

## Catching Up With Cockerline

Name:  
Ian Cockerline

**Career Goals:**  
Optometrist, or perhaps Automobile design

**Career ambitions outside of luge?**  
To earn a comfortable living doing something I enjoy.

**When not sliding I am likely?**  
Working, in the gym, fixing mom's house, doing sled work, complaining about finances, maybe mountain biking or skiing.

**When finished with my luge career, I want to?**  
Dive right into University so that I can someday move out of Mom's basement!

**Favourite Luge Track? Why?**  
Königssee, Germany. I think it's the toughest and most exciting track out there, and it is in the most beautiful location of any track.

**Favourite Competition Venue:**  
I'm predicting that Whistler will be the best competition venue. I expect good crowds, and a lively après-luge.

**Favourite Vacation Spot?**  
I've been on two vacations in my life, so I may not be qualified to answer this one.

**Favourite Book?**  
Nothing intellectual I'm afraid, its called "Redemption Ark". I'm a nerd, its Sci-fi.

**Favourite Movie?**  
Again, nothing intellectual, it's a toss up between Super Troopers and Hot Fuzz.

**Favourite Olympic/Paralympic Moment?**  
Possibly Simon Whitfield's comeback in Beijing.

**Inspiration?**  
Mom's work ethic, Dad's attention to detail.

**New Year's Resolution?**  
Learn to play the guitar and to juggle.

**If I had to do maintenance on my car what could I do?**  
Oil, Brakes, Tires, Spark Plugs, Body Work. So the basics I guess, but not much else. I have a garage again now so I'll probably be learning some more this year.

**Before a race, I will listen to what song?**  
Heavy, by Collective Soul

**Favourite Muscian?**  
Collective Soul, even though they are technically a group of musicians, it's still my answer.

**One year out from the Games my thought on 2010 is?**  
So much left for me to do, and so little time left to do it in.

**If I could rule the world for a day I would?**  
BAN REALITY TV! Jail reality TV producers, exile reality TV stars to Antarctica, and heavily fine anybody who has ever contributed to reality TV by watching it. But seriously, let me tell you how I really feel about reality TV.....!



## MARLENE VIERBOOM APPOINTED SECRETARY OF CLA

Please join me in welcoming the newest member to our Board of Directors, Marlene Vierboom. Marlene has been appointed to the position of secretary and will continue in this position until the next Annual General Meeting. Marlene has been involved in our sport as an official for many years. She is the Assistant Race Director for the 2010 Olympic luge races, and is currently a member of the CLA officials committee. Many of us have benefited from Marlene's extensive knowledge of the IRO that she regularly shares as she continues to teach new and old officials for our program.

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH



"Alex is doing really well and has the potential to sting like a bee out here on the World Cup. We have a structure in place and this shows the system works. She is the first sign of success from all of the hard work we have been doing, but we cannot go crazy either and have to continue to work hard."

-Wolfgang Staudinger on Alex Gough's Seventh-Place Result in Cesana



## 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.



**World Cup**  
January 17-18 Oberhof, Germany  
January 24-25 Altenberg, Germany  
February 6-8 Lake Placid, U.S.A. (World Championships)  
February 13-14 Calgary, CAN  
February 20-21 Whistler, CAN

**Junior World Cup**  
January 16-17 Altenberg, Germany  
January 23-24 Igls, Austria  
February 9-15 Nagano, Japan (Junior World Championships)

## EXPERIENCE THE LUGE WORLD CUP FIRST HAND

The world's best luge athletes are coming to Calgary, February 9-15, 2009, for the Viessmann Luge World Cup and the Canadian Luge Association is need of volunteers to help stage another world-class event.

Volunteers are need for a variety of positions including:

- VIP Hosts and Hostesses - 2 per day (February 13th & 14th)
- Production Assistants (Set-up & Take-down)
- Marketing Assistants (Festival Tent Set-up/Take-down)
- Security & Doping
- Human Bowling, Guest Services
- Race Office
- More volunteer positions will be posted as the need arises.

Volunteer Shifts Available:  
February 12 - 1-10 p.m.  
February 13 - 1-11 p.m.  
February 14 - 1-7:30 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Rose Clay, ROC Productions & Administration  
[roseclay@telusplanet.net](mailto:roseclay@telusplanet.net)

### 2009 Viessmann Luge World Cup, Calgary - Race Schedule:

Friday, February 13  
3:00 p.m. - Suzuki Challenge Cup Preliminary Runs  
4:20 p.m. - Suzuki Challenge Cup Finals  
6:40 p.m. - Run 1: World Cup Women's Race  
7:55 p.m. - Run 2: World Cup Women's Race

Saturday, February 14  
2:55 p.m. - Run 1: World Cup Men's Race  
4:25 p.m. - Run 2: World Cup Men's Race  
6:00 p.m. - Run 1: World Cup Doubles Race  
7:10 p.m. - Run 2: World Cup Doubles Race

Live Entertainment each night in the Festival Tent:  
Friday, February 13 - The Mocking Shadows  
Saturday, February 14 - Big Rock Untapped Event

## PAPPA COREY WELCOMES AVI-ANNA INTO THE WORLD

Walter Corey, director of high-performance for the Canadian Luge Association, will have another member in his list of youngsters to guide this winter.

Walter and his wife, Lindsey, are new parents to a beautiful baby girl. Avianna arrived in time for Christmas on December 20, tipping the scales at 6lbs 1 ounce.

Congratulations Walter and Lindsey. We look forward to seeing baby Avianna at the track!

## Nominations for the Chunky MVC: Most Valuable Coach End January 29

Last November, Campbell's® Chunky® and the Coaching Association of Canada proudly launched the search for the Chunky MVC: Most Valuable Coach. And coaches across Canada have answered with great excitement!

But we know that there are still more coaches out there that deserve recognition for the outstanding work they do! We need you to keep nominating those coaches to be the Chunky MVC at [www.chunky.ca/mvc](http://www.chunky.ca/mvc).

Hurry!  
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The public gets to choose!  
Keep visiting the [www.chunky.ca/mvc](http://www.chunky.ca/mvc); starting March 2nd, four finalists will be featured and you will get to choose which coach will be named Chunky MVC!