



Masters' Ice Crystals 2010

03 Oct 2010

SINGLE DISTANCE RACES 2011 in Hamar canceled

vs. The 9th Masters' International SINGLE DISTANCE RACES 2011 in Hamar/NOR, planned for 22 – 23 Feb 2010 in the Vikingskipet, the Viking Ship ice hall, had to be canceled. One of the reasons was that the 3rd Masters' International SPRINT GAMES in Berlin could not be held on 05 – 06 Feb 2011 as originally planned, but only on the same date, 22 – 23 Feb 2010. We hope that such an incident does not happen next season and that in 2012 the SINGLE DISTANCE RACES in the Hamar Vikingskipet ice hall again can be held.

02 Oct 2010

SPRINT CLASSICS 2011 in Inzell under Proviso

vs. The announcement of the 15th Masters' International SPRINT CLASSICS 2011 in Inzell/GER on 29 – 30 Jan 2011 has just been issued, see www.imssc.org/10-Ann-Inzell.pdf. But because the ice hall still is under construction, the announcement is only valid under the proviso that the competition has to be cancelled if unforeseen problems appear at the completing of the ice hall. This may still happen in December 2010 or January 2011.

01 Oct 2010

Competition Announcements 2010/2011

vs. The Announcements of the 3rd Masters' Sprint Games Berlin/GER 2011 and the 20th Masters' Allround Games Calgary/CAN 2011 and of further International Masters' Competitions have been issued now, see www.imssc.org/10-ann.html. They were issued together with their Electronic Entry Forms. So the Master competitors can make their entries for a lot of competitions at once. Some announcements are still missing as can be seen by the Competition Calendar 2010/2011, see www.imssc.org/10-calendar.pdf. They will follow soon.

30 Aug 2010

Masters' Canadian Open 2011 uncertain

vs. The 4th Masters' International Canadian Open was planned for 15 – 16 Jan 2011 in Halifax/Nova Scotia/Canada. The organizer now had the wish that the announcement in the Masters' Competition Calendar should be removed, with the remark that it would be incorrect. This has been done now. It **seems not to be clear if the competition can** be run according to the ISU Rules and the IMSSC Rules in 2011 in Halifax to **be an officially recognized Master Competition** as the 3rd Masters' International Canadian Open in Québec 2010.

29 Jul 2010

IMSSC Records List 2010

vs. The **IMSSC Records List 2010** has been issued now on our website under www.imssc.org/10-io-13-records.pdf. **60 New IMSSC Records** were reached in the last speed skating season 2009/2010. The most records could be made on 30 – 31 January 2010 at

the 1st Masters' International AMERICAN ALLROUND AND SPRINT in the **Utah Olympic Oval of Salt Lake City** on the famous fast ice. **30 New IMSSC Records**, fantastic! And a lot of personal bests were reached too! We reported already about this great event on 04 Feb 2010 under "Latest Speed Skating News 2009/2010" on our website more in detail.

29 Jul 2010

Minutes 33rd IMSSC Session 2010

vs. The **Minutes of the 33rd IMSSC Session 2010 in Krefeld/GER** have been issued now. We reported already at 06 Jun 2010 about the most important decisions at this session on our website under "Latest Speed Skating News 2009/2010". Now you can read the decisions in detail on our website under www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-10-2-4-min.pdf.

28 Jun 2010

Dates SPRINT GAMES 2011 and ALLROUND GAMES 2011

vs. The **3rd Masters' International SPRINT GAMES** in Berlin/GERMANY will be held at **22 – 23 January 2011** and the **20th Masters' International ALLROUND GAMES** in Calgary/CANADA at **24 – 27 February 2011**. Both **dates are confirmed** now.

07 Jun 2010

ALLROUND GAMES Baselga - Pictures

pg. You can find **pictures from the 19th Masters International ALLROUND GAMES** in Baselga di Pinè/Italy on 26 – 28 Feb 2010 on two websites:

1) Pictures from **Martina Padova, official photographer**, very beautiful and available for view or buy at:

<http://emmepifoto.jalbum.net/19th%20Masters'%20International/index.html>.

2) Pictures from **Fabio Ravanelli** (28.02) and **Paolo Gemme** (23...26.02) available for view and free download at:

http://www.icespeedmasteritalia.com/index.php?option=com_rokin&Itemid=68.

Enjoy!!!

06 Jun 2010

33rd IMSSC Session - Decisions

vs. Members, Deputies and Member Assistants from **11 Nations** took part in the **33rd IMSSC Session in Krefeld/Germany on 29 May 2010**, which was an ordinary session. The **Masters' Allround Games 2013 were given to Inzell/Germany** with it's new Icehall.

