

CANADIAN SPORT PARACHUTING ASSOCIATION
COMPETITION AND NATIONAL TEAMS COMMITTEE
REPORT TO THE 2017 AGM

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Barb Davies (Chair)
Joe Ablitt
Eileen Vaughan
Martin Lemay
Daniel Paquette
Rina Gallo
Blair Egan
Debbie Flanagan (BOD liason)

Blair Egan joined us late in the year. We are thrilled to have him on our team. He has several years experience organizing and competing in Wingsuit events and is currently a member of our Canadian Wingsuit team.

2. NATIONAL / INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Nationals

Bids for the Canadian Nationals are due August 31st, in the year preceding the intended event. The organizer prepares the bid according to the current edition PIM4A, which this year was posted to the CSPA website in May. Our committee advises the potential hosts, upon request, so they can prepare the best possible submissions and once received carefully considers the proposal. In the case of only one bid, as there was this year, we negotiate with the potential host, as necessary, considering the needs of the various players involved in the Nationals.

2017 Nationals has been awarded to **Nouvel Air, Farnham, QC**. The dates **June 30 through July 7**. The host in scheduling the Nationals has responded to past requests of including only one weekend in the event and Wingsuit will debut as our newest competition discipline. Check out CSPA Facebook and Nouvel Air website for updates. Everyone needs to be there!!!

International Parachuting Events 2016

One of goals as a committee is to encourage the advancement of our sport through competitive excellence. The world stage is the place to be to foster friendly relationships among nations, exchange new ideas, test yourself against the best in the world, develop as a team player and builder and bring home new methods and techniques.

Once an individual has demonstrated his/her skill and been approved as a Canadian Team member his/her hard work is still only in the beginning stages. So for our committee, first approving and recommending the makeup of the Canadian Teams, monitoring their activities, keeping on top of the registration requirements for as many international events as there are in a year, collecting personal

information and documentation from each competitor, meeting registration deadlines, collecting fees, overseeing the arrangements for attending, following their performance, saving the results, reporting on the performances. I must not forget clothing them, more on that later, answering every little question that comes along and later dispensing Team Fund monies to those who performed to the standard required to receive a share. It is time consuming, sometimes confusing, sometimes overwhelming but worth it in the end. Worth it when our team members push themselves to do their competitive best and bring recognition to Canada as strong competitors with a sense of conviction and fair play.

*****World Championships Wingsuit Performance** Zephyrhills, Florida, Nov 2-10, 2016. There were 64 competitors from 22 countries. Wingsuit Performance competitors included: Nicholas Yu, Blair Egan, and Nicolas Alie-Charland. Blair placed highest of the Canadians at 17th, Nicholas at 37th and Nicolas at 45th. A good showing for a first WPC both for the discipline and our competitors. Doug Stoski, also chosen for the WS Performance team, sadly passed away from injuries sustained in a canopy piloting accident August 13, 2016.

*****World Cup Wingsuit Acrobatic** Zephyrhills, Florida Nov 2-10, 2016 There were 24 competitors from 6 countries. Wingsuit Acrobatic competitors: Team Fast Forward: David Lutzy, Catherine Bolduc and Sasha Moquin made application and were approved to represent Canada, however did not attend.

*****World Championships Canopy Piloting** - Farnham, QC, August 20-27, 2016. Canadian competitors included: Sven Jseppi, Martin Lemay, Benoit Lemay, John Minos, Nicolas Malley, Peter Kozak and Eric Deroy. There were 82 competitors from 23 countries. Sven Jseppi placed highest of Canadians and earned an invitation to the World Games Poland in 2017.

CSPA was represented by Brian Cole and Michelle Matte-Stotyn operating the In-Time scoring system, Barb Davies acted as Assistant to the Chief Judge, Rina Gallo and Neil McGrath as principal judges. Nouvel Air, as always, was 100% behind making the event the best it could be. The event, however, was plagued by bad weather and not completed. No overall champion could be declared, medals only in Speed and Zone Accuracy on the strength of the rounds completed.

