



## *Masters' Ice Crystals 2010/2011*

**20 Aug 2011**

### **Confirmed Competitions**

vs. In the meantime for nearly all planned competitions the organizers could decide on the date so that **most of the competition dates are confirmed now**, see competition calendar on [www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf). Only the dates of the SINGLE DISTANCE RACES in Bjugn/NOR and the HEERENVEEN LONG DISTANCE RACES and HEERENVEEN SPRINT in Heerenveen/NED are not yet confirmed.

**26 Jun 2011**

### **Master Cup between the Games**

vs. The **15<sup>th</sup> Masters' International Master Cup in Berlin-Lichtenberg/GER** will be held on **03 – 04 March 2012**, just at the weekend between the weekends of the Masters Sprint Games in Heerenveen/NED and the Masters' Allround Games in Erfurt/GER, and not in the mid of February as originally planned. The originally planned date in February could not be maintained.

**29 May 2011**

### **SPRINT GAMES 2012 Heerenveen/NED**

vs. The **4<sup>th</sup> Masters' SPRINT GAMES** will be held with 240 Competitors in the Thialf Icehall of **Heerenveen/NED on 25 – 26 Feb 2012**, two weeks before the Allround Games in Erfurt /GER. The confirmation has just been given by the IMSSC Member of the Netherlands, **Bram de Vries**, at the **34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session** in Amsterdam/NED. The announcement will be issued on this website in October 2011 together with electronic entry forms.

**24 May 2011**

### **ALLROUND GAMES 2012 Erfurt/GER**

vs. The **21<sup>st</sup> Masters' International ALLROUND GAMES** with 200 competitors will take place in the Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall in **Erfurt GER on 09 – 11 Mar 2012**. The **confirmation of the date** just has been given by the **organizer Eissportclub Erfurt e.V.** The announcement also will be issued on this website in October 2011 together with electronic entry forms.

**16 May 2011**

### **SPRINT CLASSICS 2012 Inzell/GER**

vs. The **15<sup>th</sup> Masters' International SPRINT CLASSICS** will be held on **28 – 29 January 2012** in the new icehall Max Eicher Arena Inzell. The **date** has just been **confirmed by the organizer DEC Frillensee Inzell**. The announcement will be issued on this website in October 2011 together with an electronic entry form.

**29 May 2011**

**Calendar confirmed by IMSSC**

vs. The **Masters' Competition Calendar 2011/2012** has been confirmed now by the IMSSC at its 34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session in Amsterdam/NED. Only competitions on this calendar and National Masters' Championships which fulfil the requirements of the IMSSC Rules and ISU Rules are recognized for reaching New IMSSC Records (Masters' World Records). Masters Competition Calendar 2011/2012 see [www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/11-calendar.pdf).

**29 May 2011**

**Nation's Quota Allround Games and Sprint Games.**

vs. As decided at the IMSSC Session yesterday in Amsterdam/NED, the Nations Quota will be as shown below. The Nations Quota refer to the Maximum Number of Entries, **235 for the ALLROUND GAMES 2012** in Erfurt/GER and **280 for the SPRINT GAMES** in Heerenveen/NED.

**Quota ALLROUND GAMES:**

FIN 12, GER 40, ITA 12, NED 66, NOR 44, RUS 18, OTHER NATIONS 43.

**Quota SPRINT GAMES (Total 280):**

FIN 14, GER 37, ITA 13, NED 84, NOR 62, RUS 28, OTHER NATIONS 42.

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**08 May 2011**

**SD CHAMPIONSHIPS Milwaukee/USA**

vs. There was no news here until now from an interesting International Masters' Competition already in January in **Milwaukee/USA, the 1<sup>st</sup> Masters' International USA SINGLE DISTANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** on 08 - 09 Jan 2011. So I wish still to mention here this nice competition organized by **Bruce Connor** with **Olesegun Sijuwade** and referee **Ernest Kretschmann** with their teams. The following distances have been skated: 2 x 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m and 5000 m. **36 participants (4 Ladies, 32 Men) from 4 Nations (CAN**

1, GER 1, ROU 1, USA 33) competed in the US Olympic Training Facility, the nice ice hall of Milwaukee. No IMSSC Records, but a lot of personal bests were reached by the participants. You find the results on the websites

[www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=5666](http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=5666) and  
[www.speedskatingnews.info/?page\\_id=813&eventID=18515](http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=18515).

