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Northern Games doesn't disappoint! New record set, tie for men's gold

By Bonnie Learning
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Another record was broken at the second and final night of the Northern Games!

Cartwright's Nico Brown-Dyson beat the previous record set in 2003 with a time of 12:26 (unofficially). It was apparent he had been practicing, the way he blazed up the 100 metre lane! If you blinked, you might have missed him!

The top finisher for the women's seal crawl was Chantelle Bursey of Labrador City, who set her own record Thursday night with her 44 turns over-the-rope.

Once the seal crawl was over, the mats came out and the one-foot high kick - or seal kick - apparatus was put in place.

The women started the seal kick event at a height of 5 foot. The height kept increasing by one inch, until there were just two women left at a height of 5'11" - Chantelle Bursey of Lab City & Jenna Andersen of Makkovik. Jenna gave it her best, but was knocked out after three successful attempts. Chantelle kept going until she topped out at 6'4".

After the women finished up, the men took to the floor, with a start height of 6'6". But by the time 8'3" rolled around, it was down to Makkovik's Cameron and NWR's Andreas Phillips.

That height would prove to be Cameron's last jump. Cameron set a high kick record back in 2000 at 8'11".

Andreas went on to 8'4" and got the seal he had set his sights on for the last three Games.



Nico Brown Dyson raced up the 100 metre seal crawl lane at super speed – 12:26 - breaking a games record set several games ago. Photo by Bonnie Learning/The Northern Star

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'No better feeling' says Andreas Philips of high kick win

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"It's just amazing," said Andreas of his win. "I've been in the top three over the last three games...I've tried and tried and this year, my goal was to get the seal and I finally did it – there's no better feeling!"

Cameron was in no way disappointed with his second place finish in the high kick.

"I'm extremely happy," he said. "I figured there was going to be a couple of young guys here that was going to be really tough to beat and I'm just happy to be competing again and I'm happy with my performance."

He said it was also good to have his family in the stands watching him compete.

"Sixteen years ago...my old-man legs couldn't handle it!" he quipped.



ABOVE: Andreas Philips shows off his seal he got for kicking the highest in the men's high jump at 8'4". This was his third games in the event and said his goal was to get the seal! He also tied for gold in the northern games.



LEFT: Andreas Philips gets some serious airtime in the final stages of the high kick.

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Medals for the northern games were handed out right after the event was over. Taking medals were (from left) Jenna Andersen, Makkovik and Grant Oram, Charlottown; Nico Brown Dyson, Cartwright, Chantelle Bursey, Labrador City and Andreas Philips, NWR, with gold; and Kelly Way, HVGB with silver.



LEFT: HV-GB's Kelly Way makes her way up the 60 metre seal crawl lane.



RIGHT: Cameron Andersen topped out at 8'3" in the high kick.

Snow tough!

Labrathon finalists set to compete this morning!

By Bonnie Learning
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The LWG Labrathon heats took place at Terrington Basin yesterday morning, with four heats of 4-6 athletes proving just how tough it was to live the life of a trapper.

Making the top six for today's final at 10 a.m. at Terrington Basin are Roderick Pye of Mary's Harbour, with a time of 20:33.81; Guido Rich, Rigolet, 21:02:84; Clifford Russell, Williams Harbour, 22:00:81; Barry Dyson, Cartwright, 21:21:60; Ricky Dean Burden, Churchill Falls, 22:01:40; and Pat Hibbs, North West River, 23:30:69.

The competitors lashed their supplies to a sled before setting out on snowshoes, as they ran to a series of stations designed to test their skills in building a fire and boiling a kettle of water; target shooting; log sawing and trap setting; and chiseling a 4-inch wide hole through 30" of ice on Terrington Basin.

Williams Harbour athlete Clifford Russell made it to the finish line in the first heat, maintaining a good lead most of the course.

"I frigged up on the log saw," he said, noting he hasn't had any practice since he won bronze in the event in the 2000 LWG. "It's good to represent Williams Harbour and have a bit of fun."

Fellow competitor Jamie Cutler of L'anse au Clair said it was an excellent course.

"It was awesome," he said. "I had a bit of trouble with the hole; I didn't have it wide enough at the top."

Cutler said the event embodies what it means to be a Labradorian.

"It's all about edurance and being proud of being Labradorian," he said.

Russell was followed by Cutler, Corey Elson of HV-GB, Sandy Powell of Charlottetown; and Greg Barron of Wabush. Team Nain was a no-show in the heat.

In heat two, Guido Rich of Rigolet got off the start line first, followed by Max Penashue of Sheshatshiu, who led the way in the next two stations before getting hung up on the log saw.



Marlene Wheeler – co chair of the Labrathon – fires the starter pistol to signal the start of the first heat in Friday's Labrathon. Photos by Bonnie Learning/The Northern Star

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Labrathon finals underway today

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“The log felt sticky in the middle,” Penashue said after the heat.

“Once you pull too hard, it twists the saw and that’s when you have a problem – that’s where all my energy went.”

First to the finish line was Roderick Pye of Mary’s Harbour followed by Guido Rich, Rigolet; Richard Williams, Pinsent’s Arm; Max Penashue, Sheshatshiu; and William Hancock, Forteau. Team Natuashish was a no-show in the heat.

In heat three, Barry Dyson of Cartwright was first off the line, followed closely by Pat Hibbs of North West River. But it was Dyson and Churchill Falls’s Ricky Dean Burden who crossed paths at the chisel station, with Burden maintaining the lead for the majority of the course.

However, Dyson was successful at chiseling his hole first, and took off for the finish line, followed by Burden, Pat Hibbs, Lyle O’Brien of L’anse au Loup and Paul Mitchell of Makovik.

