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Saturday

Gates open 9:30am

Trade show, food booths, exhibitors, and Lucky Program sales!

Preliminaries start at 9:30. These are for people trying out for spots to make it into the show for certain events.

11am Show begins

The following events will follow, though not necessarily in this order:

Novice

Tree Climb

Underhand (Canadian Championship) Standing Block (Canadian Championship) Double Buck

Axe Throw (Canadian Championship)



Saturday (cont.)

Intermediate

Husky Challenge – Stock Saw (Canadian Championship)

Intermediate Obstacle Pole

Standing Block (Canadian Championship)

Double Buck (Canadian Championship)

Two Board Springboard

Kids

Kids Axe Throw
Kids Underhand Chop

Other

Master's Underhand Peter Colliver Memorial Chop

Three-person Relay (World Champs)

4 pm (approx) · Awards ceremony

Sunday

Gates open 9:30am

Trade show, food booths, exhibitors, and Lucky Program sales!

11am Show begins

The following events will follow, though not necessarily in this order:

Open

Axe Throw

Unlimited Hot Saw

Tree Climb (Canadian Championship)

Underhand Chop

Single Buck (Canadian Championship)

4 Board Springboard (Canadian Championship)

Standing Block

100cc PNE Cut (Canadian Championship)

Obstacle Pole

Double Buck

Jack and Jill

Ladies

Underhand (Canadian Championship)

Single Buck

Jill and Jill

Axe Throw

Kids

Kids Choker Race

1pm · Chainsaw carving - Judging begins

4pm (approx) · Awards ceremony









Welcome to logger sports

t is our pleasure to welcome both visitors and competitors down to the Loggers Bowl at Willingdon Beach to watch the 2019 Powell River Logger Sports event. This event is just one way that we are able to share BC's coastal forest culture - our heritage, and our current industry. All ages can participate, which features world-class athleticism, family-friendly entertainment, food and much more.

This year's event is the result of many hard hours of work and preparation from our board as well as hundreds of volunteers. Without the support of our community and our sponsors we would not be able to host such a remarkable event. We sincerely thank all those involved! We hope you enjoy the event this year and our vibrant beautiful community and that you take home many great memories.

We look forward to seeing you there and hearing you cheer!

Powell River Logger Sports Association Board of Directors.



On the cover: Powell River's own carver lay Perrin, with his 2018 firstplace winning sculpture, outside of Thunder Bay Saw Shop. See page 26-27 for more on 2019's carving contest.

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Top competitors from here

Verjall Ham

Occupation: Instrument mechanic at Catalyst and firefighter at Powell River Fire Department.

Why watch: Verjall's first year competing was 2017; Last year he won first place in Campbell River novice tree climb, second place Canadian championship novice tree climb, and second place Canadian Championship springboard chop.





Rosalea Pagani

Occupation: Works for BC Timber Sales

Why watch: Last year in Powell River Logger Sports Rosalea placed third in the Ladies axe throw and choker race. Watch for her in the axe throw, choker race, stock saw, crosscut saw, and obstacle pole.



Allan Knapp

Occupation: BC Timber Sales Forest Technician

Why watch: Allan has been competing for six years, and has won several championships. He hopes you come out to watch and cheer for the local Lads and Gals who compete!



Tyler Brady

Occupation: Powell River Logger Sports president, millworker and firefighter.

Why watch: After just twoyears with Logger Sports, Tyler is already an Open competitor. He has won several Canadian championships as a Novice.



Julian Welp

Occupation: Owner, Welper's Tree Service

Why watch: This professional tree climber burst onto the Logger Sports scene in 2016, and won the Canadian Championship pole climb on his home grounds. Last year, he won first place in novice tree climb.

Top competitors from away



Laurence O'Toole Australia

Why watch: Laurence is the current Stihl Timbersports World Champion - a title he won in October 2018 in England. He comes from a dynasty of strong axemen.



