

2019 CNTC Report to CSPA AGM

2018, a year without a National Championships, saw the Competitions and National Teams Committee direct its' attention to international competition. Five (5) FAI World Parachuting Championships (WPCs) at 4 different locations and one (1) FAI World Cup for Indoor Skydiving (WCIS) were our focus. We found ourselves confirming team selection and participation, collecting seemingly endless competitor information, documents, filing registration forms, meeting deadlines, ensuring timely payments. We must thank Judy and Michelle at CSPA for their tireless energy helping us where appropriate. Each competition has a different registration procedure, schedule and demands. Although preliminary registration officially is required 100 days before the date of any competition, I was receiving requests for the intended participation by the end of February 2018 for a competition in August. Registrations from preliminary through to final are such long drawn out processes that it's easy to lose your direction. The competitions and athletes who took part include:

- 7th WPC Canopy Piloting – Wroclaw, Poland - July 3 to 7, 2018
Eric Deroy, Serge Blouin, Sven Jseppi, Cory Priebe; accompanied by John Minos, Head of Delegation (HoD).
- 35th WPC Style and Accuracy Landing – Erden, Montana, Bulgaria - Aug 26-31, 2018
Craig Winning, Jim Patterson, Joe Ablitt, Cezar Buchevschi, John McCarthy and Dana Sasarean; accompanied by Barb Davies (HoD), John Davies and Linda Patterson as Team Managers.
- 2nd WPC Wingsuit Flying – Prostejov, Czech Republic – Aug 26-31, 2018
Nicholas Yu, Blair Egan, Gilles Gueveneux, Nicolas Alie-Charland and Stacy Meisner; accompanied by Michelle Matte-Stotyn (HoD)
- 23rd WPC Formation Skydiving and 18th WPC Canopy Formation – Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia October 4 – 12, 2018
Team Evolution – 4-way FS and VFS including: Martin Lemay, Vincent Lemay, Benoit Lemay, Jean-Christophe Ouimet and Jean-Sebastien Vadeboncouer;
Team Fuzion – 4-way FS female including: Marie-Eve Dallaire, Janylene Breton, Renee Point, Stephanie Longchamps and Martin Casgrain;
Team ParaRescue – 2-way CF - Lee Bibby, Eric Dinn, George Beattey; all accompanied by Bruce Robertson (HOD) and Brett Gersekowski (assistant) and selected friends and family members.

- 3rd World Cup Indoor Skydiving – Zallaq, Bahrain – Oct 25-28
Team Air Devils – 4-way FS junior – Yannick Bisson, Matthew Ortlieb, Emma Grey, Hope Hadfield and Richard Bisson (coach);
Solo Freestyle junior – Coralie Boudreault and Malachi DeAth;
Solo Freestyle – Sebastien Plourde and Guillaume Boileau; accompanied by parents of each athlete under the age of majority.

The athletes compete for various personal reasons, testing their skills, improving their skills, achieving personal bests, education, fun, travel, meeting friends and making new ones and at the end of the rainbow, winning medals. Our competitors were not without these rewards. Air Devils won GOLD in 4 way Junior FS Indoor Skydiving and set a World record Junior – Longest Sequence – 52 points and a Canadian record – highest average after 8 rounds - 24.1. Evolution won SILVER in VFS. Coralie Boudreault won BRONZE in Solo Freestyle Junior with a score 63.4, only 0.2 behind second place. Fuzion set a Canadian record 4-way female – 34 points. Nicolas Alie-Charland set a Canadian Wingsuit Speed record 297.0 km/h. Feedback from the HoDs and other nations tell us our athletes presented well, their sense of sportsmanship and good humour is appreciated by most everyone.

I should also note in this section, thanks to the HoDs and volunteers who took time to accompany our teams on their journeys and smooth the way. I personally spend countless hours liaising with hosts, organizers and competition staff to get the registration right and to make sure when our competitors arrive on site everything is in order and all they have to do is compete. We should also congratulate Richard Bisson for coaching the Air Devils to a Gold medal victory. I happened to be at the awards ceremony in Bahrain and I must say it touched my heart to see our young competitors standing on the podium, our flag raised and hear our national anthem at an awards ceremony. Yes it's happened before, but each time is special.

We usually list Canadian records in our AGM report. There have been several performance records made outside competition in 2018 and a few records which haven't formerly been considered. We will research these and Pim 4D will be revised as the next priority and all records registration forms previously received or applications for recognition, once approved, will make their way into the Record Book.

We have revised PIM4F the National Teams manual. It was long overdue and now includes all the CNTC decisions ratified by the BoD since 2013. The latest change, pertaining to the Canadian Team Fund, requires any person receiving a share of the fund, must have attended the Canadian Nationals or selection meet, approved by the CNTC, and meet the performance standards at their WPC as written in Chapter 8.

In 2017 we agreed to accept bids for the Nationals Championships that did not include canopy piloting on an equal footing with those that did. We received two bids, neither DZs had ponds. Our National Championships and selection to the 2019/2020 Canadian National Teams for accuracy, formation skydiving, canopy formation and wingsuit will take place at Skydive Wasaga Beach in Ontario. The dates are August 30 through September 6, 2019. The competition will not include canopy piloting as a discipline but the host is working on including canopy piloting jumps as part of a festivities.

The selection for canopy piloting for the Canadian National Team for 2019/20 will be made from the results at US Nationals, held at Skydive Paraclete XP, Raeford, North Carolina from September 1-9, 2019. Kirk Verner, the host, has generously extended a welcome.

The selection for Canadian National Teams Indoor Skydiving events takes place at SkyVenture Montreal, March 30-31, 2019. Melanie L. Guerin is the contact person.

Canadian Team fund payments were shared by 82% of the World Championships competitors. This the highest percentage of pay outs so far for participating athletes. I feel this shows the proficiency of our competitors has been improving and that perhaps the various policies we have put in place over the past few years have had the desired affect.

The CNTC members are: Martin Lemay, Daniel Paquette, Joe Ablitt, Rina Gallo, Blair Egan, Eileen Vaughan and me, Barb Davies, as the chairperson. All members have extensive experience competing and/or officiating nationally and internationally. You'll recognize most of their names from past and present Canadian National Teams. They are record holders and medal winners. We rely completely on them for their experience and sound advice and thank them for the time and efforts. I especially thank them for always listening and coming, if not to always unanimous decisions, to respectful differences of opinion. Our BoD liaison has been Debbie Flanagan and we thank her for her support. Roger Theriault also joined us as an observer and may have plans in store for us in the near future. We thank Roger for his interest in competition and how the decisions are made on our committee.

Respectfully submitted
Barb Davies
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