

## **Canadian Judges to 2012 World Championships Selected**

**January 10, 2012** - Two judges will represent Canada at the 2012 WBTF World Championships in Villebon sur Yvette, France. Joining Ron Kopas (CBTF Judges' Rep) will be Stephanie Hewis.

Both Ron and Stephanie are WBTF Master Judges and are certified to judge all WBTF World Championship events. Each is a very experienced Canadian judge, having judged at numerous Provincial and National Championships over the past five years.

On the world stage, Ron was one of Canada's judges at the 2011 WBTF International Cup (USA), the 2010 WBTF World Championships (Norway) and the 2008 WBTF World Championships and International Cup (Ireland). Stephanie was one of Canada's judges at the 2008 WBTF World Championships and International Cup (Ireland).

Continuing with the policy implemented in 2010, all applicants were assessed by a Judge Selection Committee on three factors:

- the results of a series of practical *judging assignments*
- their *judging experience and other qualities* as reported on their application

The Selection Committee, appointed in December, was comprised of CBTF Technical Chair Elan Paluck, CBTF Coaches Rep Kim Genton, CBTF Judges Rep Ron Kopas, Tina Larson (AB), Jen Meron (ON), Cindy Dietrich (SK) and Edie Parisian (MB). The CBTF Board extends its thanks to this group for the thought and consideration they exercised while determining this judging panel.

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

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