Anita Jesowski Nanaimo, BC

Why watch: The current Stihl Timbersports Canadian Ladies Champion and five-time CANLOG Ladies All-round competitor. Watch her with a chain saw and a crosscut saw.



Danielle Tkach Sexsmith, AB

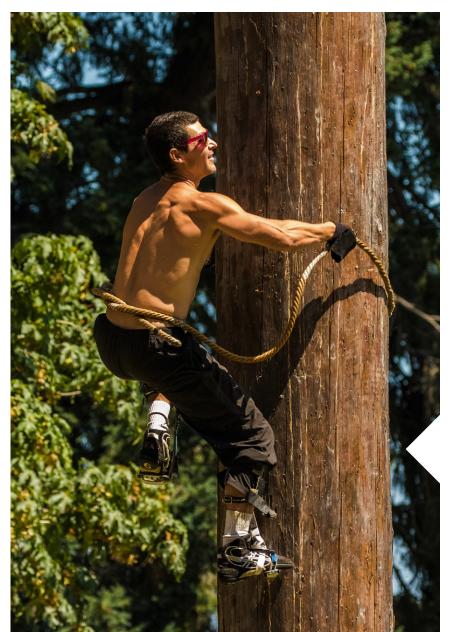
Why watch: 2019 winner of Stihl Women's Western Qualifiers. Stihl Canadian Champion 2014. Two time World Team Relay winner (with her team) in Powell River 2016, 2018.



Jake Hewitt, 13 Celista, BC

Why watch: He competes in boys chops in Canada as well as Australia. He chops the underhand, standing and springboard, the axe throw and is just starting to compete in the stock saw events..





Tree Climb

Open Canadian Championship

Equipment

Spurs, rope, belt, plus an 80' climbing pole.

Skills

Strength, balance, courage.

This is how you do it

Climb the pole! Use the spurs to gain purchase on the pole and the flipline to keep from falling backwards.

Items of interest

Historically, high-riggers had the most dangerous – and highly-paid – jobs in camp. They were responsible for setting cables on spar trees.

Chair carving

Equipment Chainsaw, log or stump.

Skills

Artistry, precision.

This is how you do it

You have four minutes to carve a chair out of a single piece of wood. Judged on neatness, consistency of lines, and general awesomeness.



Get to know logger sports



Powell River is hosting five world championships; one North American title; and 12 Canadian championships.

Underhand chop

Novice Canadian Championship Ladies Canadian Championship

Equipment

Racing axe, log.

Skills

Strength, precision, courage.

This is how to do it

Stand on the log, and chop halfway through. Turn around. Chop the rest of the way through.

Items of interest

Speed chopping has been a competitive sport for over 100 years. Racing axes are usually made in New Zealand or Australia. They can cost \$500+.

Peter Colliver Memorial Chop

An Underhand Chop. Peter Colliver and Bob Marquis represented Canada at the Guinness World Records logger contest in Germany in 2000. Peter has since died of a sudden heart attack. Only competitors who have chopped against Peter in the past are invited to participate in this event.

Three things to know about what you're about to see:

- **1.** All events are sanctioned by the Canadian Logger Sports Association (CANLOG), the governing and regulatory body for most events held in BC.
- **2**. Contestants participate in one of three classes: Novice, Intermediate or Open. An entrant of any age is considered "Novice" when competing for the first time. You must win two novice events to move up to Intermediate, and one event in Intermediate to move up to Open.
- 3. This summer, official CAN-LOG logger sports events are in Kaslo (May 18 & 19); Revelstoke (May 18); Port McNeill (June 1); Scotch Creek (June 29); Bowen Island (July 27 & 28); Lac La Biche (August 3); Campbell River (August 10 & 11); Lake Cowichan (August 18); Smithers (August 24 & 25); Duncan (September 7) and Port Alberni (September 8).



Axe Throw

Novice Canadian Championship

Equipment

Double-bitted axe with a 24"+ handle, 36" target.

