



IFSS World Cup 2016/2017 Global Gold Medal Winners



Congratulations to all IFSS Global World Cup Gold Medal winners racing season 2016/2017!

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Dryland

Canicross Women and Men Elite and Veteran - *Kim Mazzucca, Great Britain*

Bikejoring Women and Men Elite and Veteran- *Raimonds Kleinbergs, Latvia*

Scooter - *Artūrs Jakobsons, Latvia*

Rig - *Martins Kristons, Latvia*

Skidogs

Ski-Dogs Women Men Elite and Veteran - *Karen Koehler, Canada*

Ski-Dogs Men Elite and Veteran - *Michael Roux, Canada*

Sled

Sprint 2/4-dog class - *Silvia Kleinova, Czech Republik*

Sprint 6-dog class - *Rosalie Morin-Doré, Canada*

Sprint 8-dog class - *Michael Tetzner, Germany*

Sprint Unlimited class - *Rejean Therrien, Canada*

Mid Distance class - *Jake Golton, Canada*

Junior class - *André Boysen Hillestad, Norway*



Kim Mazzucca, Great Britain

Photo by Sled Dog Photo

Kim Mazzucca, Great Britain - Gold Medal Canicross Women and Men Elite and Veteran



Rainonds Kleinbergs, Latvia

Photo by Izabela Gettel

Rainonds Kleinbergs, Latvia – Gold Medal Bikejoring Women and Men Elite

- Mountainbiking since the year 2000, specialized in long distances, even 24 hour races.

My first sprint bikejoring start was in autumn, in the year 2010. with a pure breed Weimaraner, this was just an exploration of the sport.

The year 2013. was the turning point, in wich we bought a Eurodog breed puppy, named it "James", a very motivated dog.

The next year 2014, I won the European Championship in France (BJMW) and also became a past year WCup gold medalist (BJM)

2017. World Cup's race schedule was overfilled, but a big thanks to our sponsors and the National sleddog federation for support on making it happen.

Till the last season, an intrigue was persisted to who will win the World Cup.

I'm really proud, I have achieved it!

Special thanks to: My family, Veloprofs, ZeroDC, Happy Dog Baltic, RaceDog Latvia.





Artūrs Jakobsons, Latvia

Photo by: Gints Kaucis from Latvia

Artūrs Jakobsons, Latvia - Gold Medal Dryland Scooter

- Three years ago I tried sleddog sport for the first time. And I understand, that its what I want to do. I still like it even more after each training. My excelent friends (German Pointer and Greyster) always make me feel praud of them!

But the last year was the best! Still cant believe we became IFSS World Cup winners! Off course it can never happen without hepl of my family, team, sponsors, supporters. Thank you everybody! We will try to do our best!





Martins Kristons, Latvia

Photo by: Juris Maurans

Martins Kristons, Latvia – Gold Medal Dryland Rig

- I am chef from Riga, amateur in sleddog sport who started this hobby 9 years ago with one showline husky. Now I have 9 Siberian huskies, 8 of them are working lines whose roots comes from one of the best breeders in Europe – Kipp d' Amundsen kennel (Katerina Paleckova) and Vargevass (Karsten Grønås and Eveline Koch). Team bloodlines are

combined Igloo Pak, Anadyr, Polar Speed, NorthWapitti, Vargevass.

Thanks to my family and wife Solvita for patience, special thanks to the Garkalne municipality for its significant support for several years and thanks to the Latvian Sleddog sport federation. □



Karen Koehler, Canada

Photo by Marie Parent

Karen Koehler, Canada - Gold Medal Skidog Women Elite and Veteran

- I started skijoring in 2004 with a Siberian Husky/boarder collie. My first IFSS World Championship was in Norway in 2011, followed by Alaska, Germany, and Canada 2015 Dryland and 2017 Snow (the one I helped bring to my home, Haliburton). My beloved companions now are 4 GSP (German Shorthaired Pointer) crosses - lines mostly

from Norway. It is an honor and surprise to win this award. I have never won an IFSS medal before and having this medal will remind me of all my family, friends from all around the World and our super dogs that made Haliburton World Championship so special.





Michael Roux, Canada

Photo by DanielTphoto

Michael Roux, Canada – Gold Medal Skidogs Men Elite and Veteran

- I live in the province of Quebec in Canada. I have been racing with dogs since 2011. I am originally a mountain bike racer and I started to ski in 2012 because I wanted to make a winter harness dog sport with my dogs. Since then I train a lot and work hard with my dogs (1 weimaraner and

the five others are hound and pointer mixes). I made a lot of ski races this winter and I had a lot of fun with my dogs. Thanks to my girlfriend Marie-Philippe Rodrigue for sharing the same passion than me. □



Silvia Kleinova, Czech Republik

Photo by Desiree Nickerson

Silvia Kleinova, Czech Republik – Gold Medal Sled Sprint 2 and 4 dog class

My name is Silvia Kleinova and I am racing with pure breed Siberian huskies. Together with my husband Marek owned "Wolf Valley " pure breed Siberian huskies kennel. I am doing mushing more than 20 Years and return back to racing after longer brake 5 Years ago, because together with my husband we worked on best sport line Siberian huskies and founded the best blood line pure breed Siberian huskies to our kennel.

