



# The Perspective

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## New Database Used for Online Memberships in 2009-2010

This year CADS instituted a new and improved online database registration system. At the beginning of the 2009-10 season members could register and pay online through the CADS National website [www.disabledskiing.ca].

This new initiative, hosted by Compete-at.com, offered a more convenient and streamlined membership registration process. It generally eliminated those issues that had been experienced in previous years. The end result was a quicker turnaround time for receipt of membership cards; usually within 1 – 2 weeks from signing up online, export of the database file, printing of the membership card, and delivery via Canada Post. The added benefit of using this database system was better record keeping of member information, plus the capability to generate membership reports at the division level.

For those divisions that chose to continue to submit their membership registration lists manually [via a membership template which they emailed back to the National Office], a workaround process had to be specifically developed so that those membership cards could be printed and that member information imported into the database. Due to the logistics and extra work involved with this manual recording process, the issuing of cards was slower. In many cases, it was observed that the member information template received back from the divisions had been so customized [to suit the division's own record keeping requirements] that the data needed to be standardized and the template's structure converted back to the original standardized format before those membership cards could be printed and the member information manually imported into the database. To perform the files import, membership information then had to be transferred into a specific import template. This necessitated the standardizing of data so that it exactly matched the attributes defined in the database. Due to the design key of the database, successful file imports required unique email addresses for each member— the database would reject any shared email addresses during the file import process. After review of this year's process, and in consideration of the various aspects involved, it was agreed that in future, so as to facilitate the timeliness of processing, ensure the accuracy of member information, plus compliance with various database constraints, all manually submitted records would have to adhere exactly with the format and attributes specified in the original template provided.

In summing up, it would be fair to say that the online database system worked reasonably well, given that it was the first year for this system. Everyone involved with the membership registration process during the 2009 – 2010 season worked together, as a team, to ensure that CADS members received their cards in as timely a manner as possible. Some valuable lessons were learned during this inaugural year, and out of it will evolve even better methodology as we move forward.

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## From the Editor's Desk~

As Editor / Publisher of The Perspective, I take great pride in producing this publication for my fellow CADS members. This is a responsibility that I volunteered to take on back in the Fall of 2007. Little did I know back then the amount of time and effort that it would take, as a *one person shop*, to publish two versions of this newsletter simultaneously in both of our official languages. When I say 'one person shop' I am referring to the editing / publishing side; however I would be amiss if I did not give credit to my volunteer translator (s) without whom each French issue would not be possible.

Often I have to take a guess as to how large each issue of this newsletter will be, based on the season and the scope of the anticipated subject matter. Recently, I have started to see some submissions coming in for the Spring / Summer issue from, what I hope will be, regular contributors. Generally, because this issue is the wrap up to the winter season it contains more material.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who takes the time to send along an article, photograph, or item that they think might be of interest to their fellow CADS members. All submissions are appreciated.

Here are the submission deadlines for each issue:

*Spring / Summer—April 30th \**

*Fall / Winter—September 30th \**

*[Please send an email to the Editor advising of your intention to submit an item. Late submissions may be accommodated, if time and space permits.]*

Having said that, I must add the following comment. As Editor / Publisher I give each sub-

mission careful consideration before agreeing to, or declining to, publish it. Sometimes I receive articles that do not fit the scope of this publication, and therefore must decline them. The mandate of this newsletter is to help the National Office inform members about CADS business. In addition, it is a conduit for information sharing, whether it be news from the various CADS programs across Canada, fundraising initiatives, or a wide range of items of interest. In accordance with that criteria, the decision will be made whether to print an article or not.

In this current issue you will see an article about a not for profit organization that is working with CADS Calgary and is involved in the development of a new mono sit-ski. Because their mission is "To grow the sport of sit-skiing through the introduction of a low-cost product designed specifically for volunteer and not-for-profit teaching programs across Canada." and they submitted their article, through the National Office, it fit the criteria for publication.

This newsletter will not intentionally endorse any product or service. It will simply serve as a method for the dissemination of information to CADS members across Canada. However, should members wish to forward information about topics that they think would be of interest to other readers, such as adaptive equipment that they have tried, websites that they have discovered and found to be useful, or any other items of interest that they would like to share, every attempt will be made to include it in this publication.