Skills

Precision, fearlessness.

This is how you do it

Stand 20' from the target. Throw the axe at it, aiming for the bullseye (worth five points – the other circles are worth 4, 3, 2, 1). If the blade lands across two circles, the higher number is counted. Throw four axes; First is a practice. Next three are counted.

Items of interest

Started as a lunchtime activity on the work site, where fallers would compete for goodies.

Chokerman's race

Equipment

75-pound, 27-foot long choker (steel cable with connectors.)

Skills

Strength, speed.

This is how you do it

Carry the choker through the obstacle course, hook it around the log and run back.

Items of interest

Chokermen are responsible for securing cable around felled trees, so they can be moved using a yarder. It's one of the most physically-demanding jobs there is



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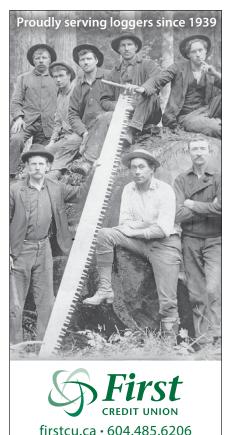


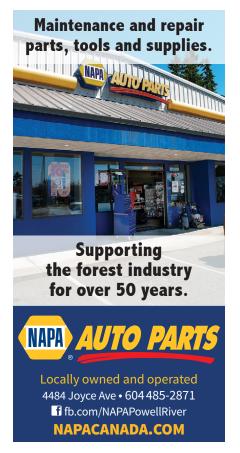
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Obstacle Pole Bucking

Intermediate Canadian Championship

Equipment

Chainsaw, eight-inch diameter log.

Skills

Strength, speed, balance.

This is how you do it

Start by standing next to the top end of the cedar. Pick up your chainsaw, run to the bottom end, walk up the log and balance near the top. Make a cut one-inch deep near the end of the log, then finish the cut from the other side. The cuts must match up. After the piece falls off, shut off your saw, run down the log and around to the front of the log.

Items of interest

This event originated in Squamish. It usually lasts 12 to 14 seconds.

Hand-bucking

Single-buck, Double-buck.

Jack & Jill, Jill & Jill

Intermediate double-buck Canadian Championship

Open single-buck Canadian Championship

Equipment

Crosscut saw, log, wedges, lube.

Skills

Teamwork, knowledge, strength.

This is how you do it

Saw through the log. Lubricants and wedges may be used to aid sawing.

Hot saw

Equipment

140 cc or less (hot saw). 18" diameter log. Saws must be single-cylinder engines using mixed gas and must be hand-started. Legal modifications include installing a larger-volume carburetor, boring out the cylinder, installing a full-circle balanced crankshaft, polishing the intake exhaust ports, installing a larger chain sprocket, and adding an expansion chamber.

Skills

Control, strength, mechanics, knowing your saw.

This is how you do it

Make three cuts: one down, one up, and one down, creating three "cookies."

Item of interest

The loudest of all events.



Intermediate
Canadian Championship

Equipment

18"-diameter log, chainsaw of 100cc or less – may be modified.

Skills

Control, strength, knowing your saw.

This is how you do it

Make three cuts: one down, one up, and one down, trimming three disks off the log.

Items of interest

In all chainsaw events, competitors wear pants made of Kevlar or other material to protect their legs from errant cuts.





100 cc PNE cut

Open Canadian Championship

Equipment

Finely tuned 100 cc chainsaw, 18" diameter log.

Skills

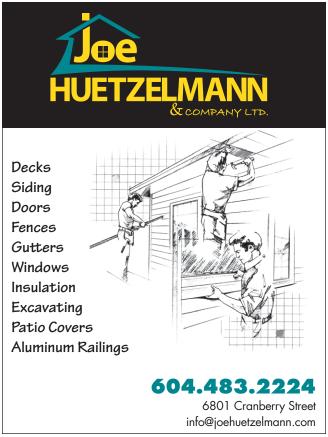
Precision, strength, steady arms.

