

Press Release

Flying Dogs & Cutting Logs!

IRONJACKS are flashing tier metal during the STIHL Dogs & Logs World Championships in Stillwater, MN on July 25 - 27.

It is 2008 and for over 100 years lumberjacks have been gathering in Stillwater MN to determine the true King of the Forest. This year is no different, except the modern lumberjack athletes will be tested like never before in the IRONJACK World Championships. This grueling event will pit the all-round lumberjack athletes against each other in six back to back events: axe throw, standing chop, cross cut sawing, obstacle pole race, speed tree climb and boom run.

This three day competition will feature IRONJACK Timber Olympics, Endurance Event and the Dogs and Logs Relay Competition.

Already qualified by their top four finishes in the 2007 IRONJACK Championships are Wade Stewart from BC Canada, Cassidy Scheer from Hayward Wisconsin, Rob Waibel from West Lynn Oregon and Will Lavalley of Syracuse New York. Four other positions will be filled at the Stillwater Lumberjack Days IRONJACK Qualifier as part of the STIHL Dogs & Logs World Championships.

The excitement and level of competition will be the highest ever with athletes coming from all corners of North America. World Champion Speed Climber and two time IRONJACK Champion, Cassidy Scheer, is looking to repeat the excitement of his defeat of six time IRONJACK Champion, Rob Waibel, by only one second after six events of competition in the ESPN Super Jack event at the Great Outdoor Games. Rob Waibel who was leading through seven events fell on the Boom Run while Cassidy Scheer finished one second ahead of him and took the \$25,000 prize. Waibel and Scheer have a new game face on this season and no one can predict the outcome of this six event lumberjack slugfest of axes, saws and spiked shoes.

Add to the fray, five time IRONJACK World Champion Wade Stewart of Victoria British Columbia, who is returning to competition after a severe leg injury he sustained in a very dramatic crash while speed climbing. This will be the first competition for Wade after 18 months of recovery.

The IRONJACKS will be tested not only in this six event, all round competition, but also a three discipline Endurance race. This race has the Jacks squaring off head to head in a competition that requires them to climb 40 feet, fall to earth and then run to chop a 11 inch piece of wood and then cross cut saw a 16 inch log without stopping. Their skills will be called upon again as they team up with two of their canine DockDogs friends in a competition of four teams in the Dogs & Logs Relay Championships. This eight discipline head-to-head relay will feature two IRONJACKS and two DockDogs with the Jacks climbing, sawing and chopping as their contribution to the team. The dogs will be speed retrieving bird dummies as their race discipline. In the year of the Olympics, this is one relay anyone from all corners of the globe would enjoy watching.

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