



Big chances are ahead... **

Read this month's issue and see what ASPA has in store for you!!

ASPA has been going through some big changes lately. From everything to our some new board members, our brand new website, to how we administer ratings course subsidies, ASPA has gotten a bit of a face lift in recent months!

We here at ASPA are working hard to make sure that the needs of our members are being met. We've heard that communication has been a bit of an issue in the past, so we're working on fixing that.

One of the ways we're trying to improve communication is by the implementation of new Drop Zone Representatives. This new program is going to ensure that each dropzone is kept up to date with the latest and greatest ASPA news, as well as giving you a way to have your voice heard! We're actively recruiting for DZ Reps, so if you'd like to be the rep for your dropzone, contact us. More information about DZ Reps can be found on Page 3 of this newsletter.

If you take a look at our Board of Directors page, you'll see that ASPA is currently short one board member. Is that member you? We need a Vice President; someone who's passionate, personable, and cares about Alberta Skydivers and this association. If you're interested please give us a shout at admin@aspa.ca.

With the Alberta Skydiving season soon to be underway, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone to take extra caution in the early parts of the season, as we all get re-current. Safety is of paramount importance any time of the year, and it starts from the very first skydive of each season. Remember, many of us haven't skydived in months, and we might be a little "rusty". Look out for each other, and let's stay safe. Attend your local Safety Days, and be a little extra vigilant with each other.

I'm looking forward to a great season, and as always, if you have any questions, comments, or submissions, please feel free to email me at any time, izzy@aspa.ca.

Blue skies, soft landings!!
Izzy

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ASPAC.A GETS A FACE LIFT

Over recent weeks, the ASPA website, www.aspa.ca, has been getting a facelift. Thanks to the hard work and incredible efforts of Ian Harrop, aspa.ca has undergone a transformation.

THANK YOU IAN!!

Now aspa.ca has an updated look, is easier to navigate, and has everything you want to know about ASPA and skydiving in Alberta in one easy spot!

You can obtain information about our subsidy programs, including subsidies for your "A" and "B" CoP, subsidies for coach and instructor ratings courses, athlete funding programs, and course information. You can even download the application forms! And for those interested in the ASPA 3-Way Competition this year, the information you need is under the "ASPA Programs" tab.

In the Coming Events Section is everything you need to know about what's happening with skydiving in



Alberta! If you've got an event you'd like to add, please let us know.

Got a friend who's interested in skydiving, but has more questions than you can answer? Direct them to our FAQ page.

You'll also find a list of dropzones and how to contact them, the Dropzone Representatives, as well as the latest issue of the newsletter.

If you've got any comments, questions, ideas, or want to see your photographs on the website, let us know, we'd love to hear from you! After all, this is YOUR website.



Scan the new QR Code to take you to the new and improved ASPA website!

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DO YOU WANT FREE SKYDIVES? BECOME A DROP ZONE REPRESENTATIVE!



ARE YOU AN ASPA MEMBER? DOES EVERYONE AT THE DZ KNOW WHO YOU ARE?
ARE YOU ENERGETIC AND OUTGOING?
ARE YOU ABLE ORGANIZE A SKILLS SEMINAR SUCH AS SIT FLY? 4 WAY RW?
ACCURACY? OR SWOOPING?



Communication with all of the different drop zones and large number of skydivers in Alberta has long been one of ASPA's biggest obstacles. The creation of the ASPA Dropzone Representative aims to change all that.

The position of Dropzone Representative is now more powerful than ever before! The Dropzone Representative will be responsible for keeping both ASPA and Alberta skydivers informed about current and upcoming events, organize seminars, assist with Provincials and other events, and look after ASPA's equipment.

After applying to ASPA and being accepted as your drop zone's Representative, we want you to pass the word and let everyone know of your new position. You will be issued an ASPA whiteboard that we would like you to make the center of attention at your drop zone. The whiteboard will be continuously

updated with dates of any upcoming seminars and competitions, which can be found on ASPA's website.

Another role of the Dropzone Representative is to effectively maintain records of ASPA's equipment on each drop zone.

Best of all the Dropzone Representative will be reimbursed with **FREE SKYDIVES!** For tasks such as updating the ASPA whiteboard and sending us a monthly update of ASPA equipment, ASPA will give you a skydive allowance!

Perhaps the biggest and most important goal is to ensure that all skydivers in Alberta are kept up to date with all things ASPA in Alberta.

We really need your help!