This is how you do it

Within a total of just six inches, cut three perfect disks off the end of a log.









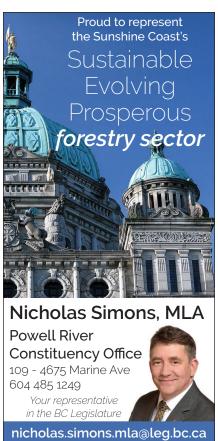


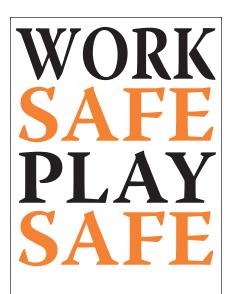




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Springboard: two-board & four-board

Open four-board Canadian Championship

Equipment

Metal-tipped wooden boards, axe.

Skills

Strength, balance, accuracy, fearlessness.

This is how you do it

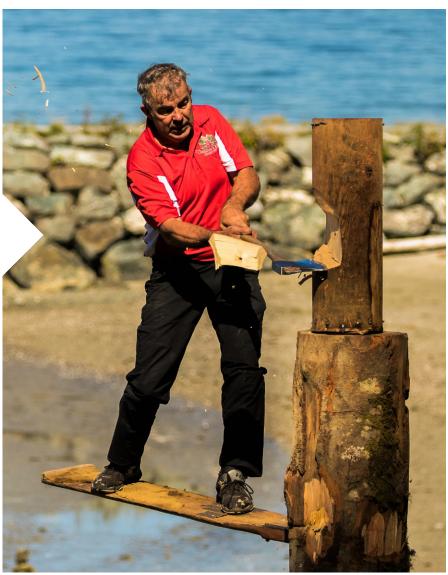
Intermediate class - cut two springboard holes one on top of the other. Put the boards in, and climb on the top one. Chop halfway through the tree, turn 180 degrees, and chop through the remainder. The clock stops when the chopped block hits the ground.

Open class - cut two holes as in intermediate class. Insert boards, chop halfway through the tree. Climb down, repeat on the other side of the tree, and chop through until the block hits the ground.

Items of interest

In the early days of logging, fallers worked in teams of two and used axes and crosscut saws. To cut down on the time it took to fall a large tree, they started their cuts in the straight part of the tree, above the swell of the butt. To reach that height, they chopped notches in the tree and inserted springboards. The name 'springboard' came about because the boards act like springs and can help a faller drive his axe harder into a cut.

In this event, it's vital to cut perfect springboard holes. A pro can cut his hole with four swings of his axe.



Relay

World Championship

Equipment

Chainsaw, choker, axe and crosscut saw.

Skills

Strength, speed, and teamwork.

This is how you do it

The teams must consist of one lady (ladies' stock saw), one novice-intermediate (chokerman's race), one open (underhand chop) and another novice-intermediate (Jack and Jill double-buck).



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2018 Results

Gord Wyatt Memorial Sportsman of the Day Rod Cumberland

Danielle Tkatch

Bill Marquis Memorial All Around Logger Novice Tyler Brady

RH Lloyd Memorial All Around Logger Intermediate Jeff Coburn

World Championships

World Championship Chair Carve

- 1. Brad Laviolette
- 2. Dave McLeod
- 3. Nick Hall
- 4. Gordy Mauhl

World Championship 3 Person Relay

- 1. Stirling Hart, Leo Coudrau, Danielle Tkatch
- 2. Ben Cumberland, Rod Cumberland, Michelle Lefler
- 3. Laurence O'Toole, Ben Lefler, Ally Briscoe
- 4. Nick Russell, Chase Gunderson, Dawn Briscoe
- 5. Mitch Hewitt, Tyler Brady, Anita Jezowski
- 6. Nate Hodges, Lane Chant, Sarah Mooney













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Competitors demonstrated chair carving at the hot dog sale and fundraiser held at Scotiabank on June 7.



