



Masters' Ice Crystals 2008

14 Sep 2008

Higher Nations Quota for the 18th ALLROUND GAMES Bjugn/NOR 2009

vs. At the Summer Session the head of the organizing committee of the 18th Masters' Speed Skating ALLROUND GAMES, Mr. Ådne Røckum, informed the participants of the session that the number of participants for the ALLROUND GAMES in Bjugn/NOR can be increased from 200 to 220. From this number of participants the number of possible entries can be increased from 235 to 259 (about 15 % loss of entered participants because of illness, etc.). **So the Nations Quota can be increased as follows** (old quota in parantheses): **CAN 13** (12), **FIN 13** (12), **GER 25** (23), **ITA 13** (12), **NED 63** (57), **NOR 75** (68), **RUS 19** (17), **SUI 12** (11), **USA 10** (9), **Other Nations 16** (14), **Sum 259** (235).

05 Sep 2008

Quota for 1st SPRINT GAMES Inzell/GER 2009

vs. The 1st Masters' International Speed Skating SPRINT GAMES will be held at 14 – 15 February 2009 in Inzell/Germany. The quota for the number of accepted entries of the different Nations will be the following: **CAN 14, FIN 11, GER 48, ITA 12, NED 66, NOR 43, RUS 18, SUI 13, Other Nations 10** (in sum 235 accepted entries).

27 May 2008

Master Cup Berlin/GER in February 2009

vs. As date for the **13th Masters' International MASTER CUP Berlin 07 – 08 Feb 2009 was just confirmed**. The competition takes place in the icehall of the Sportforum in Berlin-Lichtenberg. The distances at the **Allround Competition** will be the same as at the Allround Games in Bjugn/NOR three weeks later. **Men up to age group M 60:** 500 m, 3000 m/1500 m, 5000 m; **Men from age group M 65 and Ladies up to age group L 65:** 500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m; **Ladies from age group L 70:** 500 m, 1000 m/1500 m.

08 May 2008

Date of the 1st SPRINT GAMES Inzell/GER

vs. The date for the **1st Masters International SPRINT GAMES** in Inzell/Germany was confirmed yesterday by the Head of the Organizing Committee, Mr. Hubert Graf. These Games will be held at **14 – 15 February 2009**. The number of **235 Entries will be accepted** until the deadline of entries (then by experience we will have 200 competitors). **After the ice speedway races in Inzell at 29 Jan – 1 Feb 2009 speed skating training again will be possible from Wednesday 04 Feb 2009 in the evening. At 05 – 13 Feb 2009 training will be possible in the morning, afternoon and evening.** At the competition days 14 – 15 Feb 2009 speed skating training will be restricted to limited training times, as then indicated in the entrance hall of the icestadium.

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Masters' Allround Games 2009 - 2011

vs. The places for the Masters' International Allround Games in the coming years are as follows:

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09 Apr 2008

3rd Masters' GRISHIN MEMORIAL Kolomna/RUS

vs. At the **3rd Masters' International GRISHIN MEMORIAL in Kolomna/RUS at 29 Mar 2008** the number of **68 participants (10 Ladies, 58 Men) from 4 Nations (ITA 4, NOR 1, RUS 60, UKR 2)** skated in a well organized competition in the imposing new icehall of Kolomna. The distances were the main distances of the famous Russian skater Evgueny

Grishin 500 m and 1500 m. On fast ice good results could be reached. **An IMSSC Record** could be lowered by **Vladimir Budin/RUS M 70** 500 m 46,42 (handtime 46,22 + 0,20 sec). The results can be found on the website www.imssur.ru/index_e.shtml.

