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# 25th Powell River Logger Sports

July 14 to 16, 2023

# Sched

## Gate Admission

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## Get in on the action

- Just \$3 buys you a Lucky Program at the event. Draws for great prizes happen all day, Saturday and Sunday.
- 50/50 draws.
- Firewood silent auction. Go to the merchandise booth to put in your bid. Donated by Thichum Forest Products, supporting Logger Sports and Girls Hockey.

## Friday

**Noon**, Chainsaw Carving begins in the upper parking lot. The competitors have until 1pm on Sunday to complete their piece.

## Saturday

**Gates open 9:30 am:** Trade show, food booths, exhibitors, and Lucky Program sales at the merchandise booth!

**Preliminaries start at 9:30:** These are for people trying to qualify for spots in the show for certain events. Come watch!

**11 am Opening Ceremonies:** Tla'amin Nation Hegus John Hackett and the Executive Council; City of Powell River Mayor Ron Woznow; qathet Regional District Chair Clay Brander; Minister of Sport Lana Popham, MLA Nicholas Simons and MP Rachel Blaney; and the Truck Loggers Association's President Aaron Service - and the Powell River Logger Sports Board of Directors, including president Bob Marquis.

These events will follow, though not necessarily in this order:

### Novice

Tree Climb (Canadian Championship)  
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Underhand Chop (Canadian Championship)  
*Sponsored by K&R Logging, Modern Aluminum*

Axe Throw (Canadian Championship)  
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### Masters

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Underhand Chop  
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## Saturday (cont.)

### Intermediate

#### Obstacle Pole (Canadian Championship)

*Sponsored by Oceanview Forest Products, Stonecroft Engineering Ltd.*

#### Husky Challenge – Stock Saw (Canadian Championship)

*Sponsored by Husqvarna, Thunder Bay Saw Shop*

#### Underhand Chop

*Sponsored by Columbia Fuels, Oceanside Entertainment*

#### Double Buck (Canadian Championship)

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#### 100CC Power Saw with Pipe

#### (North American Championship)

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### Open

#### Tree Climb (Canadian Championship)

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### Ladies

#### Single Buck (Canadian Championship)

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#### Jill & Jill Double Buck (Canadian Championship)

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#### Underhand Chop

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### Relay

#### Can/Am Relay (N. American Championship)

*Sponsored by Mike Hamilton Logging Ltd., Probyn Logging Ltd.*

**4 pm (approx)** • Awards ceremony

## Sunday

### Gates open 9:30 am

Preliminaries, trade show, food booths, exhibitors, and Lucky Program sales!

### 11 am Show begins

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

### Open

#### Axe Throw

*Sponsored by Canadian Overseas, Canwest Well Drilling*

#### Tree Climb (Canadian Championship)

*Sponsored by Armtec, Bayline Enterprises Inc.*

#### Underhand Chop (Canadian Championship)

*Sponsored by Western Forest Products, BC Fallers, BC Timber Sales*

#### Single Buck

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#### Double Buck (Canadian Championship)