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Open World Championship Two Man Springboard

- 1. Mitch Hewitt and Lindsay Hewitt
- 2. Nate Hodges and Laurence O'Toole
- 3. Ben and Nate Cumberland
- 4. Mel Lentz and Gerald Youles
- 5. Bill Bischoff and Carson Bischoff
- 6. Stirling Hart and Leo Coudrau

Open World Championship Axe Throw

- 1. Nate Hodges
- 2. Nick Hall
- 3. Nathan Cumberland
- 4. Mel Lentz

Open World Championship Unlimited Hot Saw

- 1. Laurence O'Toole
- 2. Mel Lentz
- 3. Stirling Hart
- 4. Nate Hodges
- 5. Leo Coudrau
- 6. Dennis Cahoon



Canadian Championships

Canadian Championship Jill & Jill

1. Kate Witkowski and Danielle Tkatch

- 2. Ally Briscoe and Anita Jezowski
- 3. Sarah Mooney and Michelle Lefler
- 4. Dawn Briscoe and Meghan Hall
- 5. Tracey Littleton and Nicola Littleton
- 6. Michelle Silvester and Andrea Hand

Novice Canadian Championship Tree Climb

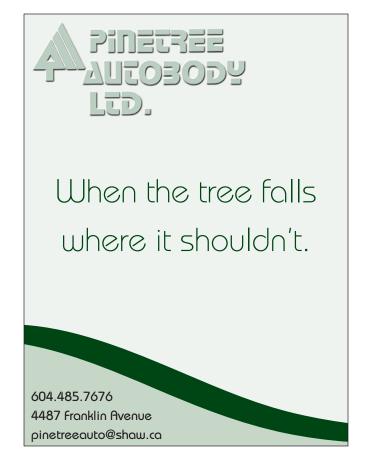
- 1. Julian Welp
- 2. Verjall Ham
- 3. Tyler Brady
- 4. Allan Knapp

Novice Canadian Championship Underhand

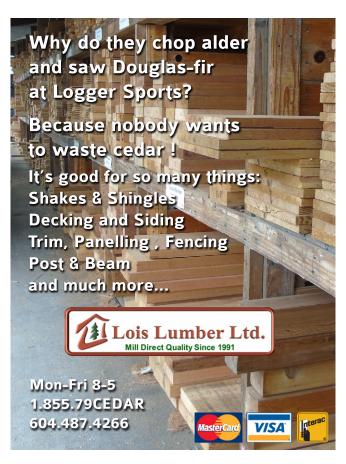
- 1. Tyler Brady
- 2. Brad Constantine
- 3. Chase Gunderson
- 4. Jeff Coburn

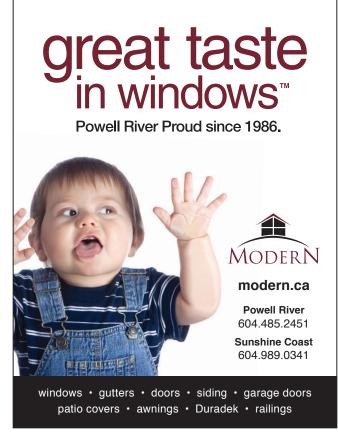
Novice Canadian Championship Standing Block Chop

- 1. Tyler Brady
- 2. Joe Whalen
- 3. Thomas Symons
- 4. Scott Thompson

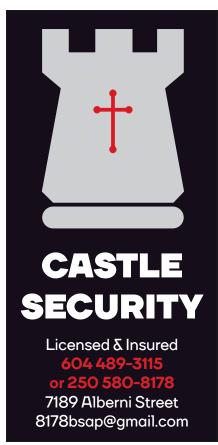














Novice Canadian Championship Double Buck

- 1. Dave Stitt and Scott Thompson
- 2. Hayden Hewitt and Jake Hewitt
- 3. Ky Hasledine and Kelly Miller
- 4. Eric Reginbald and Thomas Symons