Already decided were: Allround Games 2011 Calgary/CAN, Allround Games 2012

Erfurt/Germany, Sprint Games 2011 Berlin/Germany, Sprint Games 2012

Heerenveen/Netherlands, Sprint Games 2013 Salt Lake City/USA. The **IMSSC Record List 2010** was approved with **60 new IMSSC Records** from season 2009/2010 and will be issued soon. Further efforts were decided to get the title **Masters' World Championships** accepted

by the ISU. An **IMSSC Antidoping Team** of two Members was appointed, the **IMSSC fee** of 8,00 EUR was **raised by 2,00 EUR** to 10,00 EUR **for antidoping efforts**. It was decided for the IMSSC Rules **how distances have to be run at three day Allround Games**. The already several times by NED proposed introduction of **limit times for Masters' Games** was **again rejected**. The proposed **introduction of Masters' Single Distance Games** was also **rejected**. At an IMSSC Session **new appointed IMSSC Members can start voting from the next session**. There was met a decision about the **maximum travelling expenses and doping expenses**. More about decisions on the IMSSC Session can be read in the Minutes of the Session, which will be issued soon on our website www.imssc.org. The **next IMSSC Session will be on 27 – 28 May 2011** in the Netherlands.

06 Jun 2010

MICO 2011 – Halifax/CAN

rh. Speed Skating Canada has recently confirmed that **the 4th Masters' International Canadian Open (MICO)** will be held in **Halifax, Nova Scotia on January 15 – 16, 2011**. This incredibly unique speed skating opportunity is possible due to the construction of a temporary refrigerated 400 m outdoor oval being built for the **2011 Canada Winter Games** to be run in Halifax during February 11 – 27. The oval will be built on Halifax's historic **Common** which has hosted many other major events including a royal visit (1983), Pope John Paul (1984), The Rolling Stones (2006) and Paul McCartney (2009). Mico 2011 will be a test event for Canada Winter Games officials and volunteers. Past MICO participants have been blessed with unique competition opportunities including in the Richmond Olympic Oval. **Halifax 2011 represents yet another once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to skate outdoors in this historic maritime city.** See on <http://mastersspeedskatingnews.blogspot.com/2010/05/mico-2011-halifax.html>.

06 Jun 2010

4th RUSSIAN ALLROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS Kolomna/RUS

vs. The **4th Masters' International RUSSIAN ALLROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS** were held on 26 – 27 Mar 2010 in Kolomna/RUS. **64 Masters (19 Ladies and 45 Men) from two Nations (RUS 63, UKR 1)** competed in the nice icehall of Kolomna/Russia. The competitions were Allround combinations as in the Masters' Allround Games: Age groups Men 30 – 60 (500, 3000 m/1500, 5000 m), Men 65 and higher (500, 1500 /1000, 3000 m), Ladies 30 – 65 (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m), Ladies 70 and higher (500, 1000/1500 m). The best results in relation to their age groups were reached by **Galina Petrova F 50** in the Allround combination (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) with 188,510 Points, by **Boris Orlov M 45** in the Allround combination (500, 3000/1500, 5000 m) with 166,442 points and by **Pryadein Anatoliy M 70** in the Allround combination (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) with 196,717 points. The results can be seen on www.rsum.ru/ARHIV/rezult1.pdf and on www.rsum.ru/ARHIV/rezult2.pdf and also on www.imssur.ru/protocols/26_270310_L1.html and www.imssur.ru/protocols/26_270310_L2.html.

06 Jun 2010

7th LONG DISTANCE RACES Heerenveen/NED

vs. The **7th Masters International LONG DISTANCE RACES** were held on 24 Mar 2010 in the Thialf Icehall of Heerenveen/NED. **79 participants (12 Ladies, 67 Men) of 4 Nations (GER 4, JAP 3, NED 63, NOR 9)** competed in this competition. Also here Japanese skaters took part happily as in the Sprint Competition the two days before. Two distances had to be skated, 500 m and a long distance from 3000 m, 5000 m or 10000 m. Besides a couple of good results two times were outstanding, the new **IMSSC Records** of **Bianca van den Hoek/NED F 30** 5000 m 7:58,75 and of **Toon Kooijmans/NED M 70** 10000 m 17:23,53. Also at this competition the KNSB age groups were still used unfortunately differing from the IMSSC Masters' age groups used at all other International Masters Competitions. You can find the results under www.veteranencircuitlb.com with the keywords "Wedstrijden", "Klassement" and "Klassement wedstrijd 19" and also on the website www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=13850.

06 Jun 2010

3rd HEERENVEEN SPRINT Heerenveen/NED

vs. The **3rd Masters International HEERENVEEN SPRINT** was held on 22 – 23 Mar 2010 in the famous Icehall Thialf of Heerenveen/NED. **80 Masters (12 Ladies and 68 Men)**

took part from **6 Nations (GER 4, JAP 5, NED 61, NOR 5, RUS 4, USA 1)** in the Sprint Combination (500m, 1000 m/500 m, 1000 m). Parallel to this competition the same Sprint Competition was held for 64 Juniors and Seniors. For the first time **Japanese Master Skaters** took part in one of our International Masters' Competitions. They had a lot of fun in the competition as could be seen from their nice letters to the organizer of the competition, **Bram de Vries**. We hope that Japanese Master Skaters will compete at one or more of our competitions also in the next season. We heard that there are a lot of Master Skaters in Japan and that they have also in **Japan National Masters' Championships**. A lot of good results were reached at the competition and **4 IMSSC Records** (Masters' World Records) could be broken: **Gerdien Meijer/NED F 45** 500 m 44,70 and 1000 m 1:29,02; **Ivar Njøs/NOR M 45** Sprint Combination 154,050 points; **Kees Verdouw/NED M 65** Sprint Combination 174,635 points. Unfortunately the KNSB age groups were still used differing from the IMSSC Masters' age groups used at all other International Masters Competitions. You can find the results under www.veteranencircuitlb.com with the keywords "Wedstrijden", "Klassement" and "Klassement wedstrijd 18" and also on the website www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=13849.