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#### Jack and Jill

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### Ladies

#### Axe Throw

*Sponsored by Gadpro Contracting Ltd., Timbr Enterprises Ltd.*

#### 1pm • Chainsaw carving - Judging begins

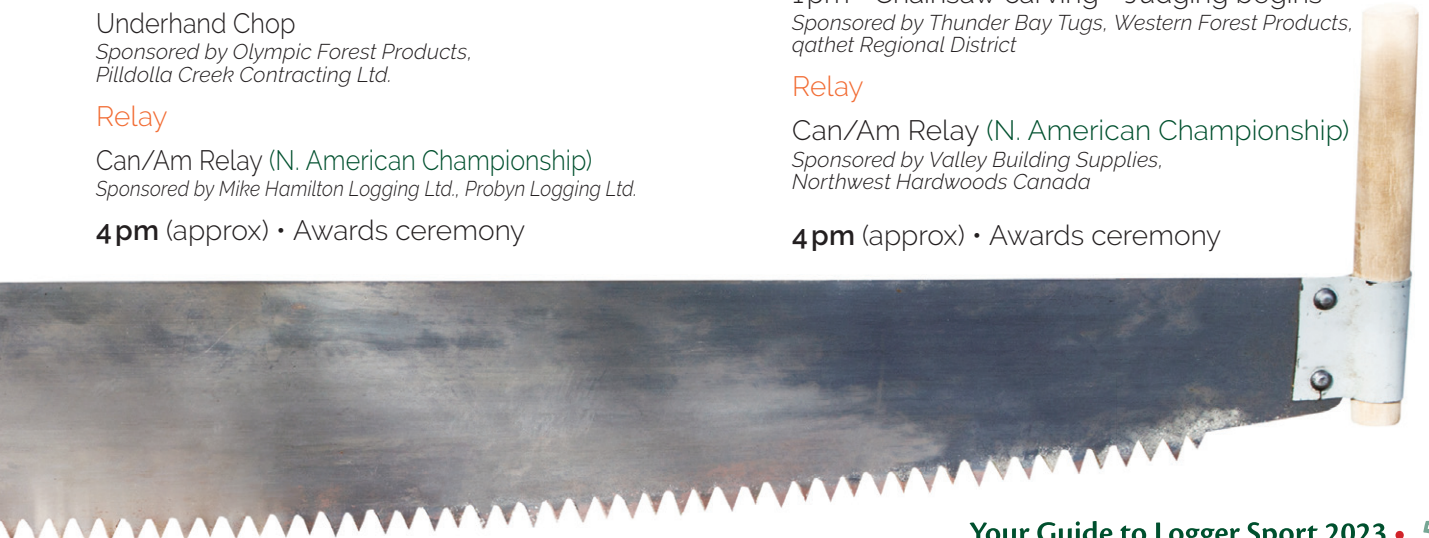
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#### Can/Am Relay (N. American Championship)

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# Welcome to logger sports

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This year, we are particularly grateful that, on behalf of the Government of BC, Minister of Sport Lana Popham will be opening the games - and recognizing once again that Logger Sports is BC's Official Industry Sport. Those of us who work in the woods appreciate the acknowledgement that the forest industry has always been at the core of BC's economy and culture; Logger Sports is how we share that culture with fellow citizens - and the whole world.

The Board would like to thank our very generous sponsors and hard-working volunteers, without whom this event could not happen.

We are honoured to live, work, and play on Tla'amin Traditional Territory.

Please enjoy the games!

*Powell River Logger Sports Association Board of Directors*



**ON THE COVER:** The Obstacle Pole combines balance, speed and accuracy. Photo by Michelle Pennell.

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Tla'amin elder and longtime faller Gerry Galligos.

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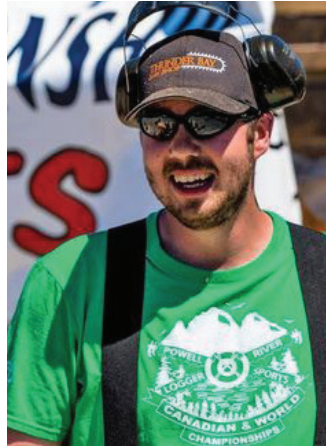
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# Top competitors from here

## Brett Marquis

**Occupation:** Heavy equipment operator and foreman for Bob Marquis Contracting Ltd

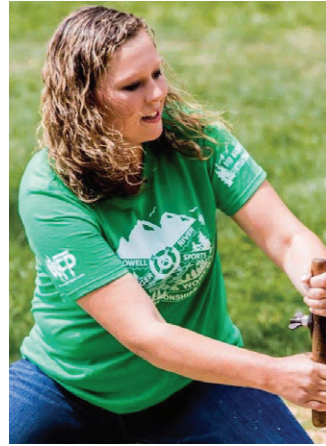
**Why watch:** One-time Canadian champ Novice Axe Throw, and three-time Canadian champ in Intermediate Double Buck. Recent second in Western Canada for Unlimited Hot Saw.



## Rosalea Pagani

**Occupation:** Practices Forester with BC Timber Sales, currently on maternity leave with her three-month-old.

**Why watch:** New mom Rosalea is planning to take it easy on the grounds this year, "so I'm only going to do the Axe Throw and Stock Saw."