It was hard and very long way but we are on the best way which is the proof that I won 2017 IFSS World Cup Gold medal in the Sled Sp2/Sp4 class. I feel very well because whole my season 2016/2017 was with great results and my team won a couple more races and we collect points to won IFSS World Cup.

I love my team because racing always with a smile and is a part of my family.

Thanks for support:

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Rosalie Morin-Doré, Canada

Photo by Joël Fortin (JF Photo)

Rosalie Morin-Doré, Canada – Gold Medal Sled Sprint 6 dog

- My two sisters and I own a mid-sized kennel of hound crossed dogs in Quebec, Canada and have been sprint racing for the past 9 years. We now race two teams and focus on developing our young athletes to perform in the 6-dog class. While we specialize in the 6-dog sled sprint class, we often enter other limited classes, in both on snow and dryland events. Our younger sister focuses on racing mainly in canicross, bikejoring and skijoring.

Although our team had a good 2017-racing season, I was surprised to learn that I had won the IFSS SP6 World Cup! I thought to myself "wow, these dogs are amazing, in all ways! They have such big hearts and never stop impressing us! It's an honor for me to live, learn, work and race with these dogs - I'm so proud of them." Thank you IFSS for developing our sport to an international level! □



Michael Tetzner, Germany

Photo by Britt Coon

Michael Tetzner, Germany – Gold Medal Sled Sprint 8 dog

- The “Tetzner Racing Farm “ is placed near Hamburg, Germany without any snow conditions.

In the kennel are always around 50-60 hounds including house pets and retired dogs.

In 30 years of racing there is only a few races left I didn't won so far.

Since 2001 the main focus is running in Alaska but

always the races of IFSS are also very important.

To winning the IFSS World Cup is a very good feeling because we try to run in all classes.

Thank you to all sponsors and supporters and big thanks to IFSS to doing this.

Keep going.





Rejean Therrien, Canada

Photo by Born 2 Run Photography (Desiree Nickerson)

Rejean Therrien, Canada – Gold Medal Sled Sprint Unlimited class

- My name is Rejean Therrien, I'm 61 years old, and I own a small kennel of less than 50 dogs in St-Emile, province of Quebec, Canada. My family was involved in raising dogs from as far as I can remember. My dad used to train dogs and sell them to the mushers we knew. When my older brother was old enough he started racing with our dogs. I raced as well, but for other mushers because we didn't have enough dogs for 2 teams.

We are a family of carpenters, so we had to adjust our time between work and dogs to be sure the team was ready for the race season every year. For a decade in the 70's, we had the best team in the province of Quebec. My brother Richard won every race he entered. Sled dog racing was a passion for my family, one that has been transmitted from generation to generation. My brother Richard retired from racing 5 years ago, that's when I started racing our kennel's open team for the first time. Our team is one of Quebec top teams for the past couple of years and this mostly due to our focus on raising high-level dogs with good bloodlines. The dogs we are racing today are a mix of the Therrien bloodline that we developed over the years mixed with

German short hair pointer and Terry and Buddy Streeper bloodlines. In the last years, we add some of Egil Ellis and Rudi Ropertz bloodlines in the mix.

It was an honor for me to represent Canada in the last winter World Championships in Halliburton, Ontario and I am very pleased with the result and on winning the IFSS World Cup as well. Our team was greatly affected by a virus last winter so the team couldn't meet the expectations we had for him. Nevertheless the dogs gave us great performances even though they were not at 100% at every race we entered. Despite everything, we are happy with the season we had and with our experience at an international competition like the World Championships.

I would like to thank my wife Danielle, my two daughters, Emilie and Alexandra, and my brother, Richard, who are always there for me. My daughters and my brother are taking care of all the fall training normally because I can't get off work to help them as much as I would like. I am racing the team but they are all doing the job for me and for that I appreciate their help so much.

Congrats to all the other winners.





Jake Golton, Canada

Photo by Lois Golton

Jake Golton, Canada – Gold Medal Sled Mid Distance

- My name is Jake Golton and I have been around sled dogs since I was four years old. I started my own kennel in 2013 where I raise and train Alaskan Huskies with my wife Nina. Being able to compete in the World Championships as part of Team Canada this year was truly a wonderful experi-

ence. The race was well organized and the trails were really awesome.

Taking home the Gold Medal in the Mid-Distance race was a great experience and I am very happy I was able to share that experience with my dogs. 



André Boysen-Hillestad, Norway

Photo by Ina Holmstedt

André Boysen-Hillestad, Norway – Gold Medal Sled Junior class

- I am very happy to win the World Cup. I want to thank my dogs Fine Josefine, Pulka, Helle and Spin-vill, my mother and father, and Beatrice M Gatti Semmingsen (she is always supporting me).

Our sponsors Provit, Troll and Non-Stop are also important for us. I had been practicing hard before the World Championships in Canada, and it was great fun to be the Champion. □