17 Apr 2010

Proposals for 33rd IMSSC Session

vs. The **proposals for the 33rd IMSSC Session**, which will be held in Krefeld/Germany on Saturday, 29 May 2010, have been issued now, see www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-10-2-2-prop.pdf. 22 Proposals were submitted to the IMSSC by 5 Nations. The IMSSC will discuss these proposals and decide on them at its session.

03 Apr 2010

33rd IMSSC Session in Krefeld/GER

vs. The **33rd IMSSC Session** will be held in **Krefeld/Germany on Saturday, 29 May 2010**. You find the invitation to this session on www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-10-2-1-inv.pdf. The Session will be an Ordinary Session and not only a Working Session as before, as decided at the 32th IMSSC Session in Baselga di Pinè/Italy. From 2011 there will be only one IMSSC Session per year in summer, which may last two days. In winter there will be only an informal meeting of the IMSSC Members at the Masters' Sprint Games or the Masters' Allround Games.

21 Mar 2010

Minutes 32nd IMSSC Session Issued

vs. The **Minutes of the 32nd IMSSC Session** in Baselga di Pinè/ITA on 25 Feb 2010 have been issued. You find them on the IMSSC website www.imssc.org on the page www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-10-1-2-min.pdf. Some important decisions are for example the decisions about the **places for the SPRINT GAMES and the ALLROUND GAMES 2012 and 2013**, about the **quota of participants for the different Nations at the SPRINT GAMES and the ALLROUND GAMES 2011**, about the **IMSSC Competition Calendar 2010/2011** and about IMSSC Sessions. In future there will be **one IMSSC Session per year** in summer and only an **Informative Meeting** of the IMSSC Members in winter at the SPRINT GAMES or the ALLROUND GAMES. A **picture of the participants** of the Session can be found under www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-10-1-3-pict.pdf.

12 Mar 2010

Ordinary IMSSC Session in Summer

vs. At the **32nd IMSSC Session in Baselga di Pinè/Italy**, which was held on **25 Feb 2010** in conjunction with the 19th Masters ALLROUND GAMES, an important decision was to hold

the **Ordinary IMSSC Session in summer instead of in winter** and only to have an informative IMSSC Meeting in winter. The first of these **Ordinary IMSSC Sessions in summer will be held on 29 May 2010**, the place is not yet known. You can find the invitation for this session on www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-10-2-1-inv.pdf. The Minutes of the 32nd IMSSC Session in Baselga with all decisions will be issued soon also on this website.

12 Mar 2010

NEW DATE: Masters' RUSSIAN ALLROUND

vt. The **4th Masters International RUSSIAN ALLROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be **held on 26 – 27 Mar 2010 now** (not at 27 - 28 Mar 2010). The date had to be altered because a figure skating show in the icehall of Kolomna got priority on Sunday, 28 Mar 2010.

12 Mar 2010

19th ALLROUND GAMES Baselga di Pinè

vs. For the first time Masters' ALLROUND GAMES were in Baselga di Pinè/Italy 1998. The **19th Masters' International Speed Skating ALLROUND GAMES on 26 – 28 Feb 2010** are already the third ALLROUND GAMES in Baselga di Pinè. The competitors and companions were welcomed by the General Manager of the Competition, **Sergio Revolti**, at the Drawing and Welcome Drink in the nice Congress Center of Baselga. At the three competition days **192 speed skaters (40 Ladies and 152 Men) from 17 Nations (AUS 1, AUT 3, BEL 1, CAN 3, ESP 1, FIN 11, GER 23, ITA 18, KAZ 1, LAT 2, NED 62, NOR 40, ROU 1, RUS 14, SUI 8, UKR 1, USA 2)** competed in the 4distance combinations 500, 1500/1000, 3000 m (Ladies 5year age groups 30 and higher, Men age groups 65, 70, 75) and 500, 3000/1500, 5000 m (Men 5year age groups 30 – 60). At the first day the athletes had to fight also against the weather conditions, rain and snow. It was an advantage for the skaters from open tracks, who know such conditions well. The second day with much sun and the third day with clouds but no rain and no wind brought much better ice as could be seen by the good results. **Five IMSSC Records** from the IMSSC Records' List 2009 could be lowered, **all by Thea Kroontje/NED F 65**: 500 m 53,00, 1000 m 1:38,27, 1500 m 2:31,36, 3000 m 5:16,96 and 4 distance combination (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) 205,413 points. The competitions were well conducted by the main referees **Debora Sighel** (Ladies) and **Armando Gorza** (Men) and their large teams. At the closing banquet and victory ceremony the 320 participants and companions were welcomed by the Maire of Baselga di Pinè, **Sergio Anesi** and the chairmen of the Organizing Committee, **Enrico Colombini**. The Secretary of the IMSSC, **Volker Serini**, said thanks for the fine organization of the 19th Masters' Allround Games. The very good closing banquet with six delicious courses and the nice victory ceremony with wonderful prices, which was done in three parts, were held in a large very nice tent directly over the speed skating track. The track was illuminated and could be seen through the two transparent sides of the tent. This tent was really a good idea and a perfect solution for the 320 participants. Music by a small band, which played a lot of nice oldies, still raised the good mood of the guests. You can find the **Complete Results** of the competition on http://www.icerinkpine.it/Master2010/Final_Results.pdf and a **Summary of the Results** on http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=12012.