## Tyler Brady

**Occupation:** Works for the City of Powell River.

**Why watch:** Competing since 2016, Tyler is the Powell River competitor to watch. He has won several Canadian Championships moving from a Novice to an Open competitor at a fast pace.



## Julian Welp

**Occupation:** Owner, Welper's Tree Service

**Why watch:** This professional tree climber and faller burst onto the scene in 2016 and has won the Canadian Championship pole climb on his home grounds. This year he will compete in different events, but not pole climb, as he has won novice too many times, but has yet to qualify for open.



## Michelle Silvester

**Occupation:** First Credit Union's Senior Manager, Commercial Credit

**Why watch:** Michelle competes because of peer pressure, but invariably has fun doing it. She loves to hear the crowd cheer for locals. When not competing, she is behind the scenes keeping score.



# Top competitors from away



**Stirling Hart, 33**  
Vancouver

**Why watch:** Canada's top all around competitor, a Canadian and World Champion. Stirling competed here in 2019 and took home the Lang Bay Open All Around Logger trophy.



**Nate Hodges, 39**  
California

**Why watch:** A National and World Champion pro, Nate took first place in Unlimited Hot Saw and Standing Block Chop here in 2019. He's a top competitor in Hot Saw and Springboard.



**Mel Lentz, 64**  
West Virginia

**Why watch:** *USA Today* calls him "The King of the Lumberjacks." In spite of a catastrophic injury on the job in 1997, he won the Stihl World Championships six times, among many other titles.

**Ally Briscoe, 22**  
Port McNeill

**Why watch:** Fresh from her 2023 World-Record setting performance in Single Buck in Rotterdam, Ally is coming to Powell River with a trail of wins behind her. At just 22, she is an athlete to watch.



**Mitch Hewitt, 44**  
Scotch Creek, BC

**Why watch:** Four-time World Champion and Springboard World Record holder.

# Chainsaw ART

On Friday, July 14, 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.



## **Liam Tromans** Chemanius, BC

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

## **Dan Richey** Nanaimo, BC

Artist Dan is both a chainsaw carver and a muralist who owns Dan's Art & Soul.

## **Jesse Toso** Campbell River, BC

A commission furniture-maker and woodworker, this second-generation carpenter owns Toso Wood Works.

## **Shea Larking** Seymour Arm, BC

This small-town carver took first place in the "benches and bars" competition at Chainsaw Canada this past fall.

## **Darren Jones** Red Deer, AB

A directional driller who started out carving public memorials, Darren now runs Cab Studio, sculpting on commission.

## **Ryan Villiers** Edmonton, AB

At Villiers Wyld Wood, where Ryan is lead sculptor, the team makes celebrity sculptures (among more) - including Don Cherry.

# Your local artists



**Jay Perrin**



**Clint Bleaney**

**Jay Perrin**

Powell River

**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.

You'll recognize Jay's underwater pillar from Thunder Bay Saw Shop up on Duncan Street.

**Clint Bleaney**

Powell River <sup>#1 2019</sup>

[rippintimber.com](http://rippintimber.com) <sup>winner!</sup>

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.

You'll recognize Clint's orcas from the waterfront in Lund.



**Marina Cole**

Medicine Hat, AB

The owner of Chainsaw Spirit, Marina is in high demand for public art pieces and commissioned works.

**Kamron Garbe**

Regina, SK

Wood, antlers and ice: these are the materials Kamron carves through his studio, KG Woodcraft.

**Damon Gorecki**

Rosevelt, Utah

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

**Benji Waratini-Hermara**

Hastings, New Zealand

This Red Seal roofer sculpts professionally in Vancouver's film industry.





## Tree Climb

Novice & Open  
Canadian Championships

### 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.



This high tree act is just for entertainment, but his climbing skills are legendary

# Get to know Logger Sports

# Events



*This year, Powell River is hosting three North American titles and 13 Canadian championships.*

## Underhand Chop

Novice & Open  
Canadian Championships

Ladies  
Canadian Championship

### Equipment

Racing axe, log.

### Skills

Strength, precision, courage.