This is the sixth issue of The Perspective, I hope you find it interesting and informative.

Until next time.....



## Message from David O'Brien, Executive Director



Another season has finished with the majority of our CADS programs having a very good season with the weather cooperating for the most part.

Here is a quick update of what has happened this past season and what is in the works for the upcoming one.

### **National Awards**

Congratulations to all the recipients of the national awards. They were presented at the CADS Festival banquet at Mt. Washington. Many thanks to all the nominators who took the time to put together the large number of strong nominations which made the review committee's job especially difficult. Please check out pages 7 & 8 for the complete list of all winners.

### **Website**

Bev Hannington has stepped down as our webmaster and the search for a replacement is continuing. Bev has done a wonderful job with the CADS website to make it much more functional and informative. Please contact the National Office if you or someone you know would be interested in learning more about becoming the webmaster for the CADS National website.

### **Membership**

Membership processing has been an on going priority at the National Office. Karen Elliott has done an outstanding job again this past season with the added wrinkle of having to learn a new database system. More and more areas have used the online membership option. This has greatly helped speed the process along. Karen was able to get membership cards out to online registrants within seven working days of receipt.

However, there are still some issues and delays in getting membership information into the

correct format and received in a timely manner from some of the programs and divisions across Canada. It should be noted that the National Office can not process members' cards until we receive the membership information and the corresponding funds from the programs and divisions. This becomes a real issue when a member has filled out their information and paid their fees at the local program in a timely manner and then do not receive a CADS membership card in an equally timely manner because the information and fees are not forwarded to the National Office.

The CADS National Board and I will continue to look at making improvements to the membership database and the processing of the membership cards.

### **CADS Festival 2010 at Mt. Washington, BC.**

It was another successful CADS Festival that saw us returning to Vancouver Island. The event was hosted by Vancouver Island Society for Adaptive Snowsports (VISAS) & Mt. Washington Resort from Sunday, March 21 to Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Participants enjoyed great spring skiing conditions for most of the week.

Along with the daily lessons in ski improvement, advanced techniques, and introduction to racing for the students, there were CADS certification courses and training sessions run in the afternoons for the volunteers and instructors. These afternoon sessions were overseen by some of the best adaptive instructors from across Canada.

We wish to thank both the Binnion Foundation and Veterans Canada for their continued financial support of this event.

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## Message from Executive Director

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### **CADS Festival 2011 at Kimberly Alpine Resort**

CADS will be back at one of the most popular CADS Festival sites for March 2011. From March 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> all are welcome to join in the fun. With convenient airport access from nearby Cranbrook International Airport, a wide variety of accessible terrain and superb ski-in, ski-out accommodations [with kitchen facilities]. Kimberly Alpine Resort has been the site of the CADS Festival on many previous occasions and they are very excited to host us again. The CADS Banquet will take place on Thursday March 17<sup>th</sup>. Details on lesson options, available certification courses and accommodation rates are still to be finalized and will be posted in the CADS Fall newsletter and on the CADS Website.

### **Looking for Interest in Hosting CADS Festival 2012?**

We have a number of resorts and programs that have shown interest in hosting future CADS Festivals and in response, an updated festival bid package has been developed for distribution. We are sending out the call to all divisions and programs that may be interested in hosting this event and would like to receive this bid package. Please contact the National Office if you have any questions, or are interested in receiving the bid package.

### **CADS National Golf Tournament**

The tournament will be held at the Boulder Creek Golf Club, just outside Calgary, on Tuesday, August 31st. The cost is \$149.00 per person. There will be lots of prizes, a silent auction and banquet. A tax receipt will be issued for a portion of the registration fee. To register, or obtain more information please contact Allan Matile at: [matilea@telus.net](mailto:matilea@telus.net) or 403 251-7554

### **French Translations**

There is still much work to be done to make CADS a fully bilingual organization so as to fully

serve our membership in both languages. We need your help. Besides the website, newsletters and many of the CADS Official forms, there are many more documents that need to be translated. We are still looking for more assistance with translating the newsletter, as well as the website, and various documents into both official languages. If you would like to help, or if you know of someone who may be able to offer their assistance, please contact the National Office.