11 Mar 2010

14th Masters' Int. MASTER CUP Berlin

vs. The **14th Masters' International Speed Skating MASTER CUP** in the icehall of the **Berlin Sportforum on 20 – 21 Feb 2010** was a nice competition on fast ice of the **83 competitors (18 Ladies, 65 Men) from 9 Nations (CAN 2, ESP 1, GER 38, NED 13, NOR 18, ROM 1, RUS 4, SUI 1, UKR 6)**. **Jörg Krakow**, head of the Organizing Committee, welcomed the competitors and their companions before the drawing Friday evening. **After**

the drawing there was a reception with a substantial good buffet where the participants and their companions, in the meantime a large International Masters' Family, met and discussed about the coming competition and other competitions of the winter season. The competition start for the first two distances was Saturday 12:00 o'clock and for the 3rd and 4th distance Sunday 9:00 o'clock. The competition was an Allround competition with the same 4 distances combinations as at the Masters' Allround Games, **500, 1500/1000, 3000 m** for the Ladies age groups 30 and higher and Men age groups 65/70/75, and **500, 3000/1500, 5000** for the Men age groups 30 - 60. A lot of **personal bests and German Masters' Records** were reached on good ice. The competitions were closed with a nice victory ceremony directly at the ice rink after the races. A large part of the skaters left Berlin with the destination Masters' Allround World Games in Baselga di Pinè/ITALY, which were held one week later. You find the **complete results of the 14th MASTER CUP** on

<http://www.eisschnelllauf-in-berlin.de/PDF/Masters2010.pdf>, a summary of the results also on http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=11693 and speed skating pictures of nearly all competitors on http://www.desgphoto.com/?page_id=811&id=186.

09 Feb 2010

2nd Masters' SPRINT GAMES in Milwaukee

vs. The **2nd Masters' International Speed Skating SPRINT GAMES** were held on **6 – 7 Feb 2010 in Milwaukee/USA in the icehall of the Pettit National Ice Center. 81 Masters (18 Ladies and 63 Men) from 9 Nations (CAN 8, FIN 5, GER 1, ITA 2, NOR 4, NED 14, ROM 1, RUS 4, USA 42)** were at the start. A lot of them had already taken part in the Masters' International AMERICAN ALLROUND and SPRINT in Salt Lake City a week earlier. The competition started already at 8 o'clock in the morning at both competition days. The ice was of high quality and the competition was very well conducted by the main referee **Jeff Edwards** with his large jury and office team. So a lot of personal bests were reached and a lot of IMSSC Records from the list 2008/2009 were lowered. But some of them had already been broken with a bit lower times at the AMERICAN ALLROUND and SPRINT in Salt Lake City a week earlier. **Five really new IMSSC Records** were set up by the following skaters: **Suzy Osum/USA/F 45**, 500 m 45.87 and Combination Sprint Ladies (500, 1000/500, 1000 m) 184,550 points; **Victor van den Hoff/NED/M 55**, Combination Sprint Men (500, 1000/500, 1000 m) 161,580 points; **John Dumont/USA/M 60** Combination Sprint Men (500, 1000/500, 1000 m) 169,035 points; **Jan van der Meulen/NED/M 65**, Combination Sprint Men (500, 1000/500, 1000 m) 176,725 points. The fine closing banquet and nice victory ceremony were held in the impressive Empire Ballroom of the Hilton Hotel Milwaukee City Center. At the closing banquet **Olu Sijuwade**, not only circumspect leader of the competition but also top skater and top saxophonist, delighted us by wonderful music with his saxophone. The Hilton Hotel in the Downtown of Milwaukee, still built in the Victorian Style, was the official Competition Hotel, it was very nice and comfortable for the participants, and it was a good starting point for visiting the attractions of Milwaukee at the large Lake Michigan. Many thanks to **Andrew Love**, the organizer of the 2nd Masters' SPRINT GAMES, and to his crew, for the great organization. You find the **results of the 2nd Masters SPRINT GAMES** on <http://speedskatingresults.com/index.php?p=2&e=4266> and a summary of the results also on www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=13278.

04 Feb 2010

Flood of IMSSC Records at the Utah Olympic Oval

vs. bou.lov. The **1st Masters' International AMERICAN ALLROUND and SPRINT** in the Utah Olympic Oval of Salt Lake City on **30 – 31 Jan 2010** was a huge success. **54 Masters (12 Ladies and 42 Men) from 10 Nations (CAN 7, GER 1, ITA 1, LAT 2, MEX 1, NED 15, NOR 4, ROU 1, RUS 2, USA 20)** competed on fast ice and reached

fantastic results. For the first time a **Mexican Master Skater** took part in one of our International Master Competitions. The **29 New IMSSC Records** and **1 Equalled IMSSC Record** at this single competition are more than at all races together in 2008/2009 with 26 records.