### This is how you do it

Stand on the log and chop half-way 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 CANLOG logger sports events were held in Kaslo and Port McNeill (May), and they're coming up in Powell River (July 14 to 16); Campbell River (August 12-13); Port Alberni (September 10) and Duncan (September 16). See more at [canlog.com](http://canlog.com). Squamish also hosts a Logger Sports event on Labour Day Weekend, but it is not a CANLOG event.**



## 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 count.

### 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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## 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 Double-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

Open 140CC  
Canadian Championship

### Equipment

140cc 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.



## Husky Stock Saw Challenge

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.

## 100cc PNE Cut

Open Canadian Championship

### Equipment

Finely tuned 100cc chainsaw, 18" diameter log.

### Skills

Precision, strength, steady arms.

### This is how you do it

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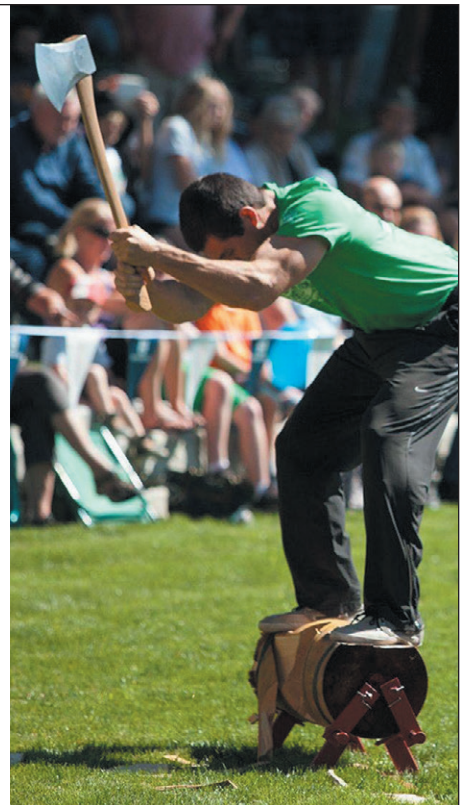
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## Equipment

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

Can/Am Championship

## Equipment

Stock Saw, Underhand, Single-Buck, Standing Block, Two-board springboard

## Skills

Strength, speed, and teamwork.

## This is how you do it

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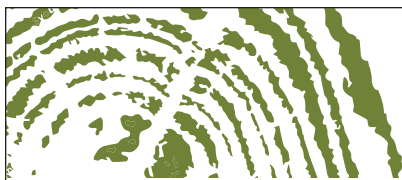
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# 2019 Results



## Saturday Events

### World Championship 3-Person Relay

1. Jack Jordan, Ben James, Marie-Eve Leclere
2. Stirling Hart, Leo Coudrau, Danielle Tkach
3. Nate Hodges, Lukas Brown John, Kate Witkowski
4. Ben Cumberland, Rod Cumberland, Andrea Hand
5. Laurence O'Toole, Lane Chant, Nancy Zalewski
6. Mitch Hewitt, Tyler Brady, Anita Jekowski

### Kid's Axe Throw

1. Kyla Hewitt
2. Lucas Gruntman
3. Kachis Hand
4. Pearson Coburn

### Kid's Underhand Chop

1. Kachis Hand, Kayla Hewitt, and Morgan Bischoff
2. Jake Hewitt, Pearson Coburn, and Braeden Coburn

### Peter Colliver Memorial Chop

1. Brad Laughlin
2. Karl Bischoff
3. Rod Cumberland
4. Brenda Pouchnik

## Novice

### Tree Climb

1. Verjall Ham
2. David Stitt
3. Tyler Brady
4. Allan Knapp

### Canadian Championship Underhand Chop

1. Aaron Labby
2. Tyler Brady
3. Julian Welp
4. Verjall Ham

### Canadian Championship Standing Block Chop

1. Scott Thompson
2. Tyler Brady
3. Thomas Symons
4. Verjall Ham
5. Allan Knapp
6. Aaron Labby

### Double-Buck

1. Lane Chant and Brad Constantine
2. Scott Hall and Clark Ellah
3. Chevy Mortimer and Lars Hobenshield
4. Jake Hewitt and Aaron Labby