*****World Championships - Mondial** - Skydive Chicago, September 10-21, 2016
Competitors included:

Accuracy - John Davies, Joe Ablitt, Cezar Buchevchi, Jim Patterson, Craig Winning
Women's Accuracy - Dana Sasarean

Canopy Formation - Plaid Jackets - Lyal Waddell, Shane Lystang, Mike DeRoo
- Pararescue - Eric Dinn, Lee Bibbly, George Beatteay

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

FS4 Women's - Fuzion -Marie-Eve Dallaire, Janylene Breton, Valerie Bisson, Renee Point and Martin Casgrain

Freestyle: Karine Provost, Marc-Olivier Pinault

FS 8 - Josee Leblanc, Aidan Walters, Bruce Robertson, Sebastian Leybold,
Richard Bisson, Donald Graves, Heather Porteous, Philippe Morin, Andrea Greening,
Mike Deroo, Jocelyn Viens (camera)

Evolution won the **silver medal** in VFS with a total 151 points after 8 rounds and came 6th in 4 way FS with a total 214 points after 10 rounds. **Fuzion** came in 4th place in Women's FS with a total 171 points, trailing the bronze medal winners by only 4 points over 10 rounds. For the first time ever we sent 2- 2 way CF teams to a WPC and they placed one behind the other, 8th and 9th, Plaid Jackets 115 points, Para Rescue 104 points after 8 rounds. Karine Provost, with Marc-O Pinault, was our first ever Freestyle Performer placing 10th. The best placing for our Accuracy competitors was John Davies 52nd with an average after 8 rounds of 0.03 and for the Accuracy Team 13th with a total after 8 rounds 1.29. The 8 way FS team, Divergence, scored 99 points after 10 rounds. All competitors in all events presented well and new Canadian records were set in VFS and CF. Scores for all events are available: www.fai.org/parachuting and www.omniscore.com.

Andrea Greening volunteered to be Head of Delegation during the Mondial. Her competitive experience is an asset as well as her outgoing personality. She came well prepared and worked hard for all the teams. Many thanks to her from the CNTC and the athletes.

*****World Cup Indoor Skydiving** - Poland. Although CSPA does not presently embrace Indoor Skydiving we should note Canadians competed in this FAI First Category Event and came away with medals.

International Events 2017 and 2018

***SkyVenture Montreal will host the 2nd FAI World Championship Indoor Skydiving - October 19-23, 2017 and will host a selection event for Canadian competitors in February 2017.

***2017 World Cups will take place in:
Germany for FS, AE, Speed and CF;
Montenegro for Accuracy,
Dubai for Canopy Piloting and Nevada,
USA for Wingsuit.

World Cups are open to a larger number of competitors per country than WPCs. The CNTC will assist in registration as necessary upon request. Details of events can be found: www.fai.org/parachuting.

***2017 World Games - Poland, an invitation only event, will include Canopy Piloting. Sven Jseppi will represent Canada.

***2018 is World Championship year again:
Australia will host FS, AE, Speed and CF;
Bulgaria is for Accuracy, Czech
Republic for Wingsuit and
Poland for Canopy Piloting.
Bahrain for WC Indoor

3. CSPA CANADIAN RECORDS

Our Canadian Records program exists to bring like minded skydivers together, promote activity and acknowledge achievements. Every year events are organized across the country to do just this and set new Canadian Records. 2016 was no exception and my committee wants to remind everyone of the hard work put in by the organizers of the events, by this committee and the CSPA office staff.

Obviously, it is our pleasure to do the work involved which includes tasks like PIM4D, the Records Manual; which has been thoroughly updated this year including new record categories descriptions and requirements, a new application form and revamping the Current and Retired documents. So without going into great detail about how many hours it takes to set up, discuss, organize, monitor, approve, ratify and eventually send out certificates noting achievements of our athletes; the following are the Canadian Records for 2016, our congratulations to all record holders:

C-4 Vertical Formation Skydiving - longest sequence

General: September 13, 2016 Mondial, Chicago USA 29 points Evolution
Martin Lemay, Vincent Lemay, Benoit Lemay, JC Ouimet, Jean-Sebastien
Vadeboncoeur (camera)

D-5 Canopy Formation – 2-way Longest Sequence (60 sec. Working time)

General: September 14, 2016 Skydive Chicago, Mondial 22 points "Plaid Jackets"
Lyal Waddell, Shane Lystang, Mike DeRoo (camera)

September 13, 2016 Skydive Chicago, Mondial 18 points "Plaid Jackets"
Lyal Waddell, Shane Lystang, Mike DeRoo (camera)

September 13, 2016 Skydive Chicago, Mondial 18 points "ParaRescue"
Lee Bibby, Eric Dinn, George Beatteay (camera)

C-2B Formation Skydiving - Largest Formation - Single Engine

General: September 4, 2016 Skydive Toronto 13 persons
Brian Cole, Bryan Ross, Robert Francis Joseph Waugh, Angela Dupuis, Stephen
Lennox, Neil Reynolds, Travis Brintnell, Mauro Zappala, Michelle Gilbert, Jacob Lee,
Candice Stevenson, Daniel Steinke, Shawn Powell, Marc Downing (camera)