Novice Axe Throw

- 1. Jeff Coburn
- 2. Zack Swan
- 3. Tyler Brady
- 4. Eric Reginbald

Intermediate Canadian Championship Standing Block Chop

- 1. Nick Hall
- 2. Rod Cumberland
- 3. Leo Coudrau
- 4. Lane Chant
- 5. Nick Fredriksen

Intermediate Canadian Championship Obstacle Pole

- 1. Jeff Coburn
- 2. Lukas Brown John
- 3. Dave Stitt
- 4. Tyler Brady
- 5. Verjall Ham

Intermediate Canadian Championship Husky Challenge

- 1. Tyler Brady
- 2. Leo Coudrau
- 3. Lane Chant
- 4. Joe Whalen
- 5. Julian Welp

Intermediate Canadian Championship Chokerman's Race

- 1. Nick Hall
- 2. Brad Laviolette
- 3. Tyler Brady
- 4. Kevin Cote
- 5. Ryan Simmonds

Intermediate Canadian Championship Double Buck

- 1. Jeff Coburn and Cam Cunning
- 2. Rod Cumberland and Nick Fredriksen
- 3. Brad Laviolette and Allan Knapp
- 4. Chase Gunderson and Ryan Simmonds
- 5. Verjall Ham and Julian Welp

Open Canadian Championship Underhand Chop

- 1. Stirling Hart
- 2. Brian Bartow

- 3. Laurence O'Toole
- 4. Gerald Youles
- 5. Ben Cumberland
- 6. Lukas Brown John

Open Canadian Championship Single Buck

- 1. Nathan Cumberland
- 2. Ben Cumberland
- 3. Robert Dowling
- 4. Nick Russell
- 5. Carson Bischoff
- 6. Leo Coudrau

Open Canadian Championship 4-Board Springboard

- 1. Mitch Hewitt
- 2. Laurence O'Toole
- 3. Stirling Hart
- 4. Lindsay Hewitt
- 5. Nate Hodges
- 6. Lukas Brown John

Open Canadian Championship Standing Block Chop

- 1. Stirling Hart
- 2. Ben Cumberland
- 3. Laurence O'Toole
- 4. Nathan Cumberland
- 5. Nate Hodges
- 6. Gerald Youles

Open Canadian Championship 100cc PNE cut

- 1. Karl Bischoff
- 2. Mitch Hewitt
- 3. Stirling Hart
- 4. Kevin Steward
- 5. Nate Hodges
- 6. Dennis Cahoon

Ladies Events

Ladies Axe Throw

- 1. Ally Briscoe
- 2. Danielle Tkatch
- 3. Rosalea Pagani
- 4 A 1 T 1
- 4. Anita Jezowski

Ladies Chokerman's Race

- 1. Andrea Hand
- 2. Danielle Tkatch
- 3. Rosalea Pagani
- 4. Kate Witkowski

Ladies Single Buck

- 1. Kate Witkowski
- 2. Ally Briscoe
- 3. Danielle Tkatch
- 4. Andrea Hand

Ladies Underhand

- 1. Andrea Hand
- 2. Kate Witkowski
- 3. Danielle Tkatch
- 4. Sharmon Prior

Local Championships

Master's Underhand Chop

- 1. Mel Lentz
- 2. Kevin Steward
- 3. Brad Laughlin
- 4. Karl Bischoff
- 5. Charles VanHall
- 6. Rod Cumberland

Intermediate Spring Board

- Two Board
- 1. Leo Coudrau
- 2. Lane Chant
- 3. Scott Thompson
- 4. Tyler Brady

Open Obstacle Pole

- 1. Stirling Hart
- 2. Brian Bartow
- 3. Dave McLeod
- 4. Karl Bischoff
- Nick RussellBill Bischoff