### Canadian Championship Axe Throw

1. Julian Welp
2. Amanda Pouchnik
3. Aaron Labby
4. Jake Hewitt

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## Intermediate

### Standing Block Chop

1. Karl Bischoff
2. Leo Coudrau
3. Rod Cumberland
4. Ben James

### Obstacle Pole

1. Ryan Simmonds
2. Scott Thompson
3. David Stitt
4. Allan Knapp
5. Zach Swan

### Canadian Championship Husky Challenge

1. Scott Thompson
2. Julian Welp
3. Thomas Symons
4. Verjall Ham
5. Lane Chant

### Canadian Championship Double Buck

1. Brett Marquis and Thomas Symons
2. Ryan Symons and Julian Welp
3. Zach Swan and Verjall Ham
4. David Stitt and Pascal Morneau

### Two Board Springboard

1. Leo Coudrau
2. Jack Jordan
3. Lane Chant
4. Rod Cumberland
5. Scott Thompson

### Gord Wyatt Memorial Sportsman of the Day

Lars Hobenshield

### Bill Marquis Memorial All Around Logger - Novice

Tyler Brady

### RH Lloyd Memorial All Around Logger - Intermediate

Scott Thompson

## Sunday

### Ladies

#### Axe Throw

1. Nancy Zalewski
2. Allison Briscoe
3. Whitney Peters
4. Sarah Mooney

#### Ladies Single-Buck

1. Allison Briscoe
2. Nancy Zalewski
3. Kate Witkowski
4. Danielle Tkach

#### Canadian Championship Ladies Underhand Chop

1. Andrea Hand
2. Danielle Tkach
3. Kate Witkowski
4. Nancy Zalewski
5. Allison Briscoe
6. Sharman Prior

#### Jill and Jill

1. Nancy Zalewski  
and Kate Witkowski
2. Andrea Hand and Danielle Tkach
3. Sarah Mooney  
and Brenda Pouchnik
4. Allison Briscoe  
and Anita Jezowski
5. Tracey Littleton  
and Michelle Lefler
6. Kelsey Kargus and Jaclyn Ramsay

### Open

#### Axe Throw

1. Nick Russell
2. Brad Laughlin
3. Nate Hodges
4. Brian Bartow

#### Unlimited Hot Saw

1. Nate Hodges
2. Laurence O'Toole
3. Carson Bischoff
4. Ben James



### **Underhand Chop**

1. Jack Jordan
2. Laurence O'Toole
3. Stirling Hart
4. Ben Cumberland
5. Mitch Hewitt
6. Nate Hodges

### **Canadian Championship Single-Buck**

1. Ben Cumberland
2. Laurence O'Toole
3. Nick Russell
4. Stirling Hart
5. Nate Hodges
6. Leo Coudrau

### **Canadian Championship 4 Board Springboard**

1. Mitch Hewitt
2. Nate Hodges
3. Stirling Hart
4. Laurence O'Toole
5. Brian Bartow
6. Nick Hall

### **Standing Block Chop**

1. Nate Hodges
2. Jack Jordan
3. Ben Cumberland
4. Stirling Hart
5. Laurence O'Toole
6. Lukas Brown John

### **Canadian Championship Tree Climb**

1. Brian Bartow
2. Nick Hall
3. Lukas Brown John
4. Julian Welp

### **Canadian Championship 100cc PNE cut**

1. Mitch Hewitt
2. Stirling Hart
3. Ben James
4. Dave MacLeod
5. Karl Bischoff
6. Anita Jezowski

### **Obstacle Pole**

1. Carson Bischoff
2. Stirling Hart
3. Brian Bartow
4. Nick Russell
5. Ben Cumberland

### **Double-Buck**

1. Roger Briscoe and Dave MacLeod
2. Nick Hall and Nick Russell
3. Ben Cumberland and Rod Cumberland
4. Stirling Hart and Leo Coudrau
5. Derek Pouchnik and Brad Laughlin
6. Ben James and Jack Jordan

### **Jack and Jill**

1. Nick Russell and Ally Briscoe
2. Laurence O'Toole and Nancy Zalewski
3. Ben Cumberland and Andrea Hand
4. Stirling Hart and Danielle Tkach
5. Nate Hodges and Kate Witkowski
6. Derek Pouchnik and Brenda Pouchnik