Respectfully,



David O'Brien

### **Important Dates**

#### **CADS National Golf Tournament –**

Calgary, AB ~  
Aug 31, 2010

#### **Western Pre-course –**

COP, Calgary, AB ~  
Nov 26-28, 2010

#### **Eastern Pre-course –**

TBD— ~  
Dec 3-5, 2010

#### **CADS Festival –**

Kimberly Alpine Resort, BC ~  
March 13-18, 2011

## Message from Al Matile, President



Welcome to the Spring / Summer 2010 newsletter.

This is the first 'The / La Perspective' newsletter under the restructured Board of Directors and Technical Committee. Listed below are the corresponding changes:

- The National Board of Directors has been reduced from 16 to 6 elected members; plus the Chair of the Technical Committee for a total of 7 members.
- The Technical Committee has been reduced from 10 to 7 members.  
These changes bring CADS more in line with other National Organizations and allow us to address the rising costs being faced by CADS. If you would like to obtain more information about these changes, please feel free to contact your divisional representative, myself, or the National office.

*I would like to thank our members for their support at this year's Annual General Meeting, and their help in making these changes.*

- \* The Festival at Mt. Washington, BC was a very nice way to finish the ski season. Seeing the participants having such a great time makes it all worthwhile. *I would like to send a thank you to the Volunteers for all their hard work - they make the Festival such a great success. Also, a special thank you to our sponsors. Without your support we could not have a successful Festival.*
- \* Congratulations to our National Team for their incredible success at the Paralympics in Whistler, BC.
- \* Your Board of Directors is currently working on plans for the 2011 CADS Festival.
- \* On a sad note: We are sorry to report that CADS lost some good friends this year. We would like to send our thoughts out to their families.

In closing ~  
Enjoy the summer and get recharged for another great year!

## T.C. CORNER

### NEW Level 2A Pin

The Technical Committee would like to announce the development of a Level 2A pin. This pin will be available for purchase through the CADS National Office, at a cost of \$10. It will be available to all current Level 2A instructors.

### TC Survey

The T.C. is conducting a survey. We would like to know whether, or not, your program has any blind students and, if so, what type of two-way radio system are you using. We are interested in your feedback about the pros and cons of that radio system.

Please send your response, by email, to Jamie Spencer at: [spencer2@sympatico.ca](mailto:spencer2@sympatico.ca). Thank you

*Submitted by: Jamie Spencer*

### Q & A: Pre Course Information

The CADS T.C. is responsible for conducting a Pre Course each year prior to the start of the ski season. One course is conducted in the West and one in the East. The Pre Course is held on snow and indoors.

#### What is a Pre Course?

The Pre Course consists of sessions that discuss and demonstrate the standards required for CADS certification, an update on the latest teaching techniques, a show and tell of teaching aids and equipment, and an open forum that deals with matters related to teaching the disabled to ski.

#### Who should attend?

All Level 2 and 3 instructors who will be conducting CADS certification courses and exams, program supervisors, plus anyone that is involved in teaching the disabled to ski.

#### Who conducts the Pre Course?

The Pre Course is conducted by the T.C. Chairman, Level 4 and Level 3 examiners.

*Submitted by: Bob Vickers*



# NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS 2010

Congratulations to all the recipients of the 2010 National Awards. The awards were presented at the CADS Festival banquet at Mt. Washington. Here are this year's award winners, plus a brief excerpt from each nomination.

## **NATIONAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR MIKE FAIRHART –**

CADS Durham – CADS Ontario

*"Watching Mike patiently, and compassionately, helping people with disabilities learn to ski has been inspirational for many and has contributed significantly to the growth of the program's volunteer base.... There never seems to be a task too large or too small for Mike to undertake."*

## **NATIONAL SKIER OF THE YEAR VANESSA KNIGHT –**

CADS Quebec Race Team - CADS Quebec

*"Vanessa is already one of the best junior skiers in the country, even though she has been competing for such a short period of time. Vanessa demonstrates consistency, motivation and technical progress to allow her to perform at her fair value..... Vanessa is young in the competition but she wishes to continue to go higher on the podium, to go further, and stronger."*