Open Double Buck

- 1. Ben and Nathan Cumberland
- 2. Joe Whalen and Nick Hall
- 3. Stirling Hart and Leo Coudrau
- 4. Roger Briscoe and Dave McLeod
- 5. Gerald Youles and Ben Lefler
- 6. Mel Lentz and Nate Hodges

Open Jack and Jill

- 1. Nick Russel and Ally Briscoe
- 2. Stirling Hart and Danielle Tkatch
- 3. Mitch Hewitt and Anita Jezowski
- 4. Ben Cumberland and Andrea
 Hand
- 5. Brian Bartow and Chelsea Harford
- 6. Eric Holberg and Kate Witkowski

Open Chokerman's Race

- 1. Allan Knapp
- 2. Brian Bartow
- 3. Nick Russell
- 4. Julian Welp
- 5. Chase Gunderson
- 6. Eric Hoberg

Chainsaw

On Thursday, July 11 at 9 am, a dozen expert chainsaw carvers from across North America and Europe will start with a log at Willingdon Beach.

By Sunday at noon, their creations will be ready for the judges. Watch the sculptures emerge in real time, as the sawdust flies and sweat drips. Several of these works will become permanent pieces of public art around Powell River - a legacy of Logger Sports.



Justice Mccuish



New!

Darren Jones

Red Deer, Alberta Cabstudio on FB

As a lead directional driller in the oil & gas industry, Darren also carves on commission to municipalities and more. He says he's "a sculptor of my own destiny."



Vinko Bogdanoski

North Macedonia www.bogdanoski.org

A life-long carver, Vinko carves in wood and ice at his studio in Europe. He sells his work to corporations at home and internationally.



Brian Widahl

2018 #2 Winner! Cochrane, Alberta Widahl Woodcraft on FB

Last year's Powell River Logger Sports was Brian's first competition. He began carving more than two years ago when work in the construction industry was slow.

Rocky LaRock Chehalis, BC

rockylarock.com

Rocky has been carving for more than 30 years, and also works with troubled native youth and inmates as a counselor and teacher.

Jay Perrin





Your local artists

New! Justice Mccuish **Powell River**

A helicopter logger who grew up on Texada Island and in Powell River, Justice also owns a cabin up Powell Lake. Clint Bleaney helped him get started carving this Spring. This is his first carving competition.

> Jay Perrin
> Powell River
>
> #1 Winner! Bar & Chain Wood Design

At last year's event, Jay took home both the First Place and People's Choice awards! Jay is a machine operator at Olympic Log Sort.

Clint Bleaney

Powell River rippintimber.com

Clint worked as a shake blocker then as a faller. He first competed in Logger Sports in Powell River, and while other competitors showed up with trailers full of tools, he was the guy who showed up with just his saw and a jug full of gas.

Bob Morgan

Burns Lake

Man Cave Creations on FB

An out-of-work construction worker and carpenter discovered a talent for carving at 47. Now, it's his full-time business.

Damon Gorecki 2018 #3 winner! Rosevelt, Utah thebarefootcarver.com

Damon is a professional free-form carver who creates custom wood art pieces and furniture out of wood and metal.

Liam Tromans

Chemanius, BC

A Cape Breton logger for nearly 30 years, Liam now lives in Chemanius and carves on commission.

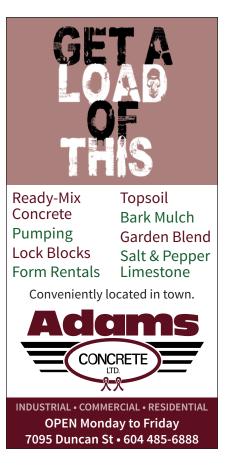


Vaden Burtt

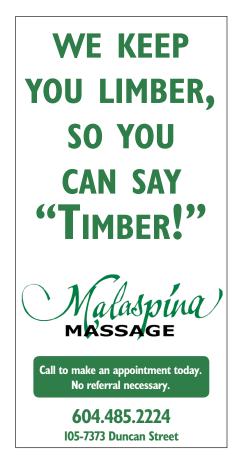
Merville, BC

This firefighter and paramedic recently left his job after too many calls involving children. Chainsaw carving, he said, "is saving my life." Now, he's been carving for about a year, and, he's a new dad to a four-month-old baby boy.