## 07 May 2011

### 1<sup>st</sup> RUSSIAN SDR Kolomna/RUS

vs. The 1<sup>st</sup> Masters' International RUSSIAN SINGLE DISTANCE RACES were held in the ice hall of Kolomna/RUS on 01 - 03 Apr 2011 with **125 competitors (32 Ladies, 93 Men) from 6 Nations (BLR 3, ESP 1, GER 1, KAZ 2, NOR 3, RUS 115)**. For the first time we had skaters from Belorussia at an International Masters' Competition. The following single distances were skated: **500 m, 1.000 m, 1.500 m, 3.000 m, 5.000 m, 10.000 m**. The Ladies and Men could skate a **4 Distances Allround Combination 500 m, 1.500 m/1.000 m, 3.000 m**, and the Men could skate alternatively also a **4 Distances Allround Combination 500 m, 5.000 m/1.500 m, 10.000 m**. At the 3<sup>rd</sup> competition day **Pursuit Races** took place, for Ladies 6 laps races and for Men 8 laps races. **Four IMSSC Records** of the IMSSC Records List 2010 were lowered: **Vladimir Kostin/M35/KAZ**: 1.000 m 1:13,20 min, 1500 m 1:50,74 min, 4 Distance Allround Small Combination 500 m, 1.500 m/1.000 m, 3.000 m 151,493 points; **Boris Replin/M45/RUS** 4 Distance Allround Big Combination 500 m, 5.000 m/1.500 m, 10.000 m 173,739 points. **6 Pursuit Teams Ladies** competed in the 6 lap distance. The **first ranked Trio** with the Members of the **AG 40/40/35** reached **3:45,36 min**, the fifth ranked **eldest Trio** with the **AG 65/70/70** reached **4:59,15 min**. **12 Pursuit Teams Men** competed in the 8 lap distance. The **first ranked Trio** with the Members of the **AG 40/45/40** reached **4:21,14 min**, the last ranked **eldest Trio** with the **AG 65/70/70** reached **5:39,05 min**. More results you find on the websites

[www.speedskatingnews.info/?page\\_id=813&eventID=18446](http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=18446) and  
[www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6678](http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6678).

## 07 May 2011

### 8<sup>th</sup> LONG DISTANCE RACES Heerenveen/NED

vs. At the 8<sup>th</sup> Masters' International LONG DISTANCE RACES in Heerenveen/NED on 24 Mar 2011 in the Thialf ice hall **53 competitors (4 Ladies, 49 Men) from 5 Nations (FIN 2, GER 2, NED 46, NOR 1, SUI 2)** fought on the 500 m and a long distance from 3.000 m, 5.000 m and 10.000 m. 20 skaters skated the 3.000 m, 12 skaters the 5.000 m and 21 the 10.000 m. **Ton Kooijmans/M70/NED** lowered the **IMSSC Record** from the IMSSC Records List 2010 over **5.000 m** in 8:24,42 min. The results can be found on the websites

[www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6629](http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6629) and  
[www.speedskatingnews.info/?page\\_id=813&eventID=19440](http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=19440).

## 07 May 2011

### 4<sup>th</sup> HEERENVEEN SPRINT/NED

vs. The 4<sup>th</sup> Masters' International HEERENVEEN SPRINT took place in Heerenveen in the Thialf ice hall on 22 -23 Mar 2011. **55 Masters (11 Ladies, 40 Men) from 6 Nations (BEL 1, FIN 1, GER 2, NED 47, NOR 2, SUI 2)** skated on the two days in a 4 distance sprint combination 500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m. **Gerdien Meijer/F45/NED** lowered **5 IMSSC Records** from the IMSSC Records List 2010: 500 m 43,40 sec, 500 m 43,25 sec, 1000 m 1:27,44 min, 1000 m 1:25,47, 4 distance sprint combination 500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m 173,105 points; **Barbara Heerschop/F55/NED** 4 distance sprint combination 500 m, 1000/500 m, 1000 m 193,335 points. Further results can be seen on the websites

[www.speedskatingnews.info/?page\\_id=813&eventID=19374](http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=19374) and [www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6628](http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6628).