## **NATIONAL INSTRUCTOR OF THE YEAR JEAN-PAUL (JP) DEVEAU –**

Ski Wentworth – CADS Nova Scotia

*"JP is an enthusiastic gentleman who loves to ski and passes this along to everyone he meets..... I have spent many days skiing with JP and having a fantastic time. He has patience, even when I am making the same mistake over again.... He uses every opportunity to talk about CADS and invite potentially new CADS members to try skiing out. He does his up most to make sure everyone has a good time."*

## **NATIONAL ADMINISTRATOR OF THE YEAR PETER TREACY –**

Eastern Townships Disabled Skiers Foundation – CADS Quebec

*"Peter started the adaptive ski program at Owl's Head 16 years ago as a one man operation. Recently he was described as the 'complete package'. Peter has built the program from the ground up to today to include 85 volunteers, 45 students, not to mention board members, sponsors and ski-doo operators.....I heard descriptions like, 'optimistic', 'committed' and 'dedicated'. One of the best was 'Peter leads by example'."*

## **NATIONAL SKI AREA OF THE YEAR OWL'S HEAD DEVELOPMENT -**

Eastern Townships Disabled Skiers Foundation – CADS Quebec

*"Owl's Head Resort has been a continuous supporter of the program (16<sup>th</sup> year)... before it was popular to do so....."*

*They give free space on the main floor for our offices and receiving area for students...free storage area and workroom for our equipment in the main building, free season passes for a significant number of full time volunteer instructors. They also provide a banquet area for our year end party and 15 handicapped parking spots close the lodge access door."*

## **DIVISION SPONSOR OF THE YEAR THE BISHOP FAMILY -**

SIR SAM'S SKI AREA -  
CADS Haliburton – CADS Ontario

*"Nominated for their unstinting generosity and encouragement for the rejuvenation of the CADS Haliburton Program without which local and metro area residents with disabilities would not have the opportunity to participate and enrich their live experiences."*

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# NATIONAL AWARD RECIPIENTS 2010

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## **PRESIDENTS AWARD**

**TED RHODES –**

CADS Calgary – CADS Alberta

*“Ted is a former Karl Hilzinger Award recipient (1994) who has been involved with the CADS Calgary Program for over three decades. The original and longest serving coordinator of the Calgary program, he is still an active participant every week. He also has lent his efforts to record and document our history.”*

## **KARL HILZINGER AWARD**

**BOB GILMOUR –**

Calabogie Adaptive – CADS NCD

*“Bob Gimour has devoted the last 25 years of his life to the enrichment of the lives of disabled individuals through the introduction of snow skiing and boarding. His enthusiasm in this regard is infectious as is evidenced by the hundreds of disabled skiers and volunteers that he has influenced over this period of time..... Being associated with Bob re-affirms our beliefs and resolution to help our disabled children and adults. It has been an honour to work with him.”*

## **2010—2011 NATIONAL BOARD**



Back row:  
Jeff Laidlaw, Kim Atkins, Al Matile, Doug Mcdougall,  
Brian Forrester, Bruce Lebens

Front row:  
David O'Brien, Rick Martellacci, Susan Hughes

## **2010 CADS Festival SKIMP Students and Instructors**



## CADS Festival 2010 — Feedback

*Editor's Note: Thank you to Susan Hughes, from DSABC, for submitting the following excerpts received from participants at this year's Festival.*

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### **First, is an excerpt of email received from Donna, regarding Sam's week at Festival 2010. [Sam was a first time participant.]**

Sam had a wonderful time as I'm sure you know. He too was unwell prior to the festival and didn't arrive there in top form. He did however come home not only in top form but on top of the world.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Embodied in that week Sam learned to ski with more confidence, experienced the joy of a goal accomplished, relaxed in an atmosphere of total inclusion and got to hang out with some really neat people.

Based on the success of this experience his appetite is definitely whetted for more.

I feel so encouraged to know that there are people in Sam's life who not only care but act on that caring.



Left to Right— Jay, Sam & Andy

### **This excerpt is from an email written by Mark, who is a 2<sup>nd</sup> year instructor and a successful CADS Level 2 instructor.**

A million things to say, a million fabulous moments to remember forever (and they all happened in a five-day week!). As for the trip - my heart and mind are still swirling with an amazing combination of simply having a great time skiing, and having a huge impact on someone's life and the freedom and gratification that can be communicated by something as simple as skiing.

