National Teams Coordinator (NTC) – overseeing Invitation letters to National Team members and international meet registrations

Joe Ablitt: Records Administrator (RA) – National records administration

2025 Canadian Nationals

As noted in CanPara and the CSPA web site the CNTC has successfully secured a bid for the 2025 Nationals. Parachute Montreal Rive-Sud will be the host at the Farnham DZ where all disciplines will be competing. The dates are Sept 13 to 20th. Stay tuned and hope to see you there.

2024 International Competition Attendance:

CSPA National athletes competed at three different World Parachuting Championships in 2024. For a complete listing of team member performances please see Intime scoring or the ISC event results.

38th FAI World Accuracy Landing Championships

31 Aug – 6 Sep 2024, Prostějov, Czechia.

Canadian Team: Joe Ablitt, Damir Boban, Cezar Bucevschi, Mario Lakatos and Craig Winning.

Head of Delegation: Barb Davies

Team Leader: John Davies

10th FAI World Canopy Piloting Championships

25 Sep – 29 Sep 2024, Skydive Pretoria, South Africa

Canadian Team: Simon Bouchard, Max Lesziak, and Sven Jseppi.

Head of Delegation: Scott Swain

5th FAI World Wingsuit Flying Championships

05 Oct – 11 Oct 2024, Beaufort, North Carolina, USA

Canadian Team: Daniel Lacasse, Bradley Meyer, Gustavo Natotschiev, Benoit Sauriol and Nicholas Yu.

Head of Delegation: Katelyn Escott

Also of note:

5th FAI World Cup of Indoor Skydiving

2 Apr – 14 Apr 2024, Macau, China

Representing Canada: Dawson Hinton and Olivier Provost.

SPECIAL MENTION: OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE

The CNTC is pleased to report that **Sven Jseppi** won a **Bronze Medal** in the Speed Event at the Canopy Piloting World Championships in South Africa. This achievement has been added to the list of WPC medals won by CSPA athletes and can be viewed, along with previous medal achievements over the past 50 years, on the CSPA website.

As well, **Max Lesziak**, also at the Canopy Piloting World Championships in South Africa, had the best time in the CP Distance event and in doing so set an ISC **Continental Record - North America** in the Distance Event

CSPA NATIONAL RECORDS SET in 2024 (PIM-4D)

Competition Record Categories

A-2A - Team Accuracy Lowest Score - 8 round program

General Open: **Joe Ablitt, Cezar Bucevschi, Damir Boban, Craig Winning**

Skydive Toronto, ON July 12-13, 2024 267cm

A-2A - Team Accuracy Lowest Score - 8 round program

General Open: **Joe Ablitt, Mario Lakatos, Damir Boban, Craig Winning, Cezar Bucevschi**

Prostejov, Czechia, Sep 1-4, 2024 125cm

I-1B – CP (Canopy Piloting) – Drag Distance

General: **Max Lesziak** WPC, South Africa September 26, 2024 219.50 metres

I-3B – CP (Canopy Piloting) – Carved Speed 70m

General: **Sven Jseppi** WPC, South Africa September 27, 2024 1.792 seconds

J-3 Wingsuit Time

General: **Benoit Sauriol** WPC, North Carolina, USA October 7, 2024 92.3 seconds

Performance Record Categories

C-7 - Formation Skydiving – 10-way Event – Time to Star

General: **Tyler Evans, Lawrence Maulsby, Charles Scollard, Scotia Haig, Jonathan Tessier, David Gransden, Bradley Ambeley, Martin Sevigny, Scott McAnerin, Jennifer Hart**

Camera: **Jake Mason**

Parachute Ottawa, Arnprior, ON August 31, 2024 39.13 seconds

F-1 - Cross-Country (Canopy Descents)

General: **Yu Gui** Skydive Toronto, ON September 8, 2024 39.700kms

J5 - Wingsuit Distance of Flight

General: **Daniel Mera Gonzalez** Skydive Toronto, ON July 13, 2024 7.590 km

J5 - Wingsuit Distance of Flight

General: **Chris Saindon** Skydive Burnaby, ON September 1, 2024 10.170km

J5 - Wingsuit Distance of Flight

General: **Chris Saindon** Skydive Toronto, ON September 8, 2024 14.660kms

J5A - Wingsuit Horizontal Speed

General: **David Krzikoswky** Skydive Burnaby, ON September 1, 2024 268.208 kms/hr

J5A - Wingsuit Horizontal Speed

General: **Katelyn Escott** Skydive Vancouver Island September 21, 2024 275.487 kms/hr

Women: **Katelyn Escott** Skydive Vancouver Island September 21, 2024 275.487 kms/h

CSPA 2024 Virtual Competition

The Virtual Competition was a success. Approximately 105 skydivers took part at their local drop zones and sent in their videos for virtual scoring online. The scores by Intime can be viewed on the CSPA web site. The winners were awarded CSPA Virtual Record Certificates.

The main goal behind the virtual competition was to hopefully encourage more competition and as a result more attendance at our Nationals.

