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## Canadian Judges to 2010 World Championships Selected

**February 5, 2010** - The two judges selected to represent Canada at the 2010 WBTF World Championships in Bergen, Norway will be Ron Kopas and Tina Larson. In addition to their judging duties, they will also be representing Canada at the WBTF Technical Committee and Judges Committee Meetings held in Bergen before the competition begins.

Both are fully-certified WBTF Masters Judges, certified to judge all WBTF events. In addition, both are also certified WBTF Clinicians.

Ron and Tina have judged at numerous Provincial and National Championships as well as many Provincial and National Team Trials events within the past 7 years. On the world stage, Ron was one of Canada's judges at the 2008 WBTF World Championships and International Cup held in Limerick, Ireland. Tina's most recent world experience was at the 2007 WBTF World Championships and International Cup held in Hamilton, Ontario.

This year marked a change in the process of choosing Canada's judges to the World Championships. The CBTF Executive selected one judge and the second judge was selected by a committee composed of two Canadian coaches with recent experience at the World Championships (Loren Dermody and Maureen Johnson), two Canadian judges certified to judge the WBTF events (Gail Ashcroft and Lucinda McMaster), and two technical members familiar with WBTF competitions and procedures (Karen Gratton and Elan Paluck). The CBTF Board extends its thanks to this group for the thought and consideration they put into determining their choice for Canada's judge.

Congratulations to Ron and Tina as they prepare for this exciting opportunity.

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