**06 May 2011**

### **CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE in Kearns/USA**

vs. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Masters' International CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE in Kearns/Salt Lake City/USA was held 04 – 06 Mar 2011 in the ice hall Utah Olympic Oval. **75 Masters (70 Men, 5 Ladies) from 11 Nations (CAN 3, GER 4, ITA 4, JPN 17, KAZ 2, MEX 1, NED 15, NOR 11, ROU 1, RUS 3, USA 14)** competed in the Utah Olympic Oval. Especially the high number of **17 Japanese participants** was remarkable. And for the first time we had a **participant of Mexico**. The following distances have been run in the three competition days on fast ice: 500 m (2 x), 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m, 5000 m. A four distance combination 500 m, 3000 m/1500 m, 5000 m was possible. Additionally 12 team pursuits took place on the last day. **24 IMSSC Records from the IMSSC Record List 2010 were lowered and 1 equalled: Monique Boerema/NED/L45** 500 m 43,87 sec, 500 m 43,58 sec, 1000 m 1:25,09 min, 1500 m 2:12,46 min, **Bart Seffinga/NED/M30** 500 m 37,18 sec, 1000 m 1:14,50 min, 1000 m 1:13,60 min; **Vladimir Kostin/KAZ/M35** 500 m 37,02 sec, 1000 m 1:11,22 min, 1500 m 1:50,91 min, 3000 m 4:01,80 min, Allround Combination 500, 3000/1500/5000 m 157,280 points; **Brian Boudreau/USA/M45** 1000 m 1:15,21 min; **Wim de Wit/NED** 5000 m 7:16,95 min, **Bruce Conner/USA/M55** 500 m 39,48 sec; **Victor van den Hoff/NED/M55** 500 m 39,94 sec (equalled), 1000 m 1:18,04 min, 1500 m 1:58,32 min; **Ragnvald Næss/NOR/M55** 3000 m 4:14,64 min, 5000 m 7:10,65 min, Allround Combination 500, 3000/1500/5000 m 168,728 points; **Jan van der Meulen/NED/M65** 500 m 42,92 sec, 500 m 42,74 sec, 1000 m 1:24,40 min, 1500 m 2:09,44 min. You find the results under <http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6459> and [http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page\\_id=813&eventID=19236](http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=19236).

**04 May 2011**

### **10 K WEDNESDAY in Kearns/USA**

vs. The 1<sup>st</sup> Masters' International 10 K WEDNESDAY in the Utah Olympic Oval of Kearns/Salt Lake City/USA took place on Wednesday, 02 Mar 2011, directly in the week after the 20<sup>th</sup> Masters ALLROUND GAMES in Calgary/CAN and only two days before the 2<sup>nd</sup> Masters International CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE, also in Kearns/USA. **24 skaters (2 Ladies, 22 Men) from 6 Nations (GER 1, ITA 2, JPN 1, NED 8, NOR 11, USA 1)** took part in this long distance competition with distances of **10.000 m or 5.000 m**. 17 Men competed at the 10.000 m and 5 Men and 2 Ladies skated the 5.000 m. The relatively best time could be reached by **Ragnvald Næss/Men 55/NOR with 14:56,57 min for 10.000 m**, only about one second over his own IMSSC Record, which he skated with 14:55,21 in Kolomna/RUS 03.04.2010. You find more results under <http://www.speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=6447> and [www.speedskatingnews.info/?page\\_id=813&eventID=19225](http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=19225).

**26 Apr 2011**

### **ALLROUND GAMES in Calgary/CAN**

vs. The 20<sup>th</sup> Masters' International Allround Games were held on four days **24 – 27 Feb 2011 at the Olympic Oval in Calgary/Canada**. **222 Skaters (52 Ladies, 170 Men) from 12 Nations (CAN 63, FIN 2, GER 11, GRE 1, ITA 7, LAT 2, NED 63, NOR 49, ROU 1, RUS 4, SUI 1, USA 18)** competed on fast ice. For the first time we had a **Greek participant**. **You find the results** on the website of the Olympic Oval of the University of Calgary <http://www.oval.ucalgary.ca> under "Speed Skating", "Results+" and "Long Track" in the Event Archive 2010/11 and on the website SpeedSkatingNews