C-2C Formation Skydiving - Largest Formation - Sequential

General: July 23, 2016 Farnham, QC Nouvel Air 42 persons / 3 points

Stéphane Bastien, Yanik Beaulieu, Geneviève Béliveau, Pascal Blais, Jean-Francois
Boudreault, Renée Branch, Luce Brault, Monique Careau, Luc de la Chevrotière, Pierre
Dalcourt, Mélisa Fortin, Philippe Fournier, Ronald Gagné, Vicki Gauthier, Paul Jeffrey
Gemmell, Luc Geoffroy, Jean-Marc Hainey, François Leblanc, Josée Leblanc, Gilles
Leboeuf, Patrick Leclair, Jonathan L'Ecuyer, Jonathan Lefebvre, Martin Lemay,
Lawrence Maulsby, Nathalie Métivier, Philippe Morin, Yves Morisset, Mathieu
Ouellet, Sean Paquette, Céline Pelletier, Benjamin Poiret, Valérie Poulin, Sonia

Santerre, Louis-David Sirois, Angus Smith, Sylvie Tétreault, Stéphane Thérien,
Maxime Trocmee, Stéfanie Turcotte-Côté, Katherine Walsh, Andrew Whittington.
Camera: Daniel Paquette

G-2 Vertical Largest Formation -head down

General: August 11, 2016 Parachute Montreal, St-Esprit, QC 54 persons

Alain Nadeau, Marc-Olivier Pinault, Jeffrey Dean, Charles Beaulieu, Scott Stevens,
Jason Michaud, Neil Reynolds, David Cvetanovski, H  l  ne D'Astous, Shawn Perreault,
Jonathan Parent, Chad Leslie, Martin Lemay, Sacha Moquin, Mathieu Daudelin,
Richard Guilbault, Daniel S  vigny, Phillippe Thibodeau, Fran  ois Hamel, Jeff Whibbs,
Patrick Michaud, Greg Lu, Andrew Toman, Benoit Lemay, Monika Wittmer, Fabien
Marzolf, Genny Gu  rin, Codie Moffet, JC Ouimet, Dominic Chaput, Simon Poirier,
Ron Sebag, Bruno Gohier, JV Vadeboncoeur, Marcel Thimot, Martin S  vigny,
Jeff Schrompf, Patrice Fortin, Mathieu Lebel, Alexandre C  t  , Ky Kvisle, Craig
Helmka, Cody Wright, Sebastien Plourde, Troy Rodway, Mercedes Smolders,
Mario Pr  vost, Mike Gravelle, Jess Harper, Sara Curtis, Greg Noonan, Mike Di Lisi,
Allison Gandy, Glen Cannon, Brian Buckland (camera)

D-4 Canopy Formation - largest formation Women's

Women: August 28, 2016 Voltige 5 persons
Marie-Eve Raymond, Marie-Joelle Dor  , Julie Trottier, Audrey Bernier,
Catherine Vaillancourt-Roy, Nicolas Huard (camera)

As a footnote to this section I should inform you there were no World Records set by Canadians this year. World Records have certainly required a lot of time spent and expense to the CNTC. However, the IPC and the FAI have come to an agreement over the past year whereby the IPC can prepare and recommend a portfolio for ratification by the FAI. They have created a position IPC Records Officer and also have made provision if a World Record is attained at a WPC, the application for approval is prepared by the Jury to the Records Officer and the fee is paid out of the sanction fees collected at the competition. This is also afforded at a reduced rate, off the top of my head it is 60 Euros, rather than the former 200 Euros per application. This should relieve the countries from the paperwork nightmare trying to deal with an organization based in Switzerland and the expenses incurred.

For Records attained outside of an FCE, we believe we can still access the assistance of the Record Liaison Officer, at least we intend to try.

4. TEAM FUND

During 2016, Wingsuit was included in our approved competitive disciplines and Wingsuit Team members became eligible to qualify for support from the Team Fund Principal and Designated Accounts. The CSPA Treasurer, Ian Flanagan, makes the calculations as to the total payout, the CNTC monitors the performances and determines the distributions by discipline and eligible competitor.

The total payout from the Team Fund accounts was \$41,917.96 for this two year cycle. World Parachute Championships are the only eligible competitions and they happen every second year.

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 competitors who finish in the top 75% at World Parachuting Championships (WPC). 28 competitor positions qualified for a share of the Funds this year.

