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Jerry's Statement

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2012 Game of Logging National Finals

Bill Lindloff, Game of Logging Trainer

The 2012 Game of Logging National Competition was held at The Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge, Ohio on Friday, October 5 & Saturday, October 6, 2012.

All Competitors used brand new DOLMAR 5105 chainsaws provided by DOLMAR.

DOLMAR Power Products is a corporate sponsor of Soren Eriksson's Game of Logging USA. The competitions have been ongoing for 21 years in various regions of the United States. To keep the tradition alive, each training organization sends Regional winners to the Nationals in two categories, Landowner and Professional Logger. On Friday, October 5, up first were 5 landowners.

There were eight events for the landowners. Sharpening in ½ hour was tested by the Speed Cut, Bore Cut, Precision Stump, Double Bore-Cut, Bucking, Precision Aiming, Springpole, and Felling. At the end of the first seven events Jason Jensen was in the lead with 275 points. Mark Raishart was in second with 271 points. Dave Miller was in third 269, Angie Pieper with 264 and Keith Maltby with 259. Only 16 points separated first and last. It was anyone's game. The most popular event is Tree Felling. One by one the trees fell with 170 points at stake. Dave Miller nailed 110 points which placed him into the lead. Dave now had a total of 379 points. Up next is Mark Riashart, he secured second with 60 points in felling with a total of 331 points. Third place was Keith Maltby with 307 points. Fantastic effort by Dave Miller and all competitors for showing professionalism in front of a record crowd.

The Contestants were:
Jason Jensen New Bloomfield, Missouri
Mark Raishart ... Brandon, Vermont
Angie Pieper Gillett, Wisconsin
Keith Maltby Oconomowoc, Wisconsin
Dave Miller Hubbardsville, New York

Saturday, October 6 was the Pro Logger division. Ten Loggers from Wisconsin to the state of Maine had a chance to take home \$5,000 and the Soren Eriksson Cup. In the morning they got their brand new DOLMAR 7910 chainsaws and personal protective equipment from DOLMAR. The saws were set identical prior to the competition and were fitted with Oregon Bars and Oregon 72 CK chain supplied by Oregon Cutting Systems.

The competitors included:
Ron Andrus Galton, PA Logging for 23 years
Jason Britton Carbon, Indiana Logging for 15 years
Zak Saulsgiver .. Westport, NY Logging for 4 years

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The Pro Loggers competed in 9 events. The same as the landowners, but one more event called Delimiting. Total maximum points were 704. After the rules and scoring process was reviewed, the tension built. Nine out of ten contestants had competed before. This was the first time for Tom Fox.

As usual, Speed Cut was first. Zak Saulsgiver had the fastest time, which earned him 60 points. Dustin Lindgren had a perfect score of 54 on the Bore Post. Bill Carver received 70 points for perfect Precision Stump. Jason Britton perfect Springpole. Tim Ferguson and Dustin Lindgren got perfect Precision Aiming and the best Limbing went to Tim Ferguson. The important element of the competition is not to second guess yourself and gain as many points as you can. You can lose points with safety violations.

Tim Ferguson did just that. After the first 8 events Tim had a lead with 435 points. Zak Saulsgiver was 18 points behind Tim. Next in line was Dustin Lindgren with 386 Points. The final event was Tree Felling worth 170 total points. The first person to cut was Jason Britton then Tom Fox. One by one the trees went down. The suspense went up for the guys in the lead because they knew the score they had to beat to maintain their place. Jake Rosa, Richard Sanapaw and Bill Carver added 100 points to their scores. Bill Carver was in the lead with 461 points. Up next was Zak Saulsgiver, adding 70 points from Felling, brought him into the lead with 487 points. The pressure was all on Tim, he needed 53 points to win. He scraped by with 56 points, bringing his score to 491 points. A new National Champion - Tim Ferguson's name will be the twenty-second name engraved on the base of the Soren Eriksson Cup, he also received a check for \$5,000.

Special thanks to DOLMAR Power Products for their continued support of Game of Logging and for supplying chainsaws, equipment. Also, a special thanks to Central Power and Oregon Cutting Systems.

Hats off to the people who helped with the grunt work. Bill Girard, Peter Sformo, Dave Birdsall, Andy Wood, John Adler, and Michelle Conley.



Landowner Champ Dave Miller, GOL Trainer Bill Lindloff & Professional Champ Tim Ferguson



Angie Pieper sharpening her chain



Speed Cut Event



Bucking Event



Bore Cut Event



Springpole Event



Landowner Competitors



Trey Brown of DOLMAR congratulating Landowner Champ, Dave Miller



GOL Trainer John Adler & Trey Brown congratulating Zak Saulsgiver



Limbing Event



Dave Miller sizing up his tree



Jake Rosa on the Double Bore



Richard Sanapaw's Speed Cut



Bill Carver inspecting his saw



Pro Logger Champ, Tim Ferguson, with the Pro Logger Competitors



Bucking Event



Tree Felling



Second Place Pro Logger Zak Saulsgiver



Pro Logger Competitors