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For Immediate Release:

Go Canada Go - Go Squamish Go Five Local Athletes Competing in the 2010 Winter Olympics

Squamish, BC – Squamish is the Heart of 2010 and home to five local athletes representing Squamish and Canada during the 2010 Winter Games. Go Squamish Go!

Squamish's Five Olympians



Maelle Ricker - Snowboard Cross

Team: National SBX Team **Began Competing:** 1994

Competitions: Nagano (1998) Turin (2006)

Fastest qualifier and 4th place finisher at the 2006 Olympic Winter Games... Three gold and three silver medals in the 2007-08 World Cup season in snowboard cross... Competed in halfpipe at two Olympic Winter Games, finishing 5th (1998) and 23rd (2006)... Bronze medal in snowboard cross at the 2005 World Championship... Two-time gold medallist in snowboard cross at the Winter X Games (1999 and 2006)... ranked first over-all in the snowboard cross World Cup standings following the 2007-08 season.

Snowboard Cross (Cypress Mountain) - February 16 - 10 am to 12:40 pm



Mike Robertson - Snowboard Cross

BC Support Network: Canadian Sport Centre Pacific supported athlete.

Years on senior national team: 3

Performance Highlights:

- 2009 – 2nd World Cup (Cypress Mountain, BC)
- 2009 – 3rd World Cup (Austria)
- 2009 – 6th World Cup (Argentina)
- 2009 – 17th World Championships (Korea)
- 2008 – 8th World Cup (USA)

2010 Competition Schedule (Cypress Mountain):

February 15 Men's Snowboard Cross Qualification 10:30 a.m.

February 15 Men's Snowboard Cross 1/8 Finals 2:00 p.m.

February 15 Men's Snowboard Cross Quarterfinals 2:26 p.m.

February 15 Men's Snowboard Cross Semifinals 2:42 p.m.

February 15 Medal Event Men's Snowboard Cross Finals 2:53 p.m.



Rob Fagan - Snowboard Cross

Snowboard Club – Canadian Snowboard Team

BC Support Network: Canadian Sport Centre Pacific supported athlete.

Years on senior national team: 8

Performance Highlights:

- 2009 – 4th World Cup (USA)
- 2009 – 4th World Cup (Cypress Mountain, BC)
- 2009 – 19th World Championships (Korea)
- 2007 – 2nd World Cup (Chile)
- 2004 – 2nd World Cup (Japan)
- 2002 – Canadian Snowboardcross Champion

Awards:

Canadian Snowboardcross Champion in 2002 and runner-up in 2001 and 2004. Won his first World Cup medal in 2004, earning silver in Japan.

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Justin Lamoureux - Halfpipe

Training location: Whistler

BC Support Network: Canadian Sport Centre Pacific supported athlete.

Years on senior national team: 11

Training Centre: Dry land training at the CSC Pacific Performance Centre at the Whistler Mountain Ski Club.

Performance Highlights:

- 2009 – World Snowboard Championships (KOR), 5th
- 2007 – World Snowboard Championships (SUI), 15th
- 2006 – Olympic Games (ITA), 21st
- 2005 – World Snowboard Championships (CAN), 2nd

2010 Competition Schedule (Cypress Mountain):

February 17 Men's Halfpipe Qualification 1:00 p.m.

February 17 Men's Halfpipe Semifinals 5:15 p.m.

February 17 Medal Event Men's Halfpipe Finals 7:15 p.m. Snowboard Halfpipe -
Wednesday, Feb. 17 - 11 am to 7:15 pm



Megan Tandy -**Biathlon**

Training location: Whistler, B.C. & Canmore, Alta

Events: Individual, sprint and relay

BC Support Network: Competed in the 2002 BC Winter Games in Williams Lake. Competed for Team BC at the 2007 Canada Winter Games in Whitehorse, Yukon and is on the national team. Member of Biathlon BC. Canadian Sport Centre Pacific supported athlete.

Years on senior national team: 3

Performance Highlights:

- Bronze medal at the 2009 Summer Junior World Championships
- Five top 15 finishes at the Junior World Championships 2006-2008
- 9th place relay finish at the 2009 World Championships
- 9th place relay finish at the 2009 Whistler World Cup

Awards:

Named Biathlon Canada's 2007 Female Athlete of the Year

2010 Competition Schedule (Whistler Olympic Park): TBD

It's not only Canada's Games it's Squamish's Games, the heart of the 2010 Winter Games

For more information on the athletes visit www.cscpacific.ca

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