A change has been made to the Team Fund policy this year. A competitor who qualifies, competes and meets the performance standard in more than one discipline and attends a second WPC at an entirely separate location will qualify for a second share of the Team Fund. Two shares of the Team Fund is the maximum allowed any single competitor.

5. TEAM UNIFORMS

It is CSPA's responsibility in line with the terms of the Athlete Agreement made between each Canadian Team member and the Association to provide team uniforms for wearing at WPC's, particularly during parading and official presentations. I am happy to tell you that several of our teams also have personal uniforms which they wear during competition and the long days on drop zones. But for the official attire, one uniform for all. In the past years we've had several challenges including styles, fit, unisex outfits not being entirely acceptable, embroidery sparking French/English language debates, peoples favorite colour choices and on and on. We will never get past all these controversies no matter what we do. I'm not sure anyone, who hasn't dealt with ordering uniforms for upwards of 50 very different people with very different views on fashion, can really appreciate the time, costs, organization and stress involved.

Our utmost respect and thanks go to Martin Lemay and Karine Prevost who took on the job of sourcing, ordering and distributing the team uniforms this year. The CNTC collected the sizing information and approved and monitored the spending.

The uniform consisted of a red and white shirt manufactured and printed by an Australian supplier, the epitome of current skydiving fashion, French and English given equal billing; black trousers or Lu-lu Lemon tights for the ladies delivered in a very stylish bag. Red shoes, although desirable were not in keeping with the budget. All was well until sometime just before the Canopy Piloting meet in Farnham.

The shirts were reportedly stuck in customs awaiting the payment of import duties. Invoice paid and still no shirts arriving. Time past, one week prior to the start of the Mondial in Chicago we are informed the shipping company cannot find the shirts and we are welcome to fill out a claim form applying for the costs to be reimbursed. At this point we were in meltdown mode. Karine desperately trying to source something in red and white from the Olympic Collection at The Bay, informing our President, money already spent, me trying to come up with an alternate plan.

So the end of the story takes a happy turn. The shipping company's truck was stolen but recovered by police. However, no information was being released and the shirts were being retained as evidence. Just before Martin leaves to drive to Chicago, the shirts are recovered and delivered to him.

So I hope I've put an amusing spin on the acquisition of Team Uniforms. For certain, this year, there could be no debate about equitable use of French and English, everyone needs to learn to love red and white because it looks Canadian. And no matter what one does, there's always some stress involved and more time than anyone should have to spend on any project. But again, sincere thanks to Martin and Karine.

6. MANUALS

Most of the CNTC manuals have been updated this year. The process of revision is a major undertaking and once the text is acceptable to the writer, the committee must agree and then it is formatted before it goes to the BoD for ratification. Once ratified it then needs to be translated before going on the CSPA website. Translation always delays the posting of CNTC manuals to the CSPA website except in the case of PIM4B which the BoD decided to post without a French translation. We finally have available, on the CSPA website, a fillable Record application document (4D app 1) up to date with current Record categories. Special thanks to Brian Cole for his assistance with this one and to Michelle Matte-Stotyn for her work reformatting all the Competition manuals. In the coming year we expect to do a major overhaul of PIM4G, our policies and procedures manual and usual annual updates as required to the rest.

6. OTHER COMMITTEE BUSINESS

International Parachuting Commission (IPC) nominees for 2017 were confirmed as follows: Rina Gallo (delegate), Barb Davies (alternate delegate), Martin Lemay (official observer and member of the FS and IS committees) Melanie Geurin (IS committee), Buzz Bennett (Rules & Regulations committee & Finance Working Group), and Alain Guerin (official observer). In December 2016, after we had all registered for the meeting, the BoD questioned the advisability of spending the money on being represented at the IPC meeting. The arrangements, in the end, meant Martin had to withdraw from attending as he did not have the personal finances available at that time to support this expensive volunteer activity. Mark Szulmayer, Chair of the IPC FS committee, did miss Martin but confirmed to me Martin would be remaining on the committee as a valued member.

As Chair of the CNTC I answer questions, almost daily from competitors, registered participants, organizers, other committees and just about anybody as the CNTC has had a large and sometimes messy plate of involvement in various activities. The requests come by email, phone, text message and even Facebook. I don't do business by Facebook so please be advised I can be reached at cntc@cspa.ca. I am more than happy to help at any time and if I don't know the answer, I usually know who to find the answer from.

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. Of course thanks to Debbie Flanagan as our BoD liaison.

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. To the members of the CNTC for their direction and opinions backed by years of experience and special skydiving related talents along with the time and energy to help move things along.

Respectfully,
Barb Davies
Chair Competition and National Teams Committee

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