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Jerry’s Statement

There is no greater satisfaction in this world than to do is to do what you enjoy most for a living.
We have a responsibility to ourselves, our loved ones, and our trade to always be open and willing to
learn the most we can to better ourselves, and to protect ourselves while performing the tasks at hand.
Safety must always be foremost in our minds so that we may be without regret and can enjoy another
moment of life.

Jerry M. Bolton Memorial Fund Scholarships

The Jerry M. Bolton Memorial Fund Scholarships are available through each Game of Logging
Training Organization. To apply for a scholarship, applicants should submit a letter re-
quiring to be considered for the scholarship to the Game of Logging office or to the
Training Organization that will perform the training. If the applicant is approved, the training
will then be scheduled and paid for in full.

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Applicants in two categories, Landowner and Professional Logger.

Dave Miller........ Hubbardsville, New York
Jason Britton..... Carbon, Indiana ........... Logging for 15 years
Ron Andrus....... Galton, PA ................... Logging for 23 years
Angie Pieper..... Gillett, Wisconsin
Mark Raishart ... Brandon, Vermont
Jason Jensen.... New Bloomfield, Missouri
The Contestants were:

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 Na-
tionals in two categories, Landowner and Professional Logger.

Saturday, October 6 was the Pro Logger division. Ten Loggers from
all 36 states in various regions of the United States. To keep the
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tionals in two categories, Landowner and Professional Logger.

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

All Competitors used brand new DOLMAR 5105 chainsaws pro-
vided by DOLMAR.

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 Aim, Springsole, 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 256.
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 Raishart,
who 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.
Richard Sanapaw       Kashina, Wisconsin       Logging for 20 years
Dustin Lindgren       Patton, Missouri        Logging for 15 years
Dugan Webster         Shawano, Wisconsin      Logging for 16 years
Jake Rosa             Arkville, New York        Logging for 8 years
Bill Carver           Brooklyn, CT            Logging for 9 years
Tom Fox               Orland, Maine           Logging for 12 years
Tim Ferguson           Broadalbin, New York    Logging for 20 years

The Pro Loggers competed in 9 events. The same as the landowners, but one more event called Delimbing. 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 64 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 16 points behind. Bill Carver added 100 points to his score. Bill Carver was in the lead with 461 points. 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.

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