

CANADIAN PARACHUTING CHAMPIONSHIPS - 1973

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GENERAL

1. The Canadian Parachuting Championships were held at Debert, N.S. from 21 - 28 July, 1973.
2. There were 64 participants and the following events were run:
Accuracy - 6 rounds - 47 contestants completed
Style - 5 rounds - 34 contestants completed
Relative Work - 3 rounds - 8 teams completed
3. The following were Officials:
Meet Director - Don Rochester
Assistant Meet Director - J. Paul O'Reilly
Chief Judge - Brian Bowman
Chief Judge Training - John Scott
4. The following aircraft were used:
Cessna 182 - 1
Cessna 180 - 2
Cessna 172 - 1
Twin Beech - 1
5. Only very minor injuries occurred.

FACILITIES

6. Drop Zone. The DZ was situated at the old DND airport at CFB Debert and provided ample runways, taxi strips and parking areas. The airport was under control of the Provincial Department of Regional Development, an arrangement which gave rise to problems to be outlined later. A 12 metre pea gravel bowl had been built for the occasion which although next to a runway with inherent thermal problems and on a slight slope, was quite satisfactory. Accommodation on the airfield consisted of two small tents, a sunshade roof and a small storage building. Food on the airfield was provided in a canteen operated by the Debert Community Council. This served good food over long hours, although prices seemed a little high. Gasoline was stored in drums and had to be pumped by hand making refueling time consuming. On the whole, the arrangements on the airfield were good.

7. Accommodation. Excellent rooms were provided in the Nova Scotia Agricultural College at Bible Hill, N.S. There was also a cafeteria that served good food at reasonable prices. However, its hours of operation were somewhat restricted and most of the contestants could not meet them and ate on the airfield or at outside restaurants such as the "Lick-A-Chick".

8. Metecrological Services. MOT had a reporting station on Bible Hill adjacent to the College and this operated 24 hours a day. Personnel gave willing, if rather optimistic, services. This station could be reached by telephone from the DZ.

9. Transportation. Transport arrangements from the College to the DZ were barely adequate. A good truck was available for several days but then had to be surrendered for a very dirty half-ton pick-up which was of little value for personnel. Fortunately, there were enough private vehicles to move contestants to and from the DZ which was a distance of about 25 miles.

10. Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Arrangements had been made for a representative of the Provincial Department of Recreation to open the event, but as it was postponed due to weather several times, he was not available when the Meet finally began and it opened without ceremony. The closing banquet and presentation of awards was performed in the Legion Hall in Debert and was highly successful.

PROBLEM AREAS

11. As is usual, most of the problems of the Meet were unique and could hardly have been foreseen. Two days before the Meet, the Provincial Department of Development became unusually sticky and stopped all practice jumping until the day the Meet was to begin officially. Grounds for this appeared to be connected with insurance and possible damage to the

an aircraft crash into them. The problem was resolved late in the afternoon on the day before the Meet was due to start but was rapidly succeeded by another. Now no spectators were to be allowed, due to the same problems of insurance and liability. This was resolved by the Meet organizers arranging for insurance coverage. These difficulties appeared to be a matter of harassment rather than substance. However, they had two serious effects:
a) they kept the Assistant Meet Director and many of his organizers in Halifax trying to placate the Provincial Minister at a time when they should have been setting up facilities and organization at the DZ.
b) they stopped the aircraft from flying at a time when they should have been practising flight procedures for parachuting and coordination with each other. The pilots had various backgrounds and degrees of skill and had not worked together before the Meet. As a result, it took the first two days of competition before they began to perform satisfactorily and with any degree of efficiency. During this period, contestants nerves were jangled and the rate of dropping was unusually slow.

12. Weather. Weather held up the opening until part way through the second day and prevented jumping on the last two days. Although the competition might have run on July 29th, the forecast was poor and the Director terminated the Meet on the 28th. As it turned out, it would not have been possible to jump on the 29th. Weather also caused some delay in the Style because of the formation of clouds immediately above the DZ. Erratic winds delayed Accuracy when it was not possible to land a wind drift load anywhere near the bowl. However, the weather was really not too bad.