09 Apr 2008

1st Masters HEERENVEEN SPRINT Heerenveen/NED

vs. Directly after the Long Distance Races at 19 Mar 2008 the **1st Masters' International HEERENVEEN SPRINT** took place at 20 – 12 Mar 2008 in the icehall Thialf in Heerenveen/NED. **66 Master competitors (11 Ladies, 55 Men) from 6 Nations (CAN 2, FIN 1, GER 4, ITA 2, NED 55, RUS 2)** took part in these Sprint Races over 4 distances. A lot of good results could be reached on the fast Thialf ice. **11 IMSSC Records** were lowered at the competitions: Points at the 4 distances 500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m by **Clare Scanlon/NED F 35** 175,945 points, **Anja Bollaart/NED F 40** 174,695 points, **Barbara Heerschop/NED F 50** 184,205 points, **Thea Kroontje/NED F 60** 192,205 points, **Jan Duif/NED M 45** 157,770 points, **Kees Verdouw/NED M 60** 173,050, **Wim Brand/NED M 65** 177,960 points. Times at single distances by **Jan Duif/NED M 45** 1000 m 1:17,48, **Kees Verdouw/NED M 60** 1000 m 1:25,41, **Piet Hartstra/NED M 65** 500 m 44,63, **Wim Brand/NED M 65** 1000 m 1:26,63. Results will be issued on the website www.veteranencircuitlb.com.

09 Apr 2008

5th Masters' LONG DISTANCE RACES Heerenveen/NED

vs. The **5th Masters' International LONG DISTANCE RACES** were held in the icehall Thialf in Heerenveen/NED at **19 Mar 2008**. At this 2 distance competition (500 m and 3000 m or 5000 m or 10000 m) **64 competitors (8 Ladies, 56 Men) took part from 6 Nations (CAN 2, FIN 1, GER 3, ITA 2, NED 54, NOR 2)**. Good Results were reached on fast ice. **5 IMSSC Records** could be lowered: **Bianca van den Hoek/NED F 30** 5000 m 8:16,07, **Wim Brand/NED M 65** 5000 m 7:47,59, **Harry Schut/NED M 45** 10000 m 14:44,30, **Luit Broens/NED M 50** 10000 m 15:12,67, **Harald Paulsen/NOR M 65** 10000 m 16:53,61. Results will be issued on the website www.veteranencircuitlb.com.

06 Mar 2008

The Games 2008 Erfurt/GER are over

vs. The **17th Masters' International Games 2008** in Erfurt/Germany, held 29 Feb – 02 Mar 2008, are over. **207 Participants (43 Ladies, 164 Men) from 13 Nations (AUT 1, CAN 12, EST 1, FIN 10, GER 40, HUN 1, ITA 12, NED 57, NOR 39, ROU 1, RUS 14, SUI 14, USA 5)** competed in the Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall on good ice. After the **Drawing** in the wonderful old Townhall of Erfurt on Thursday and the nice **Opening Ceremony** with a parade of young skaters on skates with the names and flags of the 13 participating Nations the competitions were started Friday. During the three competition days good results were reached at the perfect organized races. Five competitors could lower **13 IMSSC Records** (International Masters' Records): **Tatjana Sidorova/RUS F 70**, 1000 m 1:50,96, 1500 m 2:50,23, 3 distances race 167,873 points; **Piet Hilkema/NED M 35**, 3000 m 4:02,17 and 5000 m 6:59,44; **Jan Duif/NED M 45**, 1500 m 1:56,57; **Ragnvald Næss/NOR M 50**, 5000 m 7:19,21; **Martin Haire/USA M 45**, 3000 m 4:05,75, 5000 m 7:01,95 and 4 distances race 500 m, 3000 m/1500 m, 5000 m 162,489 points; **Wim Brand/NED, M 65**, 1500 m 2:12,01, 1000 m 1:26,28, 3000 m 4:38,59 and 4 distances race 500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m 179,534 points. With the **closing banquet** with Thuringian specialities, a long but cheerful victory ceremony and the presentation of Bjugn/NOR, the place for the **18th Games** in in

2009, the Games in Erfurt were over and the large Masters' Speed Skating community said good bye to the nice Thuringian capital. All results of the Games can be found under www.eisevents-erfurt.de/masters_17/ergebnavi.html and http://www.desg.de/?page_id=813&anzeige=event&eventID=6219. Nice reports you find under <http://andrewlove.org/blog/index.php> and <http://mastersspeedskatingnews.blogspot.com/2008/03/17th-masters-international-speed.html> and <http://mastersspeedskatingnews.blogspot.com/2008/03/chronicles-of-travelling-skates.html>.