Note: One more competitor will be joining these 11 at the event.













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in the Merritt and Princeton Fire Districts in the early 1980's, and as a labourer at Weyerhaeuser Canada in Princeton. Also, I have taken courses in Forest Resource Management at UBC.

2. What's your background with museums?

I have worked in the museology field since the early 1990's having managed museums including: the community museum in Port Hardy; the logging museum in Port McNeill; the train station museum in Port Moody; and the cultural centre in Nain, Labrador (in the Arctic).

Why do you think so few British Columbians are aware of their forestry heritage?

Actually, I think most BC'ers know a lot about their forestry heritage. According to one of my profs at UBC, BC'ers wouldn't have had such a wealth of hospitals, schools, roadways and bridges, and so forth, if it hadn't been for the forest industry.

heritage alive?

live years ago, the Powell River Historical Forestry Society transferred management of the Forestry Museum and ownership of its archival and artifact collections to the Powell River Museum Historical & Archives Association. On June 3rd of this year. Derek Kowalchuk (left) took the reins Powell River Museum Historical & Archives as Heritage Manager.

Visit the Museum

At Willingdon Beach, adjacent to Loggers' Memorial Bowl, be sure to wander through the Forestry Museum, open 10 am to 4 pm Logger Sports weekend (and noon til 4 pm every day this summer.)

BIG SHOTS: Top, Jim Flemming, of O'Brien Logging Co., in 1954. Left, Derek Kowalchuk, with a Forestry Museum print titled Kingcome River, Powell River Paper, ca 1915.



Shooting Loggers

"When Jeff called me about this job, I really didn't know what I was getting myself into."

That's the voice of **Bryce Adams**, on a video he made for Jeff Coburn's Powell River falling company, Edgehill Timber. In the promotional film - find it on Facebook - Bryce follows Edgehill's crew as they fall trees deep and steep in the local backcountry.

"I've worked for a tree service company before, and that really helped when I went to put this film together," said the father-ofthree. "I knew what I wanted to film, and where to be."

Still, it was an intense day following the crew over the slash, with a camera pack on his back. The Edgehill Timber video is loaded with sweeping local scenes you'd rarely get

to see if you're not a logger, many of them captured using a drone.

It's the same drone you will see flying around the Logger's Memorial Amphitheatre during Logger Sports, as Bryce's company, **One5 Films**, is shooting the event. He'll release a video about the Logger Sports in the next couple of weeks.

Bryce is neither a logger nor a trained videographer. One5 is a business he stumbled in to a few years ago, after he hurt his arm working at Adams

Concrete - his dad's company. Bryce has been off work since then, enduring several surgeries, some unsuccessful, reconstructing his wrist.

In fact, recently, Bryce was watching Dr. Phil while he was recovering from a surgery in hospital in Vancouver. He was shocked when one of his own commercials came on the TV - for Powell River's Sunshine Coast Treatment Centre.

You've likely seen his social media-friendly work on Facebook. That's where you'll find videos he shot for Laszlo Tamasik Dance Studio, Born to Be Ozz (starring another logger: Jeff Koopman), Dox Auto, and many others. He also shoots real estate and wedding videos, commercials and more.

"I love it but it's really time-consuming. It's not an eight-hour day. I'm often up til 2am editing and getting the video done."

With Sam Sansalone from Powell River Outdoors, Bryce just completed shooting a film about the impact of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' chinook decision. He's a busy boy.

The lesson here? If you want a film made, hire him while you can.



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