I'm still not sure upon whose life the greater impact was made - Michele's, or mine. Thank you again for the amazing opportunity to share skiing with someone who finds as much exhilaration from it as we do. Who'd have think that coasting around an open expanse of snow could bring such wonderful feelings? Well, I guess you always knew. But now I know, too. And I think Michele has a pretty good idea now, as well...

Thank you, you'll never possibly know how wonderful you are, but there are a lot of us out there learning just how much, one ski season at a time... As always, I'll...

Be Skiin' Ya!  
Mark



Left to Right— Mark, Michele & Clare

## UPDATE from: CADS Southeast Fundy

The CADS Southeast Fundy Region is located in southern New Brunswick. Most of our winter activities take place at Poley Mountain, near Sussex, NB, which is very near the geographical center of our Region. Along with two Regions in our province, we are a part of the CADS NB Division.

We had another very busy season at Poley Mountain and the skiing conditions were excellent from mid December till the end of March. We had three official CADS Days, all of which were well attended by both disabled members and CADS instructors and guides.

Our CADS Kick-off Day was held in early January and our Annual General Meeting was also held that day at the Poley Mountain Lodge.

In mid February, we held our annual Ski Blitz, which also featured a fund-raiser barbecue that was very popular with the guests who were at the Mountain that day.

In mid March, we held our Member Appreciation Day, which also featured another very successful barbecue.

Along with the money raised from this year's fund raisers, we have obtained some grant money from our provincial government, so we plan to purchase some new adaptive equipment to add to the inventory we presently have in our CADS storage shed at Poley Mountain. We also hope to use some of our funds to get more instructors qualified next season, so we should be able to serve even more disabled members in 2011.

Here's hoping that everyone has a wonderful summer as we get ready for another CADS season next winter.

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## UPDATE from: CADS—NOVA SCOTIA

CADS – NS had a great season with many successes. At the beginning of January we held the largest Instructors' course ever in Atlantic Canada. There were 15 participants who became CADS Level 1 Instructors, at the end of a beautiful weekend. Thanks to Hiro Ozawa, who shadowed the course conducted by Gord Robinson. Thanks also to JP Deveau and Lloyd Gagnon (from NB) who helped assist with the group.

The Grocery Foundation of Atlantic Canada provided their financial support for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Atlantic Festival, which was held at Ski Wentworth on January 29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>. It was another great time for all involved. We had 13 skiers/boarders in attendance. Unfortunately, a snow storm on the Thursday meant that four people could not make it. I guess that is all part of winter sports!

A "Skiing is Believing" day, sponsored by the Rick Hansen Institute, was held at Ski Martock on March 20<sup>th</sup>. What a difference in weather between these two events. It was about -15° for the Festival and +20° for the ski day. The warm weather made the skiing a little slushy at times, but the BBQ'ing was great. There were 13 people participating in the spring skiing. Thanks to the Volunteers and Instructors who helped out for both of these events.

This year, for the first time, the award for National Instructor of the Year went to an instructor from NS. It was awarded to JP Deveau, a CADS Level 2A Instructor, who skis out of Ski Wentworth. JP is an enthusiastic Instructor who has volunteered with CADS, both on the hill and behind the scenes, since 2007.

Ski Wentworth was also nominated as "Ski Area of the Year" for their support of the Atlantic Festival.

Next season - the Alpine and Para-alpine events for the Canada Winter Games will be held at Ski Wentworth, and the Snowboarding, Nordic and Para-Nordic events will be held at Ski Martock. Please take the opportunity to come see the first Para-Alpine races to be held in the Maritimes, and some exceptional skiing / boarding.

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## SKIMP Report

*From:*  
**Jimmy Colligan, SKIMP Coordinator**

Opening Ceremonies again provided that very welcomed opportunity for students to meet their instructors. The Veterans in attendance touched everyone in a very special way and their presence was greatly appreciated.

I wish to express my appreciation to all the Instructors and helpers who again did a magnificent job. Also, a special thank you to VI-SAS volunteers Brian and Dick and their Instructors who volunteered their afternoons to spend more time with their students. Thanks to those SKIMP instructors who gave up their afternoons to give their students more snow time.

