



Dear IFSS members

Summer went by quickly here in northern Sweden, not too hot and with a mix of sun and rain made for a great summer.

Our members on the Southern hemisphere now move towards their summer while here in Europe and North America we approach fall and hopefully a cool snowy winter season. It is my pleasure to update you on some of the latest

news including a report from Adian Meissner, IFSS Youth Committee, who was one of the instructors at the successful Summer Camp in Norway.

Best regards Helen, IFSS President



CLEAN SPORT  ANTI-DOPING IS COOL

IFSS Dryland World Championships in Kozle-Szamotuly, Poland will take place November 23-26th 2017. Invitation for the event are now posted on IFSS website and has been sent out to all IFSS members.

Recently there have been some rumors and discussions on social media regarding the trail layout especially for 1-2 dog classes. But when it comes to trails there are still time for changes. Race Marshal Olle

Rosén will travel to the race site late September and together with the Polish race organization review the trails. For a World Championship event it is of highest importance that the trails are safe and provide for equal conditions for the racers.

I hope to see a strong starting field of top athletes and also to see old and meet many new friends from all over the world. □



Exhibition at Kiruna Sleddog Symposium. Photo Facebook

IFSS council will meet in conjunction with the Sleddog Symposium in Kiruna, Sweden. Council meeting to take place October 5-6.

Sleddog Symposium organized by Kiruna Sleddog Club October 6-8th presents a long list of interesting speakers; Julia and Ryan Redington, Roxy Wright, DVM Jerry Vanek, DVM Dominique Grandjean and many more. There will also be lots of vendors at the exhibition all three days of the Symposium.

On Friday October 6th a Veterinary seminar will take place - so lots of interesting things happening in Kiruna the first weekend of October. More info about the Kiruna Sleddog Symposium at www.kshk.se

IFSS World Cup 2016/2017 – The World Cup medals are now ready and will be handed out during the opening ceremony of the Dryland World Championship in Poland. For athletes who can't be present to pick up their medals, they will be handed over to each team leader.

A presentation of the World Cup Global Gold medalists will be posted on IFSS website and on IFSS Facebook page. You can find the results for World Cup 2016/2017 on IFSS website. □



IFSS World Cup medals - designed by Mandy Collins



Photo K. Ruokolainen

Membership Committee – I am glad to inform that Bernard Pepin will be chairing the new appointed Membership Committee. As of today, the committee has one member, Konrad Jakobs from Chile.

The Membership Committee needs more members so if you are interested to work with membership questions, contact Bernard at email:

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or

membership.committee@sleddogsport.net □



IFSS PayPal account – IFSS have a new PayPal account – the address is treasurer@sleddogsport.net □



Konrad Jakobs racing at the 4th edition of the Volcan Villarrica Challenge.

The race took place on the 19-20 of August in Villarrica, Chile. The race consisted this year of two stages. The distance was 25 km with an altitude gain of 500 m ascending and 500 m descending.

The race offered classes for purebred and mixed bred sled dogs. □



SUMMER CAMP NORWAY 2017 - Photo from SHKS Facebook page.

Summer camp - SHKS 2017 Norway – *Once again a huge success for the Summer camp that took place in Norway. IFSS supported with travel funds for “non” Norwegian attendees. Here is a report from Adrian Messiner, who was one of the leaders at the Summer camp; Adrian is also chair for IFSS Youth Committee.*

- The Summer camp is a great opportunity for all kids between 13 and 18 years to learn more about the dog powered sport, to connect with friends, have fun and most importantly enjoy one exciting week with their dog.

In the first week of July the Summer camp was held again in Skeikampen, Norway. This year we could count 44 kids and 9 leaders from 9 different nations. Together with their dogs, 3-4 kids did share one of the 9 cabins in Skeikampen. Each kid was responsible for their own dog and their daily routines.

Further all the kids were split up in 8 sponsor groups. In these groups they had to accomplish different activities, tasks and relays throughout the week.

A normal day started with letting out the dogs and feeding them. After that the whole camp gathered for breakfast. At 9 o'clock the actual program started, that meant that all sponsor groups were split up in 4 different dog-training groups. In these 4 training groups the kids did learn about Canicross, Scooter/Bike, Nordic Skidog and long distance mushing. Every day they got to try a different type and in the end of the week they could choose freely for the last 2 trainings in the

morning. After the dog training it was already time for lunch again. Most of the times right after lunch there was a team competition. In these competitions the goal was to create a team spirit but also have fun in many different ways as for example build the highest tower with only natural stuff, or a team relay. These fun activities were normally followed by a guided training. Guided trainings could be dressage with the dogs, running, biking, roller skiing or strength training. These trainings normally filled up the rest of the afternoon so that dinner was waiting. For the rest of the evening the kids could choose of different free activities or could just enjoy the cabin and camp life.

Other special activities we also did were a hiking trip in the mountain, swamp football (that normally turns into a swamp war), sleeping outside and the famous Summer camp relay. But we also had a night game that the kids barely could wait for.

This year we tried to really step up the social media part of the Summer camp. With that we created a clean and also independent FaceBook page (SHKS - Sommerhundekjørerskolen 2017). On this we posted pictures of the week but also summarizing videos of the different days. With this page we reached a community of over 54`000 people.

We are happy to say that this year's Summer camp was again a huge success. With this said we are already looking forwards to next year and have also already started to plan for this. Stay tuned for the next Summer camp in 2018.

Adrian Meissner