Brian Boudreau, registrar of the meeting and competitor himself wrote me in an email: “Here’s the official protocol from this weekends racing. Thanks to everyone who showed up for our first ever IMSSC Master meet at the Utah Olympic Oval. I believe the meet was a success. The after party last night was fun. Thanks to the Kraan’s for hosting it. I was awesome watching all racers give it their all. I think the Masters gave the Oval new energy this weekend. I know putting this meet together gave me a new appreciation for this sport. Thanks to Andrew for putting this together and all volunteers who without this would’nt happen at the oval. Look forward to seeing you all next year. Good luck in your skating the rest of the season and good luck to everyone in Milwaukee and Baselga.”

And **Andrew Love**, organizer of the meeting and also competitor himself, emailed me: “The Salt Lake Meet was a huge success, 54 skaters from 10 nations skated **over 60 personal best times and 29 IMSSC Records were broken**. Especially outstanding performances were skated by Norwegian Nina Tørset, American Eva Rodansky and John Diemont, Dutch Victor van den Hoff and other skaters. I had a good meet myself, breaking the sprint samalong, and skating the exact same 1000 m time that I did all those years ago in Davos, 1:15,95. The Utah Oval produced two protocols, the first one has everything broken up by age groups, the second one has the distance analysis of each race and accumulate lap times.” You find the mentioned protocols under www.imssc.org/10-SaltLakeCity-results-1.pdf and www.imssc.org/10-SaltLakeCity-results-2.pdf. You find a summary of the results also on www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=13168.

The following **29 IMSSC Records** (Masters’ World Records) were set up and **1 IMSSC Record was equalled** by the following skaters: **Eva Rodanski/USA/F 30**, 500 m 41,64, 1000 m 1:21,73, 1500 m 2:06,83, Combination Allround Ladies (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) 171,229 points; **Nina Tørset/NOR/F 35**, 500 m 42,29, 1000 m 1:23,31, 1500 m 2:07,77, 3000 m 4:31,60, Combination Allround Ladies 171,801 points; **Nat White/USA/M 30**, Combination Allround Small Men (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) 165,149 points; **Andrew Love/USA/M 35**, 1000 m 1:15,95 (equalled record), Combination Sprint (500, 1000/500, 1000 m) 152,170 points; **Brian Boudreau/USA/M 40**, 1000 m 1:14,53, Combination Allround Small Men (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) 154, 887 points; **Boris Leikin/USA/M 55**, 500 m 39,99 (30.1.2010), 500 m 39,94 (31.1.2010), 1000 m 1:18,47 (30.1.2010), Combination Sprint (500, 1000/500, 1000 m) 158,675 points; **Victor van den Hoff/NED/M 55**, 1000 m 1:18,45 (31.1.2010), 1500 m 2:00,74, Combination Allround Small Men (500, 1500/1000, 3000 m) 163,231 points; **John Diemont/USA/M 60**, 500 m 41,43, 1000 m 1:22,34 (30.1.2010), 1000 m 1:21,96 (31.1.2010), Combination Sprint (500, 1000/500, 1000 m) 165,280 points; **Wibe Veenbaas/NED/M 60**, Combination Allround Small Men (500,1500/1000,3000 m) 171,661 points. **Jan van der Meulen/NED/M 65**, 500 m 43,37, 1000 m 1:24,88, 3000 m 4:38,28, Combination Allround Small Men 176,483 points. That was really a flood of IMSSC Records! Congratulation!

30 Jan 2010

8th Masters’ SINGLE DISTANCE RACES Hamar/NOR

sve. The **8th Masters’ SINGLE DISTANCE RACES** were organized in **Vikingskipet** last weekend, **23 – 24 Jan 2010**. For what I can see **104 Masters** and some 27 Guests participated. Among the guests were the Norwegian top skaters Øystein Grødum and Reidar Borgersen who raced a 10000 m as their largest attempt to qualify for Vancouver. They were

able to raise enough money to heat the hall to get good conditions, from which all masters also benefited. As far as I can see, **10 IMSSC Records** were beaten:

Enrico Heinowski/GER/M 30, Combination Allround Big (500, 5000/1500, 10000 m) 183,003 points; (**Morten Eilertsen/NOR/M 40**, Combination Allround Big (500, 5000/1500, 10000 m) 179,042 points; **Ragnvald Næss/NOR/M 55**, 5000 m 7:16,96, 10000 m 14:56,94, Combination Allround Big (500, 5000/1500, 10000 m) 173,906 points; **Egil Bokn/NOR/M 60**, Combination Allround Big (500, 5000/1500, 10000 m) 184,003 points; **Arne Kjell Foldvik/NOR/M 75**, 1500 m 2:36,38, 5000 m 8:42,67, 10000 m 17:57,52, Combination Allround Big (500, 5000 /1500, 10000 m) 203,356 points. The records of Ragnvald Næss and Arne Kjell Foldvik were quite fantastic keeping in mind that they are 55 and 75 years of age, respectively. There were **12 foreigners participating – more or less the normal number, 3 from Germany, 1 from Italy, 7 from Sweden and 1 from Ukraine** (living in Norway). Among the guests was also the Swedish National Team testing their shape before Vancouver. You can see **all the results, pictures and an article** (Norwegian) on www.aktivsk.no (see Home Page, Resultater and Nyheter). A **summary of the Masters' Results** can also be found on www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=11561.