### **Kid's Choker**

1. Jake Hewitt
2. Chase Pouchnik
3. Lucas Gruntman

### **Moose Lodge Open Class Sportsman of the Day**

Karl Bischoff

### **Lang Bay Open All Around Logger**

Nate Hodges

### **Liz Marquis All Around Ladies Logger**

Nancy Zalewski

### **Powell River Logger Sports Carving**

1. Clint Blaney
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# Out of the woods, into the commu

Logging camps have dotted this coastline for at least 150 years. Workers often live in isolated camps, and logger sports grew out of the skills contests they held in the evenings. By the 1950s, Logger Sports were part of summer events across BC - displaying heritage and contemporary skills, and helping the whole world learn about unique BC.



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TOP: Log rolling at Willingdon Beach on Dominion Day, 1957.  
ABOVE LEFT: Children watch a competitor cut rounds in a hot saw event, Dominion Day, 1957.  
LEFT: Axe throw, date unknown.  
ABOVE: The logging camp and operation at Myrtle Point, 1920.  
RIGHT: Not Logger Sports; loggers on the job, 1920.

*All photos courtesy of the qathet Museum & Archives*

## POWELL RIVER LOGGERS SPORTS



# Together in the woods: a new logo

The t-shirts this year feature a very special design. It is a collaboration between Tla'amin artist Coral Delorme and non-Indigenous artist Mike Bryan. Each artist drew part of the image; a raven is represented in a Northwest Coast ovoid style, and also in a pen-and-ink style. The logger in front bows his head in memory of those who have died on the job, while the others show respect.

Coral is the cultural interpreter and housekeeping manager at Klahoose Wilderness Resort.

Mike Bryan usually airbrushes his art on cars and bike tanks. He also paints and sells prints, and designs tattoos.

Mike says they chose ravens for the logo as many loggers believe that the tricky birds are fallen loggers returned to haunt them in the bush, and steal their lunches.

The BC Forest Safety Council has worked hard to bring the number of deaths in the woods down over the last 30 years. Since 2013 there has been no more than 10 per year. In the decade before that, deaths ranged from 5 to 35.

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# Tla'amin's Forest Work

The health of the land is the health of the people. Tla'amin relies on our lands, waters, and resources for our cultural identity, economic prosperity, traditional teachings, and health and wellness. Tla'amin Nation is proud to have a rich history of working in the forestry sector.

Tla'amin Nation, through Thichum Forest Products, is taking on the management of more and more local forests, with a quadruple bottom line approach to forestry: whereas land management decisions are based on economic, social, cultural and environmental values. Thichum's harvesting comes from a Community Forest, two woodlots, TSL and a forest license.

The Nation will continue to grow its capacity in the forest industry. Our vision is clear; become the leader in forest management and develop a strong local economy which directly benefits from the full utilization of our forest resource.



# The Proclamation



**STUMPAGE:** Loggers on the Upper Sunshine Coast, 1926. Photo courtesy of the qathet Museum & Archives.

In 1971, Premier W.A.C. Bennett and BC's Lieutenant-Governor Jack Nicholson issued a proclamation that Logger Sports is BC's Official Industry Sport.

On July 15, here at Loggers Memorial Bowl, BC's Minister of Sport Lana Popham will open

Powell River Logger Sports by re-affirming that proclamation. Although the language of the original Proclamation sounds like it's from another era, the vision has stayed true. The forest industry is still BC's foremost industry, and logger sports are uniquely British Columbian.

## The Original 1971 Proclamation:

THAT the forest industry is the foremost industry in the Province of British Columbia;  
AND THAT the Loggers' Sports sponsored by the forest industry emphasizes the importance of the forests of British Columbia;

AND THAT logging sports bear a unique relationship to the Province of British Columbia;  
AND THAT skills developed in industrial employment can be successfully adapted as a form of recreation;

AND THAT logging sports are similar in many ways to track and field events and could be performed as a healthful exercise by school students;

AND TO RECOMMEND THAT a proclamation be issued declaring Loggers' Sports to the provincial industrial sport of British Columbia.



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