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Jerry's Statement

There is no greater satisfaction in this world than to be able to do what you enjoy most for a living. We have a responsibility to ourselves, our loved ones, and our trade to always be open and willing to learn the most we can to better ourselves, and to protect ourselves while performing the tasks at hand. Safety must always be foremost in our minds so that we may be without regret and can yet enjoy another moment of life.

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2011 Game of Logging Nationals

Kevin Snyder, Game of Logging Instructor

The Game of Logging National Final Competition was held on October 7 and 8 at the Paul Bunyan Show in Cambridge, OH. There was a great turn out for the show and for the competition as well. On Friday the 7th we held the Landowner Competition; there were five competitors in the field this year, and they were all very good at using the chainsaw, and provided a very entertaining and close competition.

bucking, spring pole, big stump, precision aiming, limbing, and tree felling.



There were a total of 704 points possible and a top prize of \$2,500 for the contestant that could do the best job of controlling their chainsaw and their nerves. At the end of the day, all the guys did a great job with Hugh Davis coming out on top, followed closely by Dave Diesen claiming second place prize money, and Bryan Burger laying claim to third place.

The contestants were:

- Hugh Davis
- Dave Diesen
- Jason Stutesman
- Bryan Burger
- Dave Miller

The guys competed in nine events; all were using their new Dolmar 5105 chainsaws that were provided by our major sponsor DOLMAR USA. The events were speed cut, boring post, precision stump, precision

On Saturday, it was time for the big dogs; the nine professional competitors would check in and receive their new DOLMAR PS6400 chainsaws, also provided by DOLMAR USA.

The pro contestants were:

- Paul Burke
- Tim Ferguson
- Dugan Webster
- Jake Rosa
- Sam Heffner
- Mark Jones
- Dave Sienko, Jr.
- Richard Sanapaw
- Ryan Chapman

They would compete in the same nine events that the landowners had competed in the day before. At the end of the day, this was, without a doubt in anyone's mind, the closest, most exciting Game of Logging competition ever. Seven of the nine guys had been to the National

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Competition before, and their experience was very evident; it seemed like every time you turned around there was a perfect score being registered on an individual event. As it usually does, the crowning of the champion came down to the tree felling event, which was an awesome display of skill and professionalism. The tree felling event is the last event. The competitor with the fewest points cuts his tree first, and the competitor that is in the lead has to wait to cut the last tree, which builds drama and creates an exciting finish, and what an exciting finish it was.

Dugan Webster was in 7th place going into the tree felling event, so he cut the third tree; he scored 136 points which vaulted him into first place with six more trees to fall. The next four competitors felled their trees and all came up short of the mark that Dugan had set, only two more trees to fall. Next up was Tim Ferguson. Tim only needed 55 of the 170 points possible to overtake Dugan for first place, and Tim scored 140 points to put himself well in front of the field. The only competitor left standing between Tim and the first place prize of \$5,000 was Paul Burke. Paul knows what it takes to accomplish the task at hand; in 2006 Paul won the Game of Logging National Championship in Boonville, NY. Paul needed 133 of the 170 points to collect the first place prize money; he also needed 38 points to overtake Dugan for second place and \$2,500. Paul looked calm and collected, but he said his insides were churning as he stepped up to his tree. When his tree hit the ground, I got to witness something I have



Landowner competitors & Game of Logging Trainers

not seen in 18 years of being involved with these competitions, he had scored 170 points, everything was absolutely perfect, an awesome job!

Needless to say, Paul took home first place, making him only the third person to ever win the National Title more than once, congratulations! Close behind in second was Tim Ferguson, and in third was Dugan Webster.

Congratulations to all the competitors in both events, job well done.

Special thanks to DOLMAR Power Products for supplying all the competitors with superb equipment, not only the chainsaws, but the personal protective equipment as well.

I would like to thank Ed Wright and Michelle Conley of W. J. Cox Associates, Inc. for all that you do to support the Game of Logging training program.

I would also like to thank everyone who helped with the organization and set-up as well as judging the events: Tammi Snyder, Dave Birdsall, Bill Girard, Joe and Jan Glenn, Stewart Hall, Peter Sformo, Andy Wood, Tim Dixon, Bill Lindloff, Tony Deininger and the guys from Central Power.

Again, congratulations to all on a job well done!



*Professional winners,
Tim Ferguson, Paul Burke and Dugan Webster*

DOLMAR Notes

A note from the field - weather continues to be unpredictable with snow falling in north Texas then pushing north east to New England states. Knowing that the winter months are upon us, it is a good time to go over some cold weather maintenance guidelines. Also, for those of you planning to store your chainsaw for winter, here are some helpful suggestions.

1. The Storage of Fuel = Fuels have a limited storage life. Fuel and fuel mixtures age through evaporation, especially at high temperatures. Aged fuel and fuel mixtures can cause starting problems and damage the engine. Purchase only that amount of fuel which will be consumed over the next few months. At high temperatures, once fuel has been mixed it should be used up in 6-8 weeks. (Use only approved and marked containers for transport and storage. Store fuel in dry, cool and secure locations!) Ref Owner's and Safety manual (PS-5105 page22).
2. Chain Oil = use an oil with adhesive additive for lubricating the chain and guide bar. The adhesive additive prevents the oil from being flung off the chain too quickly. We recommend the use of chain oil which is bio-degradable in order to protect the environment. The use of bio-degradable oil may even be required by local regulations. The chain oil BIOTOP sold by DOLMAR is made of special vegetable oils and is 100% bio-degradable. Bio-degradable oil is stable only for a limited period of time. It should be used within 2 years from the date of manufacture (printed on the container). Owner's and Safety manual (PS-5105 page22) If you are not planning to use the saw again for an extended period of time, empty the oil tank and put in a small amount of regular engine oil (SAE 30), and then run the saw for a time. This is necessary to flush out all remaining bio-degradable oil from the oil tank, oil-feed system, chain and guide bar, as many such oils tend to leave sticky residues over time, which can cause damage to the oil pump or other parts.

Working in winter

In order to prevent carburetor icing in conditions of low temperature combined with high humidity, and below + 5°C (40° F) in order to get up to operating temperature faster, heated air can be taken from the cylinder.

Remove the cover (see "Cleaning the air filter").

Remove the insert (7) and insert it as shown for winter operation.



If the temperature is above + 5°C (40°F) the engine needs to induct cold air. If this is not done, the cylinder and piston can be damaged!

For temperatures above + 5°C (40°F) turn the insert 180° so that after it is inserted the induction opening (8) is closed.

Put the cover back on.

Note: When working in snow, the insert (7) can be replaced by a special insert with nylon screen, which prevents snow from getting in. It is available as an accessory, part no. 957 173 250.



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