29 Jan 2010

3rd Masters' CANADIAN OPEN Québec/CAN

vs. **The 3rd International CANADIAN OPEN** was held on **23 – 24 Jan 2010** at the open air track of the **Centre National Gaétan Boucher in Sainte-Foy/Québec/CAN**. At wonderful weather conditions **41 participants (16 Ladies, 25 Men) from Canada and USA (CAN 38, USA 3)** competed with much fun at the four distance races (500, 1500/1500, 3000 m). The Canadian skaters came from Alberta, Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. The event was organized very well by **Maryse Poudrier**, her Jury and her Competition Office, a top team of volunteers. Saturday evening the skaters and guests gathered for dinner, drinks and conversations at the Restaurant Le Mondial. You find **a report with pictures and results** on <http://mastersspeedskatingnews.blogspot.com/2010/01/mico-2010.html>. The results can also be found on www.fpvq.org and on www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=13096.

25 Jan 2010

Information Allround Games 2010

pg. For additional information for the **International Masters' Allround Games in Baselga di Piné/ITA on 26 – 28 Feb 2010** please visit the **new Italian Master website** at the following link: www.icespeedmasteritalia.com. At the new link you will find useful information for your next adventure and also a forum where you can post your questions, concern and suggestions. Please note that the previous Italian Masters' website with "it" instead of "com" is not anymore available, please update your links.

14 Jan 2010

Proposals for the 32th IMSSC Session

vs. The **proposals for the 32th IMSSC Session on 25 Feb 2010 in Baselga di Piné/ITA** were issued now on <http://www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-0.html>. Most of the proposals are concerning the IMSSC Constitution and Regulations. The proposals were made from Germany, The Netherlands, United States of America and Canada.

12 Jan 2010

11th Masters' DAVOS MEETING 2010

vs. The **11th Masters International Davos Meeting** took place on **9 – 10 January 2010 in Davos-Platz/SUI** at the famous natural ice track at 1560 m sea-level in Davos-Platz. It was

not snowing at the first and second day and the temperature was at about -7°C . So the ice was very good, especially at the second day where the sun was shining, and good results could be reached. From the 25 entries 19 skaters started, 3 Ladies and 16 Men from 5 Nations (ITA 3, GER 3, NED 4, KAZ 1, SUI 8). Saturday evening there was held an “apero” and afterwards there was a nice dinner where the participants could already discuss their first results. After the death of **Bryan Carbis** at the beginning of the last season, who had organized the Masters Meeting from the 1st Meeting in 1999, the ISC Davos could find a new competent head of the organizing committee in the person of **Christine Bauriedl**, a well known former Swiss speed skater. The ISC Davos will organize with her help also the 12th Masters’ Meeting in Jan 1011. The results of the competition can be found under www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=12050.

21 Dec 2009

Masters’ REVIVAL Baselga di Pinè/ITA

vs. The 4th Masters’ International Speed Skating REVIVAL was held on 12 – 13 Dec 2009 in Baselga di Pinè/ITA. 21 Skaters (2 Ladies, 19 Men) from 5 Nations (ESP 1, GER 1, ITA 13, NED 2, SUI 4) competed in the Allround Combination 500 m, 1500 m/1000 m, 3000 m at the nice situated Ice Rink Pinè in the Italian Alps near Trento. The results can be found at the following link (Men and Ladies):

http://www.speedskatingnews.info/?page_id=813&eventID=12000.

07 Dec 2009

SPRINT GAMES Milwaukee – Post Entries

al. Because the maximum number of Entries for the 2nd Masters’ International SPRINT GAMES in Milwaukee on 6 – 7 Feb 2010 has not been reached until the deadline of entries, the possibility for entries has been extended, see announcement www.imssc.org/09-Ann-Milwaukee-SpriG.pdf. Post Entries will be possible until the new deadline 09 Jan 2010, see www.imssc.org/09-entr-spri.html.

22 Nov 2009

Second Day Masters’ CRITERION in Erfurt

vs. Also the second competition day of the 6th Masters’ International Speed Skating CRITERION in Erfurt/Germany, 21 – 22 Nov 2009, has been finished now. A lot of further personal bests have been reached. And **Victor van den Hoff/NED lowered further two IMSSC Records M 55** of the IMSSC Record List 2009: **1000 m 1:20,57 and Allround Small Men (500/1500/1000/3000 m) 170,225 points**. The old records are held by Ivar Amundsen/NOR M 55, 1000 m 1:22,69 (Hamar/NOR, Feb 2008) and by Geir Hestad/NOR M 55, Allround Small 170,726 (Erfurt/GER, Nov 2008). The Competition was conducted perfectly by the Organization Committee and the Jury of the Thuringian Ice Federation and the Speed Skating Club Erfurt (ECE). You find a table of the **results (endtimes)** under www.imssc.org/10-io-05-criterion-results.pdf. The complete minutes are already issued on the webpage www.eisevents-erfurt.de.