13. Re-Fuelling. Re-fuelling by hand pump was very slow, almost two hours for the Twin Beech. This caused some delays. The supply of gas was not very reliable and while it never actually caused a delay, it certainly caused apprehension.

14. Score Board. The score board was not adequate and was very poorly mounted. Most of it was drawn up on the spot by the Meet Director as required.

15. Pilots. Some of the pilots were inexperienced in dropping parachutists and needed much practice before becoming proficient.

RECOMMENDATIONS

16. I believe it would be desirable to choose the Meet Director locally and from the sponsoring body. He would then be aware of all the local resources and personalities and would be able to act more quickly. I found it necessary to refer to the Assistant Director to effect things that I might have resolved myself had I been aware of the resources. Also some ability to read the weather is expected of the Meet Director. He finds himself at a disadvantage in a strange environment. A local resident would have a better feel for the weather.

17. The rules for Relative Work gave rise to much complaint. The zap for overworking was most criticized. However, the types of aircraft to be used and the rule on visible separation also came in for comment. While I do not believe any of the points raised to be really valid objections, they might be reconsidered.

CONCLUSION

18. Although we missed four rounds of Accuracy, I believe the Meet was generally satisfactory. The sponsors and in particular, J. Paul O'Reilly, did an excellent job of preparation and most of the difficulties which ensued can hardly be laid at their door. The various helpers performed their duties well. The Judges did a first class job despite weather conditions that were difficult for them. The contestants, for the most part, remained even-tempered and cooperative.

NATIONALS RESULTS

Overall Male

Overall	Name	Style Standing	Accuracy Standing
1	G. Farnsworth	3	1
2	R. Bishop	2	3
3	B. Brand	7	2
4	O. Chemello	1	8
5	C. Winning	5	10
6	Tim McCarthy	11	5
7	D. Beavis	12	6
8	D. Hunt	10	9
9	P. Catherwood	4	16
10	A. Peterson	6	15
11	N. VanChesteing	17	4
12	J. Hinton	9	14
13	G. Batt	14	11
14	Tom McCarthy	8	18
15	N. McGrath	19	7
16	C. Armstrong	15	12
17	R. Lucas	16	13
18	P. Maillet	13	17
19	B. Williams	18	19

27	E. Barrett	25.52	4.2533	-
28	R. Gillis	26.41	4.4016	-
29	Tom McCarthy	28.17	4.695	18
30	C. Peterson	32.67	5.445	-
31	B. Williams	35.00	5.8333	19
32	P. Grant	45.84	7.6483	-
33	D. Bishop	45.89	7.6483	-
34	T. Wilson	59.81	9.9683	-

....Those not entered in the Style Event not graded for combination....

Style - Male

1	O. Chemello	43.3secs.	8.66secs.	1
2	R. Bishop	46.2	9.24	2
3	G. Farnsworth	47.4	9.48	3
4	P. Catherwood	48.4	9.68	4
5	C. Winning	49.3	9.86	5
6	A. Peterson	53.2	10.64	6
7	B. Brand	53.8	10.76	7
8	Tom McCarthy	55.0	11.00	8
9	J. Hinton	55.5	11.10	9
10	D. Hunt	56.4	11.28	10
11	Tim McCarthy	60.3	12.06	11
12	L. Farnsworth	61.3	12.26	-
13	D. Beavis	63.5	12.70	12
14	P. Maillet	64.3	12.86	13
15	G. Batt	65.0	13.00	14
16	C. Armstrong	65.5	13.10	15
17	J. Mekarski	69.9	13.98	-
18	R. Lucas	70.0	14.00	16
19	N. VanChesteing	72.2	14.44	17
20	B. Williams	74.6	14.92	18
21	N. McGrath	80.0	16.00	19