The Virtual Certificates were awarded to:

CF 2-way Junior (most pts/highest avg), Team Carmen Fred: Carmen Juneau, Frederic Foret, Videographer: David Theolis

CF 2-way Junior (most pts per round), Team Carmen_Fred: Carmen Juneau, Frederic Foret, Videographer: David Theolis

CF 2-way Open, (most pts/highest avg), Team Talon Extreme: Lee Bibby, Garth Brown, videographer: Jen Hart

CF 2-way Open, (most pts per round), Team Talon Extreme: Lee Bibby, Garth Brown, videographer: Jen Hart

FS 2-way Open, (most pts/highest avg), Team Bugs Life: Viktoriia Zotova, Clayton Jensen, Videographers: Roman Turetskiy, Gary Hull, Christopher J. Boutilier

FS 2-way Open, (most pts per round), Team Rose et Richard: Rosemarie Sarazin, Richard Bisson

FS 3-way Intermediate, (most pts/highest avg), Team Purple B: Cynthia Belleau, Myreille Grenier, Camille Rochefort, Videographer: Steven Bittan

FS 3-way Intermediate, (most pts per round), Team HAR: Annie Houle, Hugo Prudhomme, Richard Bisson

FS 4-way Junior, (most pts/highest avg), Team Burble Express: Cynthia Belleau, Myreille Grenier, Sarahan Dussault, Jeff Latour, Videographer: Steven Bittan

FS 4-way Junior, (most pts per round), Team Burble Express: Cynthia Belleau, Myreille Grenier, Sarahan Dussault, Jeff Latour, Videographer: Steven Bittan

Co-placing with:

FS 4-way Junior, (most pts per round), Team R2F2: Frederick Plante, Robert Paulin, Francisco Guimaraes, Richard Bisson, Hugo Prudhomme, videographer: Ron Gagne

FS 4-way Intermediate, (most pts/highest avg), Team Abbotsfour: Derek Smith, Donnie Graves, Beth Graves, Prashant Kumar Pradhan, Videographer: Dennis Harker

FS 4-way Intermediate, (most pts per round), Team Abbotsfour: Derek Smith, Donnie Graves, Beth Graves, Prashant Kumar Pradhan, Videographer: Dennis Harker

FS 4-way Senior, (most pts/highest avg), Team Elysium: Pascale Bouchard, Emilie Guilbaud, Marilyn Perras, Mathieu Ouellet, Videographer: Daniel Lepot

FS 4-way Senior, (most pts per round), Team Elysium: Pascale Bouchard, Emilie Guilbaud, Marilyn Perras, Mathieu Ouellet, Videographer: Daniel Lepot

FS 4-way Open, (most pts/highest avg), Team Aces: Charles Scollard, Scott McAnerin, Tyler Evans, Jonathan Tessier, Videographer Jake Mason

FS 4-way Open, (most pts per round), Team Aces: Charles Scollard, Scott McAnerin, Tyler Evans, Jonathan Tessier, Videographer Jake Mason

VFS 4-way Open, (most pts/highest avg), Team 6nine0: Monika Wittmer, Jean-Christophe Ouimet, Jordan Puzantian, Tommy Serre, Videographer: Simon Piette

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WS Performance Open: Bradley Meyer.

Team Acc, Joe Ablitt, Damir Boban, Cezar Bucevschi, Craig Winning

Accuracy Consecutive Landings Open: Cezar Bucevschi

Accuracy Consecutive Landings Intermediate: Peter Chapman

National Team Trust Fund (PIM 4F)

The purpose of the National Team Trust Fund is to provide funding for our National Teams who represent us at World Parachuting Championships. The interest generated by the Trust Fund along with donations to specific disciplines are distributed. In 2024 the fund generated \$21,687.75 in interest. As well, \$860 was received in donations. These amounts were distributed to our athletes according to the payout formula. Based upon performance, a team or team member must perform in the top 75% to be eligible. In 2024, of the 13 athletes eligible, 9 qualified for funding.

The CNTC helps to administer the Funds and has modified the funding formula so that in future years, all our athletes will get a portion of the Funds while ensuring the bulk of the payouts are still based on the 75% performance criteria.

CNTC Budget

The CNTC has submitted their 2025 budget estimates to the BOD. Please see the AGM budget information for details.

Documentation and Manual Revisions

In 2024, the CNTC worked on the following documents and revisions:

PIM 4A Hosting Manual: CSPA struggles to find Hosts for our National. A revision has been made to reduce the expense of the judges that Hosts will bear which will make hosting the Nationals a more attractive venture for potential Hosts.

PIM 4B General Section – (rules): various updates to align with changes made at the ISC level. Clarification of when and who will receive medals at our Nationals.

PIM 4D Canadian Records:

- Clarification of the rules and differences between the competition and performance 10-way star events
- Addition of a Wingsuit Horizontal Speed event
- Clarification of the number Judges required to be present for performance record attempts
- Addition of FS and VFS Highest Average categories.
- Addition of a Wingsuit Large Formation Sequential, no grip event.
- Addition of the Virtual Competition event.
- Addition of the Canopy Piloting, Full Drag Distance event.
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PIM 4F CNTC Policy and Procedures:

- Created a new Head of Delegation Agreement
- Revised the National Team Athlete Agreement
- Revised the athlete invitation letters and Acceptance Agreement.
- Revised the Ch.8 Team Fund Policy.

Thanks:

I would like once again to thank my committee members for their input and help over 2024. And I would also like to thank the CSPA home office and Michelle Matte-Stotyn and Judy Renaud who gave our committee immense and continuous support this past year.

Bye:

With the end of this AGM, I am resigning as Chair and as a member of the CNTC. I have been a committee member since 1981 and wish to end what has been an enjoyable 40 plus year experience. Thank you.

Respectfully submitted
Joe Ablitt, CNTC Chair