21 Nov 2009

First Day Masters’ CRITERION in Erfurt

vs. The first competition day of the 6th Masters’ International Speed Skating CRITERION in Erfurt/Germany, the first International Masters’ Competition of the season 2009/2010, 21 – 22 Nov 2009, has been finished. **107 competitors (25 Ladies, 84 Men) from 5 Nations** (GER 37, NED 51, NOR 14, RUS 1, SUI 4) took part (120 entries accepted for 100 planned competitors). They had a fine first competition day with the two distances 500 m and 1500 m on good ice in the nice Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Hall. A lot of personal bests have been

reached and **Victor van den Hoff/NED lowered the IMSSC Record M 55 of the IMSSC Record List 2009 at 500 m with 41,05 sec** significantly. The old record is held by Geir Hestad/NOR with 41,73 sec and had been skated in Hamar/NOR in Jan 2009.

10 Nov 2009

Training at Masters' CRITERION in Erfurt

mt. You can find information in German and in English about the **training possibilities for Masters** in the Gunda-Niemann-Stirnemann-Icehall Erfurt in the week before the **6th Masters' International CRITERION in Erfurt/GER** and on the days of competition, **16 – 22 Nov 2009**, at our website under www.imssc.org/09-training-criterion.pdf.

3 Nov 2009

IMSSC and IMSSG Winter Sessions

vs. The **32th Session of the International Masters' Speed Skating Committee (IMSSC)** will be held on 25 Feb 2010 in Baselga di Pinè/ITALY (invitation see www.imssc.org/imssc-sess-10-1-1-inv.pdf). The **7th Session of the ISU Masters' Speed Skating Working Group (IMSSG)** takes place one day earlier on 24 Feb 2010, also in Baselga di Pinè/ITALY (invitation see www.imssg.org/imssg-sess-10-1-inv.pdf). Both Sessions are held in **conjunction with the 19th Masters' International Speed Skating ALLROUND GAMES**, the Allround World Championships of the Masters on 26 – 28 Feb 2010 in Baselga di Pinè/ITALY.

31 Oct 2009

Skating Videos Allround Games Bjugn

sas. **Skating videos from the 18th Masters' International Allround Games February 2009 in Bjugn/Norway** are on sale. The videos are on DVD and there are mainly one for each Age Group. The price per DVD is NOK 150 plus freight. The order process is as follows:

- Go to: www.fosenhallen.net/web/en/catalog/8
- You will see 8 videos listed.
- To order you must be logged on. Right below the logon fields you first select "Create new naccount".
- Fill in the required information for obtaining an account.
- Next you will receive "User ID" and "Password" via email. Use those for logging on.
- You can now order the desired video(s). Click the corresponding "Add to cart" button which is immediately to the right of the price.
- When you have finished your order, click "Checkout" and fill in the necessary information for delivery and payment.

30 Oct 2009

Announcement SDR Hamar 2010 issued

vs. The announcement of the **8th Masters International SINGLE DISTANCE RACES in Hamar/NOR on 23 – 24 January 2010** in the Olympiahall Vikingskipet has been issued now. Entries are already possible. You find the announcement on the website of the IMSSC www.imssc.org under www.imssc.org/09-Ann-Hamar.pdf and the Entry Form under www.imssc.org/09-eef-SDR.html.

16 Oct 2009

ICEOVAL 2009 issued

vs. **ICEOVAL 2009, our International Masters' Speed Skating News, has now been edited as paperback edition** and may be subscribed as written in the ICEOVAL Imprint. Additional ICEOVAL 2009 has been edited as **web version** in pdf. You can find it on our

website www.imssc.org. The direct link is www.imssc.org/09-iceoval.html. You find a lot of information in this issue. In the **Editorial** you get some special information about our competition program, about some decisions of the IMSSC and about contacts to the ISU Council with disappointing result. You find **reports, results and a lot of pictures** from our **Sprint Games and Allround Games** of the last season and additionally from the Masters' Revival in Baselga di Pinè/ITA, the place where the next Allround Games will be held. An advantage of the web version of ICEOVAL are the pictures in colour and the possibility to enlarge them. You find further the **IMSSC Records' List 2009**, information about our **Committee IMSSC and our ISU Working Group IMSSG** and naturally the **Competition Calendar** of the next season. If you want to get information about the last season you can find a lot of material under **Ice Crystals**, a collection of short news from the last season 2008/2009 and from the new season 2009/2010 until 7 Oct 2009. You don't find our IMSSC Constitution and Regulations 2009 in ICEOVAL 2009, but you can read it under "Downloads" on our website and download it. You can also download all information from the web version ICEOVAL 2009 which you need in paper form.

14 Oct 2009

Entries Masters' Criterion Erfurt 2009

mt. The maximum of entries of 120 competitors is nearly reached now, see www.imssc.org/09-Entries-Erfurt.pdf. But there will be opened a waiting list until the closing date for entries **7 Nov 2009**. If there are **withdrawals of skaters** because of illness or other reasons it is possible to **fill these places from the waiting list, but only until this closing date**.

