

## Brendan Hauptman and Alex Gough Headline National Championships



Brendan Hauptman and Alex Gough will head to Europe as the king and queen of Canadian luge after winning the Fast Track Capital Canadian Luge Championships at Canada Olympic Park in Calgary in November.

The 23-year-old Hauptman captured his first national title in just his second year of sliding as a senior athlete after clocking a two-run time of one minute, 32.621 seconds. The Kimberly, B.C. native has been strong in training this fall, regularly posting some of the fastest times.

Recruited to the program as part of the 2010 Legacies Now program, Hauptman knocked off two-time Calgary-based Olympians Sam Edney and Jeff Christie who finished second and third respectively. Edney, who posted the best-ever Olympic result last year by a Canadian in men's singles when he was seventh, grabbed the silver medal with a time of 1:32.778, while Christie was third at 1:33.000.

Hauptman narrowly missed qualifying the 2010 Olympic team after coming up short in a race-off against two-time Olympian, Ian Cockerline.

"In retrospect last year was another year of learning and it is now behind me," he said. "But now I really believe I have something to prove. I want to go out there and show I belong on the World Cup team and get to the next Olympics."

Calgary's Alex Gough found her way back onto the top of the women's podium after claiming her fourth national crown. The 23-year-old Gough, who emerged as the leader of the Canadian women's program two years ago, clocked a two-run time of 1:36.396.

"It went pretty well today and a little better than I expected," said Gough, who is anxious to get back onto some of the other tracks around the world. "I'm a little in the dark as to where I stand and I'm excited to get racing again."

With the retirement of Olympians Regan Lauscher and Meaghan Simms, Gough was pressed by a new group of young Canucks vying for a spot on the World Cup team. Gough was joined on the team by Arianne Jones who finished second at 1:37.057, while Kim McRae rounded out the women's podium in third with a time of 1:37.512.

Olympic doubles tandem Tristan Walker and Justin Smith won their first national doubles title with a time of 1:30.589.

## PartyLite Brightens Life of Children's Miracle Network Beneficiary and Olympians



PartyLite Canada, a leading home fragrance and décor company that offers affordable, premium products and thrives on relationships donated a total of more than \$300,000 to Children's Miracle Network and the Canadian Luge Association.

As part of PartyLite's ongoing support, each year at its annual conference the company honours a remarkable Children's Miracle Network beneficiary as its conference champion. This year's champion is Shayne Smith. Shayne is an athlete, a mentor, an advocate for the physically challenged and a motivational speaker. Shayne is a wheelchair basketball player and sled hockey champion who, as a victim of bacterial infection from infancy, has had both legs, most of his left arm and half of his right hand taken from him. The word "no" is never an option for Shayne and nothing holds him back.

PartyLite presented John Hartman, Chief International Officer for Children's Miracle Network, with a cheque for \$201,809.

PartyLite's support for the Canadian Luge Association started in October of 2009 with the creation of a special pack of candles representing colours associated with the 2010 Winter Games. From October to March 31, 2010, for every "Celebrate Canada" Votive Combination sold by PartyLite's Canadian Consultants, PartyLite donated \$2 to the Canadian Luge Association. A second program to celebrate Canada Day, and to generate further support, included donations from the sales of a limited edition special pack of red and white candles. Sharon Muncey, Vice President of Marketing for PartyLite, presented two-time Olympic luge athlete, Alex Gough, with a cheque for \$114,030.

"PartyLite, our Consultants and Customers were honoured to have raised over \$114,000 to support the Canadian Luge Team," said Muncey. "Having Alex at our conference made it that much more special. She's a remarkable and determined young woman who makes us all proud to be Canadian."

"The Canadian Luge Association is very thankful to PartyLite for the financial support," said Gough. "The funds that have been raised through this program will pay for coaching, equipment and travel for our national team."

## Welcome Coach Glass



Canada's high-performance luge athletes get a new weapon heading into the next Olympic cycle, thanks to the recruitment of German Olympic and World Champion, Bernhard Glass, as assistant coach of the World Cup team.

Glass, who has collected Olympic and World Championship gold medals both as an athlete and coach of the world-dominant German Luge Team, reunites with countryman Wolfgang Staudinger on the road to leading Canada to its first Olympic medal in the sport.

"The Canadian luge program has made significant progress under the leadership of Wolfgang Staudinger, to where we are now regular contenders with the world's elite," said Tim Farstad, executive director, Canadian Luge Association. "Adding Bernhard to our world-leading mix of coaches will close the gap between where we stand today and reaching our goal of climbing onto the podium with the leading nations in our sport."

As an athlete, the now 43-year-old Glass was a mainstay on the international podium during his 13-year career, and captured Olympic and World Championship gold in men's singles luge during the 1980 season. Glass was even more successful as a coach, developing more than one dozen athletes who went on to become Olympic medalists - including Silke Krausshaar, Tatjana Huefner, David Moeller, Andre Florschuetz, and Torsten Wustlich in luge; and many lugers who found success in bobsleigh, including legends in the sport Andre Lange, Sandra Kiriasis, and Claudia Schramm.

"Medals in luge are won and lost in thousandths of a second; that time can be made up through sled technology, proper sled set-up, and plain old track experience," said Farstad. "The Germans have dominated the sport thanks to their access and expertise in technology and knowledge of the tracks for decades. The recruitment of a winning coaching staff like Glass and Staudinger is a key component within our strategy of building the Canadian program so we too can climb onto the international podium."