[http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page\\_id=813&eventID=19156](http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=19156). During the four days **43 IMSSC Records** from the IMSSC Records List 2009/2010 were lowered and a lot of personal best times were reached at the skated distances 500 m, 1000 m, 1500 m, 3000 m and 5000 m. **Tony Zegers/CAN** and **Roy Whitney/CAN**, the two eldest participants, skating admirable well in age group **Men 80**, were honoured by the ISU Masters Coordinator Dr. **Volker Serini**. Head of the Games Organization Committee was **Gregg Planert**, who had a lot of work not only on the competition days, but already for the preparation of this event. Together with his team members, a lot of them volunteers, he made a great job. The competition was well guided by the Main Referee **Wim Kok** and his Jury. The Closing Banquet and the Victory Ceremony were held in the Red and White Club at the McMahon Stadium. They were conducted by **Jock Wilson** with his team in a cheerful and trouble-free manner. The participants had a lot of fun at this evening. Dr. **Volker Serini** invited the competitors to the **21<sup>st</sup> Masters' International Allround Games in Erfurt/GER**, provisionally on **9 – 11 Mar 2012**.

**15 Feb 2011**

### **34<sup>th</sup> IMSSC Session Amsterdam/NED**

vs. The **34<sup>th</sup> Session of the International Masters Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC) will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2011 in Amsterdam/NED**. Because of a necessary reduction of costs it has to be restricted to one day from 9:00 – 15:00. Initially it was planned for two days.

**14 Feb 2011**

### **8<sup>th</sup> IMSSG Session cancelled**

vs. The **8<sup>th</sup> Session of the ISU Masters Speed Skating Working Group (IMSSG) on 27 May 2011 in Amsterdam/NED has to be cancelled now**, because the IMSSG budget 2011 has not been granted by the ISU Council. The first official information from the ISU Council on 13 Nov 2010 was, that the budget 2011, proposed by the IMSSG, had been accepted by the ISU Council. But after the IMSSG asked for the referral of the promised budget to the IMSSG account on 07 Feb 2010 the ISU informed the IMSSG on 10 Feb 2010 that the budget could only be granted under certain preconditions. These preconditions could not be fulfilled by the IMSSG.

**25 Jan 2011**

### **Sprint Games Berlin – a Great Event**

vs. The **3<sup>rd</sup> Masters' International Sprint Games** were held on 22 – 23 January 2011 in the Speed Skating Icehall of the Sportforum in **Berlin-Lichtenberg**. It was a great event with **209 competitors, 47 Ladies and 162 Men from 16 Nations** (BEL 1, CAN 2, ESP 1, FIN 11, GER 37, ITA 9, KAZ 4, LAT 3, NED 62, NOR 39, NZE 1, RUS 22, SUI 3, SWE 2, UKR 10, USA 2). On very good ice a lot of excellent results were reached. **17 times IMSSC Records** were lowered: **Katrin Zehmisch/GER/L40** Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 174,430 points; **Lijnie Boele/NED/L45** 500 m 44,52 sec, 1000 m 1:28,33 min, 500 m 43,62 sec, 1000 m 1:26,87 min, Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 175,740 points; **Noor van der Steer/NED/F55** Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 192,405; **Bart Seffinga/NED/M30** 1000 m 1:15,39 min, 1000 m 1:14,23 min, Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 151,000 points; **Vladimir Kostin/KAZ/M30** 1000 m 1:14,24 min, 1000 m 1:14,09 min, Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 149,845 points; **Ivar Njøs/NOR/M45** Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 153,910 points; **Alf Gjøлга/NOR/M65** Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 174,445 points; **Arne Kjell Foldvik/NOR/M75** Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m) 203,235 points; **Ivan Yuzubkin/RUS/M80** Sprint Combination (500 m, 1000

m/500 m, 1000 m) 245,340 points. At the Welcome Drink after the Drawing in the Official Competition Hotel Kolumbus there was a rich warm buffet for the participants and their coaches and companions. The Victory Ceremony and the following Closing banquet with a large warm buffet also was held in the Hotel Kolumbus. **Volker Serini**, Coordinator of the ISU Masters Speed Skating Working Group, said a lot of thanks to **Jörg Krakow**, the Head of the Organization Committee with his small team for their tremendous work and to the main referees **Kurt Ney** and **Melanie Symalla** and their large Jury and Competition Office staff who guided the Masters Sprint Games Competition very well. During drawing, welcome drink, competition, victory ceremony and closing buffet the participants of the Masters Sprint Games were in a good mood. Because a lot of skaters from the different nations already know themselves from many other competitions they seem to be a large speed skating family. You find the complete results on <http://www.eisschnellauf-in-berlin.de/pdf/Masters-22-23-01-11.pdf>.