11 Oct 2009

Information about CANADIAN OPEN Québec 2010

rh. There is new information about the 3rd Masters' International CANADIAN OPEN in Québec/CAN on 23 – 24 Jan 2010 on the website of the Canadian Masters. You can get the information in English at <http://mastersspeedskatingnews.blogspot.com/2009/10/3rd-masters-international-canadian-open.html> or in French at <http://patinagedevitessemaître.blogspot.com/2009/10/3ieme-open-international-maitremasters.html>.

10 Oct 2009

Announcement SDR Hamar 2010 will be issued soon

ss. There were some difficulties with the announcement of the **8th Masters' International SINGLE DISTANCE RACES on 23 – 24 Jan 2010 in Hamar/NOR** which had to be overcome. Now it has been decided that the competition will be held at the planned date. The announcement and the Electronic Entry Form will be issued at www.imssc.org/09-ann.html soon.

07 Oct 2009

Changed Date for 4th RUSSIAN ALLROUND

vt. The date of the **4th Masters' International RUSSIAN ALLROUND CHAMPIONSHIPS in Kolomna/RUSSIA** has been changed to **Friday and Saturday, 26 – 27 March 2010**, it will be held one day earlier as before planned (27 – 28 March 2010). Now at 28 March 2010 there will be a figure skating event in the Kolomna icehall, which got priority to our speed skating competition because of commercial reasons.

04 Oct 2009

CANADIAN OPEN and AMERICAN ALLROUND

vs. Below I have spoken about a travel for speedskating freaks to two Master Competitions in USA. But you can also make another nice travel to two competitions at successive weekends one week before. You can combine the 3rd Masters CANADIAN OPEN in Québec/CAN on 23 – 24 Jan 2010 with the mentioned 1st Masters' AMERICAN ALLROUND and SPRINT in Salt Lake City/Utah/USA one weekend later. The Allround Competition in Québec takes place at Gaétan Boucher Oval, an open air track. At this track the Masters' Allround Games have already been held two times, 1996 and 2001, both wonderful organized competitions. Also Québec at the St. Laurence River is a very nice and interesting old town with a famous history.

04 Oct 2009

Masters' Competition in Salt Lake City/USA

vs. Now the announcement of the 1st Masters' International AMERICAN ALLROUND and SPRINT in Salt Lake City/Utah/USA on 30 – 31 Jan 2010 has been issued at the Web at www.imssc.org under www.imssg.org/09-ann.html together with the electronic entry form for this competition. For freaks under the Masters a combination of a travel to the AMERICAN ALLROUND and SPRINT in Salt Lake City and a travel to the SPRINT GAMES in Milwaukee one week later seems to be very attractive. At Salt Lake City the competitors find the fastest ice of the world in the famous Utah Olympic Oval and in Milwaukee they can participate in the World Sprint Championships of the Masters, the Sprint Games, in the Pettit National Ice Center. And both cities are highly interesting, Salt Lake City, the town of the Mormons at the Great Salt Lake near the high Uinta Mountains and Milwaukee, the interesting town at Lake Michigan.

02 Oct 2009

Announcement for the 2nd Sprint Games Milwaukee/USA

vs. Today the announcement of the 2nd Masters Sprint Games in Milwaukee/USA on 6 – 7 Feb 2010 has been issued. Entries can be made on electronic Entry Forms for the different nations. Further announcements of International Master Competitions have also been issued, for example for the 11th Masters International Davos Meeting in Davos/SUI at 9 – 10 Jan 2010, our only competition on the fastest natural ice. Now you can enter nearly all International Masters' Competitions of the season 2009/2010. Only two announcements are still missing. See www.imssc.org/09-ann.html.

01 Oct 2009

First Competition Announcements issued - Entries possible

vs. Announcements for the 19th Masters International Allround Games in Baselga di Pinè/ITA on 26 -28 Feb 2010 and for six other Masters' International Competitions in the winter season 2009/2010 have just been issued at our website www.imssc.org. You can already make your entries for these Allround Games and for the other Competitions on Electronic Entry Forms at www.imssc.org/09-ann.html.

27 Sep 2009

Early Ice at the Olympic Oval in Torino/ITA

pg. A good news from Italy !!! The Olympic Ice Oval in Turin is open till October 18th 2009. The ice is really good and the room temperature is pleasant. We would like to inform all the Masters that is possible to skate with the following time schedule:

- Monday to Saturday: from 08:00 - 09:30 on request and
from 14:00 - 17:00
- Sunday: from 10:00 - 12:30

The entrance fee for each training session costs 8 €. The entrance of the Olympic Ice Oval is located in Via Nizza 294, Turin. If you plan to come, please check with the track responsible, Mr. Davide Carta, at the following e-mail address **davedany@libero.it**.

A special hotel rate is available for the skaters at Euro Motel – Via 1° Maggio, 57 – Nichelino (Torino) - web: **www.euromotel.it** e-mail: **euro@euromotel.it** - that is located 5 km from Ice Oval by car or easily joinable by bus number 14 (stop 100 m from the hotel and few hundred meters from the Ice Oval). The rates are the following (at the reservation please state that you are a skater and the prices are those agreed with Davide Carta):

- Bed & Breakfast: 25€ per person per day in double room
- Half board: 37€ per person per day in double room
- Full board: 43€ per person per day in double room
- Single room: add 20€

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