Ongoing funding from Own the Podium has supported the Canadian Luge Association's coaching recruitment.

## Tracking Canadian Performances On The World Stage



Live results of Canadian athletes performing at the Junior and Senior World Cup can be viewed at [www.fil-luge.org](http://www.fil-luge.org) on the Internet.

Men's	Women's	Doubles
Jeff Christie Sam Edney Brendan Hauptman	Alex Gough Arianne Jones	Tristan Walker Justin Smith
<b>World Cup</b>		
November 27-28	Igls, Austria	
December 4-5	Winterberg, Germany	
December 10-11	Calgary, Canada	
December 17-18	Park City, U.S.A.	
January 5-6	Königssee, Germany	
January 15-16	Altenberg Germany	
January 22-23	Cesana, Italy - World Championships	
February 12-13	Paramonovo, Russia	
February 19-20	Sigulda, Latvia	
<b>Junior World Cup</b>		
The Junior World Cup Team will train in Canada before kicking off the season in Latvia. The junior squad consists of:		
<b>Junior Women</b>		
1 Kim McRae		
2 Elena Corrigan		
3 Laura Glover		
4 Dayna Clay		
5 Jordan Smith		
<b>Youth A Woman</b>		
6 Tara Disturnal		
<b>Youth A Men</b>		
7 John Fennell		
8 Mitchell Malyk		
<b>Junior Schedule</b>		
December 13-18	Sigulda, Latvia	
January 10-15	Altenberg, Germany	
January 17-22	Königssee, Germany	
January 24-29	Igls, Austria	

## Cla launches new web site

The Canadian Luge Association will slide into a new season with a fresh look to its web site. Over the summer months, the staff have been working on making the site more visually appealing and user friendly in an effort to update the luge community on the organization's progress around the world.

The new site will track Canadian athletes' progress as they tackle the top tracks around the world, highlight community events and activities, connect to the CLA's Face Book and Twitter pages, and will unveil a new recruitment video in December the Canadian Luge Association will play in schools and events across the country.

Please visit us at [www.luge.ca](http://www.luge.ca) on the Internet.



## World's Best Luge Athletes Return to Calgary for World Cup

**VISSMANN LUGEWORLD CUP**  
AT CANADA OLYMPIC PARK

December 10 -11, 2010

Nations Cup Thursday at 4pm  
Women's Race Friday at 6pm  
Mens Race Saturday at 3:30pm  
Doubles Race Saturday at 6:30pm

**Ticket Value \$15**  
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The world's top luge athletes will slide back to Canada for the third race of the 2010 World Cup season at Winsport's Canada Olympic Park, December 10-11, 2010. The Calgary stop of the Viessmann Luge World Cup is the third of nine races during the post-Olympic season. Catch Canada's top athletes defend their home track as they battle the world's best for gold.

### Event Schedule:

Friday, December 10th, 2010	
18:00	Women (1st run)
19:15	Women (2nd run)
Saturday, December 11th, 2010	
15:30	Men (1st run)
17:00	Men (2nd run)
18:30	Doubles (1st run)
19:40	Doubles (2nd run)

## Search is on for Next Canadian Luger

The sport of luge is hoping to tap into the Olympic afterglow on Canada's West Coast to find the next crop of development athletes by holding unique summer and winter camp experiences, marking one of the first legacy initiatives of the 2010 Games.

The Canadian Luge Association launched its Western Canadian recruitment program this summer in an effort to attract a new crop of young athletes to the sport.

The young athletes, ages eight-to-14, will receive an introduction to the sport of luge and its equipment prior to participating in a series of dry-land physical testing exercises to showcase agility, flexibility and all-round athletic ability. Each session culminates with a wheel-sliding session on a start ramp, which the Olympians brought with them to demonstrate at Wednesday's media event, to build familiarity on the luge sled. Athletes showing a willingness to learn, combined with strong potential in the sport, will be invited to participate in an on-ice winter camp.

The future of the sport of luge in Canada has experienced huge highs and lows in recent months, with the nation's newest track coming under fire following the tragic death of a Georgian luger on the opening day of the Olympic Games, and the national luge team attracting its first-ever sponsor in Fast Track Capital just months before as a result of a nation-wide For Sale campaign.

"We're here to say that luge is not only a safe sport, but the future of the sport is in Canada's youth - and we're here to find and develop the next generation of Canadian luge medalists," said Tim Farstad, executive director, Canadian Luge Association. "With world-leading coaching, and a long-term athlete development model which starts with kids as young as eight, Canada has made huge progress in the sport, and is now knocking on the door of the podium in international competition."

With facilities at the doorsteps of residents on the Sea-To-Sky Corridor in Whistler and within Calgary city limits, along with world-leading programs and coaching already in place, the Canadian Luge Association believes influencing more kids to get involved in the program will continue to push Canada's luge athletes and make them better internationally.

Camps cost \$30 per athlete for each camp. Participant can register online at [www.luge.ca](http://www.luge.ca).

Camp dates are as follows:

Whistler:  
December 18, 12 noon - 3 p.m.  
December 19, 12 noon 3 p.m.  
January 9, 12 noon 3 p.m.  
January 23, 12 noon - 3 p.m.  
February 20, 12 noon 3 p.m.  
March 6, 12 noon - 3 p.m.

Calgary:  
January 8, 2-6 p.m.  
January 29, 2-5:30 p.m.  
February 5, 2-5:30 p.m.