In the fourth and final heat, Bradley Strugnell of Labrador City crossed the finish line first, followed by Bryce Gear of Postville; Kelsey Hunter of Hopedale; and Ashley Best of Mud Lake. Team Port Hope Simpson was a no-show in the heat.



ABOVE: Mud Lake’s Ashley Best – the lone woman to take part in the grueling Labrathon – packs up her sled as quick as she can before leaving the start line.



Team NWR’s Pat Hibbs gets his fire going and gets his snow-filled kettle on the fire to boil before moving on to the target shoot station.

RIGHT: William Hancock of Forteau take his turn at the log saw & trap setting station.



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Pinsent's Arm breaks four-way dart tie for the win!

By Janice Goudie
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It was a four way tie for gold heading into the Darts Championship Game at the Royal Canadian Legion yesterday afternoon. Cartwright, Forteau, Pinsent's Arm and Happy Valley-Goose Bay each went into the final of the one game round robin with 11 out of 15 wins.

Committee chair Woody Cooper introduced a new method to the playoff to determine who the medalling teams were. All four teams played on the same dart board with players each rotating through turns. The first team to reach zero from 701, with the last dart doubling out, won the gold.

This new method certainly added to the intensity of the event and had the spectators fully engaged in the final game in which Sid Morris, Chad Clarke, Mildred Clarke and Bernice Stokes of Pinsent's Arm took the gold. Clyde Morris, Tony Howell, Sheila Morris and Marg Howell of Cartwright placed silver. And bronze went to team Forteau made up of Shawn Flynn, Garry Saulter, Ena Saulter and Nancy Flynn.

Sheila Morris was "...proper elated" about her team's victory.

"The middle part of the day we were down, and I mean down," she explained. "We had to win every game going right through the end, and we pulled it off somehow."

Cooper says overall, the event went extremely well.

"Darts started on time, there were no problems that I'm aware of, it was a good day," he said. "It was planned very well so it went smooth. Every one finished quicker than I had expected so we had time for the medal presentations before the allotted time."

In addition to a silver medal win, Tony Howell of Cartwright also scored a 180 during the event. The only highest possible score that organizers were aware was gotten at this year's Labrador Winter Games darts event.



Darts winners were (from left) team Cartwright in silver place; Pinsent's Arm, gold; and Forteau, bronze. Photos by Janice Goudie/The Northern Star

Sheila Morris of Cartwright jumps into the arms of her teammate Tony Howell as they celebrate a silver medal win in darts on Friday afternoon.





It was right around then that Frosty began to question his own stubborn opinion on the reality of climate change...

Official 2016 Labrador Winter Games Schedule																	
Monday, March 14			Tuesday, March 15			Wednesday, March 16			Thursday, March 17			Friday, March 18			Saturday, March 19		
Time	Event	Place	Time	Event	Place	Time	Event	Place	Time	Event	Place	Time	Event	Place	Time	Event	Place
8:30am	Table Tennis	LTC	8:30am	Target Shooting	R&GC	8:30am	Arena Ball Hockey	EJB	9:00am	Volleyball	MMC	8:00am	Darts	RCL	9:00am	Dog Team Race	TB
8:30am	Target Shooting	R&GC	8:30am	Snowmobile Race	RT	8:30am	Badminton	LTC	9:00am	X-Country Ski: 10K Relay	BB	9:00am	Labrathon	TB	10:00am	Labrathon	TB
8:30am	Snowshoe Race: Men's 1200m & Women's 800m	MSP	10:30am	Snowshoe Race: Finals, Special Olympics, & Relay	MSP	9:00am	X-Country Ski: Men's 10K & Women's 10K	BB	11:30am	Medal Presentation: X-Country Skiing	BB	4:00pm	Medal Presentation: Darts	RCL	11:00am	Medal Presentation: Labrathon	TB
4:00pm	Medal Presentation: Table Tennis	LTC	12:00pm	Medal Presentation: Snowmobile Race	RT	6:30pm	Medal Presentation: Badminton	LTC	1:00pm	Snowshoe Biathlon	BB	6:00pm	Northern Games (Night 2)	EJB	11:45am	Medal Presentation: Dog Team Race	TB
7:00pm	Athletes and Special Guests Movie Night - Zoolander 2	AT	4:30pm	Medal Presentation: Snowshoe Race	MSP	7:30pm	Medal Presentation: Arena Ball Hockey	EJB	4:00pm	Medal Presentation: Volleyball	MMC	10:30pm	Medal Presentation: Northern Games	EJB	12:00pm	Northern Duathlon	BB
			4:00pm	Medal Presentation: Target Shooting	R&GC				6:00pm	Northern Games (Night 1)	EJB				12:00pm	Medal Presentation: Northern Duathlon	BB
			8:00pm	Athletes and Special Guests Labrador Concert	OBAC				7:30pm	Medal Presentation: Snowshoe Biathlon	EJB				1:00pm	Athlete's Banquet	SMH
															2:00pm	Closing Ceremonies	EJB



Opening Ceremonies
 Sunday, March 13, 2016 @ 7:00pm
 EJ Broomfield Memorial Arena

LTC - Labrador Training Centre
 R&GC - Rod & Gun Club
 MSP - MMC Sportsplex
 AT - Arcturus Theatre

OBAC - O'Brien Arts Centre
 RT - Race Tracks
 BB - Birch Brook
 EJB - EJ Broomfield Arena

MMC - Mealy Mountain Collegiate
 RCL - Royal Canadian Legion
 TB - Terrington Basin
 SMH - Sodexo Mess Hall

Marlene Wheeler!!!

This was both of us
 yesterday...

With no sleep the night
 before....