**19 Jan 2011**

### **Visit German Parliament not possible**

jk. Unfortunately the **Cultural Side Program at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Masters' International Sprint Games in Berlin** – Visit of the “Deutscher Bundestag” (German Parliament) on **Thursday, 20 Jan 2011** – **had to be canceled because of security precautions**. They were necessary because of warnings about terroristic activities against buildings of the Government of the German Federal Republic. An appropriate substitution by another program could not be organized because the time was too short.

**13 Jan 2011**

### **12<sup>th</sup> Davos Meeting 2011 canceled**

vs. The **12<sup>th</sup> Masters' International DAVOS MEETING on 15 – 16 January 2011** at the Eisbahn Davos, the famous natural speed skating icetrack in the Graubünden Alpes at 1560 m above sea-level, has been **canceled because of the extremely warm weather** this year. This is the first time that the DAVOS MEETING had to be canceled. We hope that in the coming years the weather again will show lower temperatures so that this wonderful competition can again be held.

**04 Jan 2011**

### **Post Entries - Allround Games Calgary**

vs. Because the maximum number of entries for the **20th Masters' International Allround Games in Calgary/CAN 24 – 27 Feb 2011** has not been reached until the deadline of entries 10 Dec 2010, **Post Entries** are possible **until 08 Feb 2011** on the electronic entry forms on our website [www.imssc.org](http://www.imssc.org) for this competition under <http://www.imssc.org/10-entr-allr.html>.

**15 Dec 2010**

### **5<sup>th</sup> Masters REVIVAL Baselga - Report**

pg. The **5<sup>th</sup> Masters' International Speed Skating REVIVAL** was held on **11 – 12 Dec 2010 in Baselga di Pinè/Trentino/ITALY**, in the Italian Alpes on 1000 m over sea-level. Two days of fantastic weather in Baselga di Pinè welcomed the **17 athletes (3 Ladies, 14 Men) representing 5 Nations (ITA 11, KAZ 1, NED 1, NOR 1, SUI 3)**. They competed in the **Allround Combination 500 m, 1500 m/ 1000 m, 3000 m**. On Friday the Organizer, Ice Rink Pinè, offered a welcome drink followed by a great common supper at Olympic Hotel with six courses served with good white and red local wines in the traditional atmosphere well known of the last Masters' Allround Games.

Results can be found at <http://www.fisg.it/DocumentoDett.asp?IDNews=1189> and Pictures can be found at [http://www.icerinkpine.it/images/2010/5\\_Master/5master10-foto.htm](http://www.icerinkpine.it/images/2010/5_Master/5master10-foto.htm).

14 Nov 2010

### 7<sup>th</sup> CRITERION Erfurt - Report

vs. The first International Masters' Competition of the season 2010/2011 was held in **Erfurt/Germany on 13 – 14 Nov 2010, the 7<sup>th</sup> Masters' International Speed Skating Criterion. 108 Competitors (29 Ladies, 79 Men) from 5 Nations (GER 28, NED 64, NOR 10, RUS 2, SUI 4)** took part in this competition in the nice Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Ice-Hall. Remarkable was the **proportion Ladies/Men** 12/16 of the 28 German participants. We would wish such or in minimum similar proportions Ladies/Men for all Nations and for all Competitions. The competition was very well organized and very well conducted and the ice was of top quality. So the competition made much fun for the participating Masters. Already at the beginning of the season very good results could be reached, see [www.imssc.org/10-criterion-results.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/10-criterion-results.pdf). Even **7 IMSSC Records** (Masters' International Records) were broken. **Thea Kroonje/NED/F 65** lowered 5 of them with the following results: 500 m 49,44 sec, 1000 m 1:35,21 min, 1500 m 2:26,21 min, 3000 m 5:00,36 min, Ladies Allround (500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m) 195,148 points. And **Bart Seffinga/NED/M 30** lowered the other two: 1000 m 1:14,97 min, Men Allround Small (500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m) 160,413 points.

14 Nov 2010

### 7<sup>th</sup> CRITERION – Second Day

vs. You find the Timetable of the **7<sup>th</sup> Masters' International CRITERION** in Erfurt/GER on **14 Nov 2010** (second competition day) and the Start List for the 1000 m (3<sup>rd</sup> distance) on [www.imssc.org/10-erfurt-101114-tt-stl.pdf](http://www.imssc.org/10-erfurt-101114-tt-stl.pdf).