Thank you to everyone who organized and ran the social events and games, which completed the total Ski Festival experience.

A number of the students had the opportunity to meet and ski with some members of our Canadian Para-Alpine Ski Team, who are great role models for our up and coming skiers. This is definitely a practice to be encouraged whenever possible.

The race was held in an excellent location near the main lodge. The course was set by the local Adaptive Ski Program, led by Bob Hodgson.

Unfortunately, when the race was more than half finished I had to postpone it, due to heavy rain. Volunteers took down the course and set it up again Friday morning under beautiful sunny skies. Kim was the starter; Laura Lee and Jean-Louis did the timing, and I recorded the results.

### Results: (Presented Friday Morning) **Skimp Guestimation Race 2010**

Omid Raoufian	Gold
Caleb Dueck	Silver
Michele Sansregret	Bronze
Fabiola Lopez	Bronze

### **Race Development Black Diamond**

Joe Grubweser	Gold
Megan Williams	Silver
Trinity Tratch	Bronze

### **Able Bodied**

Andrew Tratch	Special Snowboard Medal from VISAS
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Awards and certificates were given out Friday morning as were the fun awards. We certainly missed Michael Rein who has been a consistent medal winner for many years.

### **Participation Summary:**

Division	Students	Instructors	Helpers
MB	1		
ON	1	4	
BC	4	3	1
NS	1		
QC	1	2	
AB	2	7	
SK	1		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16 (1) (2)</b>	<b>1</b>

- (1) This includes 1 Coordinator & 1 Supervisor
- (2) Instructors from Mount Washington

### ***Food for thought.....***

*68% of our Instructors are over "50"!  
26% are between 40 -50  
6% are under 30.*

Again, my sincere thanks to everyone, including the students, who collectively worked together to achieve another successful Festival.



## InclineDesign Looking for Input to Develop Low-Cost Sit-Ski

The following article was sent to the CADS National Office and forwarded on to this newsletter for consideration. The mandate of this newsletter is to help inform members about CADS business, as well as be a method for information sharing. To that end, the decision has been made to print this article.

As a further comment, it should be noted that InclineDesign is a not for profit organization that is involved in the development of a new mono sit-ski. According to their website:[[www.inclinedesign.ca](http://www.inclinedesign.ca)] their mission is "To grow the sport of sit-skiing through the introduction of a low-cost product designed specifically for volunteer and not-for-profit teaching programs across Canada." They are partnered with West- Link Innovation Network Ltd., University Technologies International, and CADS Calgary.



Some of you may have seen or heard about a new low-cost mono-sit-ski being developed by a group of University of Calgary graduates working closely with the CADS Calgary program.



Photo Credit: Anna Mandelkai. Taken at: Canada Olympic Park, Calgary

Recently, this project was given an added boost in exposure through showcase opportunities and demonstration rides offered at the 2010 Whistler Paralympics and the 2010 Mt. Washington CADS Festival. The first official skiing of our prototype took place in December 2009 generating some local media attention, and shortly thereafter, with a few improvements, we took our prototype "on the road" to Whistler and Mt. Washington to share with people. Everyone who has skied our prototype has been thrilled by its performance, despite its humble price-tag.

This project has been made possible through the collaborative effort of CADS program volunteers, students, and instructors, as well as local manufacturers and partners and we see potential for a low-cost monoski to help grow the sport of sit-skiing.

The input that we have collected from ski participants and programs to-date has been extremely helpful and is a huge contributor to the excellent feedback we have received on our prototypes thus far. We have been told that our prototype is extremely easy to ski, and a joy to ride, even in challenging conditions. Currently, we hope to sell our sit-ski for around \$2000 to ski programs. With a reduced feature/function-set, we may be able to reduce the cost of our ski further; or, with a more complete feature set, the price may increase somewhat. As we finalize development of our prototype your feedback, as a CADS student, instructor, or program head will allow us to better meet your needs.

If you feel you might benefit from a low-cost sit-ski, or would like to offer your feedback or support for our project, please contact us!

