

EX3

Draws Athletes From Around the World



Photos courtesy of Extremity Events Network

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Michigan's beautiful summer weather set the stage for the third annual Extremity Games, eX3, where worldwide athletes living with limb loss or limb difference competed in extreme sports July 24-26.

In addition to hosting athletes from around the world, Extremity Events Network, Inc., producers of the Extremity Games, were proud to welcome members of the Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project. The Extremity Games provide recovering Wounded Warriors the opportunity to compete in extreme sports as well as to educate themselves on sports that they have never tried before.

"The camaraderie is awesome. To see the connections being made and the friendships this event produces is truly rewarding to witness," said Eric Robinson, president of Extremity Events Network. "The Extremity Games will continue to grow. Everyone is starting to spread the word on how amazing they are to be a part of, whether participating in the competitions, volunteering or just watching. There truly is a benefit to everyone to be involved in this unprecedented event."

In addition to the sporting competitions, there were free instructional clinics in skateboarding, rock climbing, wakeboarding, kayaking and mountain biking held throughout the three days.

Event winners are:

Motocross
1st Chris Ridgeway
2nd Jason Woods
3rd Joey Abbott

BMX
1st Anthony Zukowski
2nd Nicholas Foley
3rd Steve Starr

Skateboarding
1st Chris Gentry
2nd Evan Strong
3rd Garry Moore

Rock Climbing
1st Ronnie Dickson
2nd Randall Perry

Top Rope – Men's
1st Craig DeMartino

2nd Brian Doyne
3rd Chad Jukes

Top Rope – Women's
1st Cara Fortunato
2nd Loi Ho
3rd Mckayla Hanson

Wakeboarding
1st Sean Reynought
2nd Billy Tonis
3rd Logan Aldridge

Wakeboarding – Sit-ski
1st KJ Van Der Klooster
2nd Matt Feeney
3rd Chet Kuskowski

Wakeboarding – Women's
1st Nicole Roundy
2nd Amy Purdy

Kayaking – Men's
1st Joel Berman
2nd Steve Karczewski
3rd Chris Ridgeway

Kayaking – Women's
1st Kelly Allen
2nd Christine O'Connor
3rd Brooke Artesi

Mountain Bikers
1st Matt McCluskey
2nd Anthony Zukowski
3rd Stephen Buchler

Pancrase exhibition
1st Ronald Mann
2nd Ernie Paulson
3rd Brandon Holiday

PowerHockey™ Cup Tournament Held

Seven teams from the U.S. and Canada competed for the title of PowerHockey™ Cup champion in Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 8 - 12. The tournament featured the Minnesota Stars (2nd place), Minnesota Saints (3rd place), Toronto Lake Raiders (4th place), Toronto Rock (5th place), Michigan Mustangs (6th place), Manitoba Moose (7th place), and the Calgary Selects, who won their second consecutive championship.

Individual award winners were:

- Championship Game Most Valuable Player: Mike Falconer (Calgary Selects)
- 2008 PowerHockey™ Cup Most Valuable Player: Mike Falconer (Calgary Selects)
- 2008 PowerHockey™ Cup Most Outstanding Goaltender: Dean Olivias (Michigan Mustangs)
- 2008 PowerHockey™ Cup Most Outstanding Defender: Meghan Hines (Toronto Lake Raiders)
- 2008 PowerHockey™ Cup Most Outstanding Forward: Mike Falconer (Calgary Selects)
- 2008 PowerHockey™ Cup Most Sportsmanlike Player: Faisal Burale (Toronto Rock)
- 2008 PowerHockey™ Cup Point Scoring Championship: Chad Wilson (Minnesota Saints)

The tournament was sponsored by Otto Bock HealthCare and hosted by the Minnesota-based U.S. Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association (U.S. ESHA). The PowerHockey™ Cup also marked the third official event of the North American PowerHockey Association (NAPHA), a joint venture of the U.S. ESHA and Canadian Electric Wheelchair Hockey Association (CEWHA) and chapter of DS/USA.

A selection of games is available for viewing and DVD purchase at www.powerhockey.com. For more information on the PowerHockey™ Cup Tournament, visit www.powerhockey.com.



For more information on Extremity Games, visit www.extremitygames.com or call (586)556.1761.

Adaptive Snowboarders Equipment

Outside the Box

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I have been an adaptive rider for 16 years and a sport advocate since 2000. Throughout the years of snowboard camps and adaptive competition, I have had the chance to observe what prosthetic products and devices are being used by innovative adaptive snowboarders to make their prosthetics shred ready. These riders are taking conventional prosthetics and using them for activities that most of their designers had never intended.

After many e-mails asking the same questions about these "snowboard prosthetics," I documented which prostheses the riders were using and the modifications they have done to make snowboarding a reality for them. The goal was to cover the full spectrum of snowboard prosthetics and to make this information more available to the adaptive snowsport community.

In the accompanying photos and corresponding text, I have profiled snowboarder Nicole Roundy's above knee prosthesis assembly. She has some great prosthetic ideas that she uses for snowboarding that could work for others.

This profile is not an endorsement of the prosthetic devices; it is just an acknowledgment of what is currently being used to snowboard.

I highly recommend that you do not attempt to use any of this equipment without the endorsement of a certified prosthetist and that you seek professional



Nicole Roundy

snowboard instruction from a certified snowboard instructor.

If you are an individual seeking to use this information to help yourself or a friend, please work with your prosthetist to obtain the componentry best suited for you and send me an e-mail on your progress. I can be reached at LucasG@DiscoverNAC.org.

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Thanks also to the adaptive riders who

agreed to be profiled. Their donation to the adaptive community and more importantly, to future adaptive shredhounds, is priceless.

For more Leg Assembly Profiles, visit www.originalgimp.org.

For more information on the National Ability Center, visit www.discovernac.org.



Nicole Roundy, a Utah native, lost her leg at the age of eight due to a rare form of bone cancer. A decade later, she was doing things that kept her able-bodied peers in awe. She took on snowboarding, wakeboarding, and other cross-training activities. Snowboarding is her passion, and it has now led her to be a participant with Park City's National Ability Center and the Park City Snowboard Team. Last year, Nicole competed in the World Snowboard Federation's first ever Adaptive World Cup and brought home the silver medal. She has also competed as an adaptive rider with The United States of America Snowboard Association. This year she will be back on the hills of Park City after a summer that saw her winning a gold medal in wakeboarding at the Extremity Games in July. Participating in these sports takes its toll on prosthetic limbs, but Nicole thinks she has found a great recipe for success that keeps her on the hill and on the podium.

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"I know feet. Designing and testing them is what I do. The Onyx has become my all-around favorite foot, whether just walking around or aggressively bouldering. The Onyx provides excellent terrain compliance and cushioning, and the dynamic pylon truly is dynamic."

- Chris Johnson, mechanical engineer