Overall Female

1	K. Lindahl	2	3
2	K. Kangas	5	1
3	C. Brand	1	5
4	K. Hardman	4	4
5	K. Seright	3	6
6	A. Halla	7	2
7	B. Watson	6	10
8	L. Summersgill	10	7
9	S. Benjamin	11	8
10	D. Batt	11	9
11	K. Fox	9	12
12	R. Rancourt	8	13
13	A. Winning	11	11

Accuracy - Female

1	K. Kangas	1.85	0.3083	1
2	A. Halla	2.55	0.425	2
3	K. Lindahl	7.04	1.1733	3
4	K. Hardman	11.57	1.9283	4
5	C. Brand	13.57	2.2616	5
6	K. Seright	13.71	2.742	6
7	L. Summersgill	16.34	2.7233	7
8	S. Benjamin	26.15	4.3583	8
9	D. Batt	26.60	4.4333	9
10	B. Watson	33.17	5.5283	10
11	A. Winning	36.63	6.105	11
12	K. Fox	37.78	6.2966	12
13	R. Rancourt	41.00	6.8333	13

Overall Collegiate (Male/Female - combined)

1	H. Trempeau	2	1
2	O. Chemello	1	2
3	C. Armstrong	4	3
4	S. Benjamin	5	4
5	B. Watson	3	6
6	W. Knott	5	5
7	A. Winning	5	7

Style - Female

1	C. Brand	47.7	9.54	1
2	K. Lindahl	49.4	9.68	2
3	K. Seright	55.5	11.1	3
4	K. Hardman	57.3	11.46	4
5	K. Kangas	57.9	11.58	5
6	B. Watson	59.0	11.8	6
7	A. Halla	67.2	13.44	7
8	R. Rancourt	77.5	15.5	8
9	K. Fox	77.7	15.54	9
10	L. Summersgill	79.7	15.94	10
(T)11	D. Batt	80.0	16.0	11(T)
(T)11	S. Benjamin	80.0	16.0	11(T)
(T)11	A. Winning	80.0	16.0	11(T)

Accuracy - Male (6 Rounds)

Standing	Name	Total	Average	Standing for Comb.
1	G. Farnsworth	0.13mtrs.	0.0216mtrs.	1
2	B. Brand	1.44	0.24	2
3	R. Bishop	2.03	0.3383	3
4	N. VanChesteing	3.85	0.6416	4
5	Tim McCarthy	3.89	0.6483	5
6	D. Christiani	4.46	0.7433	-
7	D. Beavis	6.12	1.02	6
8	N. McGrath	6.21	1.0516	7
9	R. Wright	6.41	1.0683	-
10	T. Cook	7.54	1.2566	-
11	O. Chemello	7.68	1.28	8
12	D. Hunt	8.97	1.495	9
13	S. Robertson	10.32	1.72	-
14	C. Winning	10.35	1.725	10
15	G. Batt	10.62	1.77	11
16	C. Armstrong	11.91	1.985	12
17	B. Schuchmann	12.70	2.1166	-
18	R. Lucas	13.02	2.17	13
19	H. Sommerfeld	14.07	2.345	-
20	J. Hinton	14.80	2.4666	14
21	A. Peterson	16.01	2.6683	15

Relative Work - 4-Man Team (4 Rounds)

1	Maple Leaf Jam	62.6	15.65
2	Four P's	74.0	18.50
3	Brown Seats Inc.	98.0	24.5
4	Blank Minds	100.3	25.07
5	Gananogue Good Guys	102.0	25.50
(T)6	Style Freaks	106.0	26.50
(T)6	The Flying Frisbees	106.0	26.50
7	FDE	109.0	27.25

Accuracy - Male (6 Rounds)

Standing	Name	Total	Average	Standing for Comb.
22	P. Catherwood	16.27mtrs.	2.7116mtrs.	16
23	P. Maillet	16.39	2.7316	17
24	P. Wassylenko	19.84	3.3066	-
25	T. Humes	22.71	3.785	-
26	D. Smith	23.86	3.9766	-

The preceding scores and standings constitute the official results of the 1973 National Championships.

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