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### About InclineDesign:

*InclineDesign's not-for-profit mission is to increase participation in alpine sit-skiing through the introduction of a low-cost, domestic product which can be easily maintained or customized by ski programs and users alike. Our hope is that by alleviating the cost and equipment burden on programs and students, participation in alpine sit-skiing can grow. Through increased participation, sit-skiing will gain increasing visibility and demand to the benefit of everyone involved in the sport. Website: [inclinedesign.ca](http://inclinedesign.ca)*

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Brian Rode from Whistler Adaptive carving the EVO1 on a great test run.





## IN REMEMBRANCE

### **DAWN MICHELLE PALMER**

(January 20, 1965 – December 1, 2009)

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Dawn Palmer on Friday Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Memories were shared by Karen Jewell (sister-in-law), Joyce Phillips (Sask. Abilities Council) and Pat Prokopchuk (Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing)

Dawn was born in North Battleford, SK, the second child of Stewart and Hazel Palmer. She worked at the Sask. Abilities Council as a Life Enrichment Supervisor. Her passion was downhill skiing and was a Level III instructor with the Canadian Association for disabled skiing and former member of the National Board of Directors for the Association.

In 2004 Dawn became ill and was eventually diagnosed with Lyme Disease. She was always optimistic about getting better. She will be missed by her parents Stewart and Hazel Palmer, brothers Derrick and Marc (Karen Jewell), and her extended family.

Memorial Donations in Dawn's memory may be made to the Life Enrichment Program of the Saskatchewan Abilities Council – 2310 Louise Ave. Saskatoon, SK S&J 2C1 or Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing – [www.disabledskiing.ca](http://www.disabledskiing.ca) and click on 'CADS Donations' or <https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=197>

### **DOUGLAS ERNEST MEGGET ALLEN**

(June 11, 1923— January 17, 2010)

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Doug Allen on January 17, 2010 at 86 years of age. He leaves behind to mourn his wife of 56 years, Evelyn (nee Thorvaldson), son Glenn (Diane Pearce), daughter Val Bakker, granddaughters Kristina, Katherine and Kimberly Bakker, Elizabeth and Sara Allen, sister Pat (Art Wheatley) in Vernon BC, and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his brother Dennis (Kaye) Allen of Norway House. Doug was born June 11, 1923 in Winnipeg. St. James was home base for the majority of a life of world travels through wartime service in the Royal Canadian Navy, 1940-48; through his 50 year career as a broadcast engineer (Distinguished Graduate U of M, awarded the Isbister Scholarship) and through his passionate involvement in downhill skiing.

Doug officially retired at age 80. He told us that life at its core is simply about helping people. Doug was an avid Alpine skier. From his early involvement as President of the U of M Ski Club, Ski School Director at the Winnipeg Ski Club, volunteer at the Agassiz Ski Club (where he kept the family ski cottage in McCreary and made sure that skiing was truly a family sport), to being a founding member and President of the Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing, member of the Board of Directors for the Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance and for the Canadian Federation of Sports Organizations for the Disabled, serving as Chef de Mission for the Canadian Ski Team at the Winter Olympics Games for the Disabled in 1984 in Austria.

For his long history of service to the disabled, particularly through his leadership in the organization and development of skiing as a recreational, social and therapeutic activity, he was awarded the highest honour of being appointed a Member of the Order of Canada in 1985.

Many other cherished awards were as an inductee to the MB Sports Hall of Fame (1994), MB Alpine Skiing Hall of Fame (2001), and the especially prized honor of induction into the Canadian Ski Instructors' Alliance National Hall of Fame in 2004. A true gentleman, a man of honour, ethics and integrity. His loss is deeply felt by many.

## Dates To Remember:

CADS National Newsletter (The Perspective)

*Spring / Summer Issue ~*

Submission deadline: **April 30th**

Publication date: **June 15th**

*Fall / Winter Issue ~*

Submission deadline: **September 30th**

Publication date: **November 15th**

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## Donations

CADS (Canadian Association for Disabled Skiing) is dedicated to helping persons with a disability learn to ski and snowboard. CADS is funded by donations, fund-raising, and membership fees. Your donation is greatly appreciated and is used to promote and facilitate programs for people with disabilities.

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We ask that you pass this form on to a friend who may wish to support our organization. Thank you!