06 Mar 2008

Lost Racing Suit at the 17th Masters Games Erfurt/GER

jd. At the 17th Masters' International Games in Erfurt GER there was lost a racing suit in the dressing room for men of the Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall at 29 Feb – 02 Mar 2008. If you found this racing suit in your skate bag or at another place, please inform the owner by an email to his address jd@boonedam.nl. The racing suit can be seen at www.imssg.org/jduif.jpg.

24 Feb 2008

11th Masters' International Open American Championship Milwaukee/USA

rh. **Fifty-four competitors, including 6 women and 48 men** from two Nations (CAN 1, USA 53) laced up skates for the season's edition of the longest-running international competition for masters in Northamerica in **Milwaukee/USA, 16 – 17 Feb 2008**. This year the event included an open class as well as 5-year age groups for women and men. The mixed racing format consisted of metric (Olympic style) 500 m and 1000 m, plus pack-style (mass start) racing over 300 m, 500 m, 800 m, 1000 m, 1500 m and 3000 m. The pack-style races included a heat and a final in 300 m, 500 m, 800 m, and 1000 m for open class skaters and in the 300 m for men 55+. Report see under <http://mastersspeedskatingnews.blogspot.com/2008/02/11th-masters-international-open.html>.

19 Feb 2008

12th Masters' International Master Cup in Berlin/GER

vs. Last weekend, **16 – 17 Feb 2008** in Berlin the 12th Masters' International Speed Skating Master Cup took place in Berlin-Hohenschönhausen in the Speed Skating Icehall of the Sportforum. The **106 competitors (24 Ladies and 82 Men) from 10 Nations** (BEL 1, EST 2, FIN 3, GER 36, ITA 6, NED 29, NOR 13, ROM 1, RUS 14, SUI 1) competed in the 4 distance races like at the Masters' Games (Men with 5000 m, Ladies of all age groups and Men of higher age groups with 3000 m). Because last season at the Games in Calgary nearly all IMSSC Records in all age groups Ladies and Men were broken at these 4 distance races with fantastic times, no IMSSC Records could be lowered in Berlin. But nevertheless very good results were reached by the participants at a perfectly organized competition. The complete results are issued under the Website of Speedskating in Berlin <http://www.eisschnelllauf-in-berlin.de/PDF/Masters2008.pdf>.

19 Feb 2008

Successful 6th Single Distance Races in Hamar/NOR

vs. At **09 – 10 Feb 2008** the **6th Masters' International Speed Skating SINGLE DISTANCE RACES** were held in the famous Olympiahall Vikingskipet in Hamar/Norway

on fast ice. **108 competitors (7 Ladies, 101 Men) from 7 Nations** (FIN 1, ITA 1, IRE 1, NED 1, NOR 100, SWE 3, SUI 1) took part in these interesting and well organized Competitions with the single distances 500, 1000, 1500, 3000, 5000 and 10000 m (4 distances possible). 17 IMSSC Records were lowered, among them 9 on 4 distance races with 10000 m as longest distance (500 m, 5000 m/ 1500 m, 10000 m), two at 10000 m and two at 5000 m. Results, also results including lap times, can be found on the Website <http://www.aktivsk.no>

06 Feb 2008

Fun at the 14th SPRINT CLASSICS in Inzell/GER

vs. The participants of the **14th Masters' International Speed Skating SPRINT CLASSICS in Inzell/GER at 2 – 3 Feb 2008** reached good results and had much fun. At the competition **90 participants (17 Ladies, 73 Men) from 12 Nations** (AUT 1, BEL 1, ESP 1, GER 39, ITA 12, NED 16, NOR 3, ROM 1, RUS 9, SUI 4, UKR 2, USA 1) competed at the nice open air track in the German Alps. For the first time at the SPRINT CLASSICS we had competitors from Spain and Ukraine at the start. After the drawing Friday evening the competitors met for a common supper and for discussions about Masters' Speed Skating, especially at the next two days. At the first day it was snowing at the first races, later the snowfall stopped. At the second day the weather was wonderful, the sky was blue and the sun was shining. Good results could be reached by the competitors, **4 IMSSC Records were beaten** (see <http://www.imssg.org/07-Results-Inzell-2008.pdf>).