Interested parties should contact Tina Connolly at admin@aspa.ca

DROP ZONE REPS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR:

EDMONTON SKYDIVE CENTRE
VERTICAL EXTREME SKYDIVING
ALBERTA SKYDIVERS



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BULLETIN BOARD

APR 28, 9:00AM
SKYDIVE BIG SKY OPENING DAY

MAY 01, 9:00AM
VERTICAL EXTREME OPENING DAY

MAY 05, 9:00AM
EDEN NORTH OPENING DAY

MAY 05, 6:00PM
VERTICAL EXTREME - CINCO DE MAYO PARTY

May 19-21
Coach 1 Course
CF: Monique Andrie
Skydive Big Sky
COURSE IS FULL

May 19-21
Coach 1 Course
CF: Aidan Walters
Eden North
spots still available
contact Aidan

Jun 15-17
Coach 2 Course
CF: Monique Andrie
Eden North
Spots still available
contact Monique

July 27-29
Coach 1 Course
CF: Monique Andrie
Skydive Big Sky
Spots still available
contact Monique

MAY 26 - 27
JUNE 30 to JULY 1
"MISSION 100" PREP CAMPS

Come out to Eden North to practice your big-way skills: try different exits, refine your approaches, identify your radials, and practice break-off in tracking groups.
Camp will be run by Monique Andrie.

DID YOU KNOW?

ASPAs also provides subsidies for non-ASPAs ratings courses! This includes Tandem and Rigger ratings!

For more information, see the new and improved ASPA website, or contact us at admin@aspa.ca.

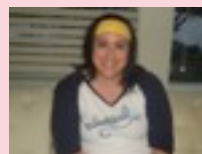
Your Board of Directors

DALE COOPE



Dale stepped in as President at the AGM this year, and is looking forward to working with ASPA another year!!

JILL MCALISTER



This will be Jill's second term as Treasurer, she must love it, she's back for a second term!

IZZY TREMBLAY



Izzy steps into role of Secretary this year for the first time, and is looking forward to the new experience!

**VICE PRESIDENT :
YOUR PICTURE HERE?**

are You interested in Competition?

Competition in Canadian Skydiving has a long history of great success. Canada has put skydivers on the podium at every level, and continues to do so. Jay Moledzki is a great example of a current champion, but let's not forget the winners of the past (<http://www.cspa.ca/en/competition/canadian-wins-at-wpcs>). Alberta has its own strong history of success in competition.

Interest in competition comes and goes, some years we see only a few jumpers competing, other years we have a bumper crop. ASPA supports competition for everyone, whether you want to train for an event, have a long-term team and a periodised training plan, or just find a pick-up team at Provincials. You don't have to have a vision of gold at a World Parachuting Championship to follow a desire to compete. Competing doesn't have to restrict your weekend of jumping, it can add to it! If you're a junior jumper, you will be blown away by how much you learn by preparing for and competing at the Provincial's. If that is too big a bite, try

the 3-Way RW competition, you can do that at your home DZ. ASPA supports you. Check out this list of competitions and support programs!

- 3-Way junior RW Competition
- Provincials, including RW, Canopy Piloting, Freestyle, Accuracy, and CRW, at junior, intermediate and open levels
- High Performance Athlete Funding funding
- Advanced Athlete Development Program funding
- Load organizers at Provincials

For information on any of these programs and events, check out www.aspa.ca, talk to your DZ rep, or contact Tina Connolly at admin@aspa.ca!



we need more teams for this year's aspa 3-way! contact aspa, or your aspa dz rep for more information.

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2012 CSPA AGM

Written by Tina Connolly

The CSPA AGM took place in Winnipeg, MB, on March 10, 2012. I attended to represent ASPA, and keep on top of National happenings. Here is a brief overview of the important stuff:

There was an alert made to all jumpers to make sure that your rigger is maintaining his/her continuous rating. No names or areas were named, but there appears to be an issue of riggers not maintaining their continuous rating and being illegitimate when packing reserves and doing repairs.

There was also a reminder to remind jumpers using Vigils check to see if they are on the recall list! Both Vigil and **dropzone.com** have posted a list of the serial numbers that have been recalled.

No one in the West submitted a bid for the Western Conference Cup, so this competition will not take place in 2012.

Last year, CSPA lost Sport Canada funding. While many people are still willing to work to recover this funding, the short term outlook is not good. There are positive developments. One

criteria to regain funding is for more Provinces to have Provincial Sport Organizations, and now both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick have formed groups. Sport Canada wanted CSPA to have a National Coach, and Eileen Vaughan has been chosen for this role. She is full of energy and information, a wonderful choice! There are many other steps to follow, but it will take time.

Long Term Athlete Development (LTAD) has slowed down due to lack of funding, but the work continues. One of the most relevant developments will be the Coach 2+ program, a discipline specific coach rating. The LTAD committee and the CWC are committed to working together to develop this new level of coach, and several people here in Alberta are involved.

CSPA is investigating the purchase of a property for a National Office in Ottawa. There is no rush, but plans are in the works.

Over the last year, CSPA was investigating a way to implement Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance. The information, costs and benefits were put forward, but the motion to include AD&D in general membership was defeated.

And lastly, April 28th is CSPA Safety Awareness Day. Talk to your local DZO for information on local events.

THANK YOU!

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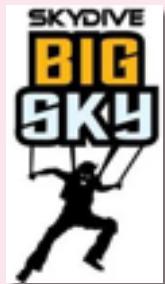
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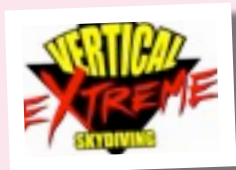
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