18 Jan 2008

Results of the 9th Masters' MEETING in Davos/SUI

vs. The **9th Masters' International Speed Skating MEETING was held in Davos/SUI at 12 – 13 Jan 2008**. At the competition 33 participants (4 Ladies, 29 Men) from 9 Nations (AUT 1, CAN 2, GER 5, ITA 7, NED 3, NOR 2, RUS 1, SUI 10, USA 2) competed on the natural ice of the Eisbahn Davos. At the first day it was strongly snowing and the times were not fast. But at the second day it was wonderful weather, the sun was shining and good results could be reached by the participants on the famous fast natural ice of Davos (see <http://www.imssg.org/07-Results-Davos-2008.pdf>). **Patrick Kelly/CAN (M 45) lowered his own IMSSC Record from 2007 at 1000 m with 1:19,04 sec.**

18 Jan 2008

1st Masters' International AMERICAN SPRINT Successful

vs. The **1st Masters' International Speed Skating AMERICAN SPRINT was held in Milwaukee at 04 – 05 Jan 2008**. At this competition 32 skaters (6 Ladies and 26 Men) from 2 Nations (CAN 4, USA 28) reached good results at the 4 distance race (first day 500 m, 1000 m/second day 500 m, 1000 m), many personal bests were skated. It was a success! Nevertheless we still hope for increasing international participation from Canada and Europe next year. One of the Canadian participants, Ross Hanham, has given a report under <http://mastersspeedskatingnews.blogspot.com/2008/01/1st-masters-international-open-american.html>. Also Andrew Love, the father of this Masters' Sprint Competition, has given some information about this event under <http://andrewlove.org/blog/?p=532>. You can find results under <http://www.andrewlove.org/blog/blogpics08/AmericanMastersSprintSamalong.pdf> (Table of points) and <http://www.andrewlove.org/blog/blogpics08/AmericanMastersSprint2008Results.pdf> (Results in detail).

15 Dec 2007

Results from 2nd Masters' REVIVAL in Baselga/ITA

vs. At 08 – 09 Dec 2007 the 2nd Masters International Speed Skating REVIVAL was held in Baselga di Pinè/ITA on the nice speed skating track in the Italian Alpes at about 1000 m above sea level. **24 participants (2 Ladies, 22 Men) from 4 Nations (GER 1, ITA 18, ESP 1, SUI 4)** competed in the Allround Competition (500 m, 1500 m, 1000 m, 3000 m) and reached good results on fast ice (see <http://www.imssg.org/07-Results-Baselga-2007.pdf>). A **nice report** was issued by Bresin Marcello, the Spanish participant, at his website <http://www.exxostenerife.com/speedsk8/00000097390b82426/0000009a100c2df01.html> .

28 Nov 2007

Good Results at the 4th Masters' CRITERION Erfurt/GER

vs. At the 4th Masters' International Speed Skating CRITERION in Erfurt/GER, 24th – 25th Nov 2007, **89 Masters (18 Ladies, 71 Men) from 7 Nations** (CAN 1, GER 25, LAT 2, NED 42, NOR 12, RUS 3, SUI 4) competed in a 4 distance contest (500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m), well organized and conducted by the Thuringian Ice Federation under their President Werner Noack. Already at the first competition of the International Masters in the season 2007/2008 good results were reached. You find in the Internet under http://www.eisevents-erfurt.de/masters_4/ergeb_navi.html endtimes and points of the different age groups. You can also read or print the protocol of the competition with all results, including laptimes, in the Internet under http://www.eisevents-erfurt.de/masters_4/ER2007-11-24.doc. **Five IMSSC Records** of the List 2007 (International Masters' Records) could be lowered: **Kaska Rogulska/NED (F 35) 1000 m 1:25,18** and **4 distances 176,018 points**; **Jan Buisman/NED (M 45) 4 distances 170,199 points**; **Knut Nesse/NOR (M 65) 1000 m 1:29,37** and **4 distances 183,883 points**.

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