

Thurlow, Stutzman win 1985 North American titles

WHITNEY THURLLOW, of Bozeman, Montana, and Heidi Stutzman of Boise, Idaho, captured the fourth annual North American Telemark Championship crowns last weekend at Crested Butte Mountain Resort.

Thurlow, 31, the defending champion and number-two qualifier for the championship round, met Charlie Hassard, the number six seed, in the final round of competition. Hassard, Salt Lake City, Utah, won the first round of his dual competition against Thurlow, by three-hundredths of a second. Thurlow had not been beaten through eight rounds of racing, until the finals.

In the second run down the course, when the racers switched courses, Thurlow slipped ahead of Hassard, and, in an all-out attempt to catch the defending champion, Hassard hit a rut and fell three gates from the finish.

A fall in the finals of the women's competition eliminated Annie Edmond of Avon, Colorado. Edmond was pushing to make up a .63 second deficit



North American Championship Telemark winners from left back row 4th-Tom Carr; 3rd-Dave Hazeltine; 2nd-Charlie Hassard; 1st-Whitney Thurlow. Front row from left-4th-Debi Drury; 3rd-Jonelle Mills; 2nd-Annie Edmond; 1st-Heidi Stutzman. --Photo by Nathan Billow



Al Johnson Memorial Race winners from left, back row, 1st-Rob Landis; 2nd-Ned Randolph; 3rd-Tom Carr. Front row, 1st-Jill Barr; 2nd-Kate Hasterlik; 3rd-Amy Shaw. --Photo by Nathan Billow

against Stutzman, which she posted in the first round of the finals.

Stutzman, a former alpine racer for the U.S. Development Team, was second in last year's championships. Defending champion Kay Kucera, of Snowbird, UT, was also a victim of the course; she fell in the first of the race as did the number-one seeded male, Mark Lance of Winter Park, CO.

In the women's consolation round, Debi Drury of Crested Butte met Jonelle Mills, Taos, New Mexico. Drury won the first heat, but was penalized a full second on the second heat for failing to make a telemark turn at one of the gates, and Mills claimed third place.

Thirty-two men and 16 women qualified for the championships, from a field of more than 140. Competitors came from Japan, Canada, Norway, Alaska, Vermont, Utah, Montana, Arizona, New Mexico, Washington, Wyoming, California, Idaho and Colorado.



John Amundson in the gates during the championship. --Photo by Nathan Billow

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Telemark Championships

MEN		WOMEN	
1. Whitney Thurlow, Bozeman, MT	Dave Patterson, Canada	1. Heidi Stutzman, Boise, ID	
2. Charlie Hassard, Salt Lake City, UT	Peter Hunt, Eldora, CO	2. Annie Edmond, Avon, CO	
3. Dave Hazeltine, Keystone, CO	Tore Nilssen, Norway	3. Jonelle Mills, Taos, NM	
4. Tom Carr, Littleton, CO	Adam Groo, Snowbird, UT	4. Debi Drury, Crested Butte, CO	
ROUND OF EIGHT	Monte Bell, Carbonade, CO	ROUND OF EIGHT	
Steve Backer, Alta, Utah	John Amundson, Crested Butte, CO	Ginnlee Sprague, Park City, UT	
Geo Bullock, Crested Butte, CO	Roger Pack, Beaver Creek, CO	Kate Hasterlik, Winter Park, CO	
Clifton Garland, Crested Butte, CO	Drew Matteson, Winter Park, CO	Jennifer Wilson, Sandy, UT	
Dee Wallace, Park City, UT		Debbie Reynolds, Boulder, CO	
ROUND OF SIXTEEN		ROUND OF SIXTEEN	
Michele Beaudry, Canada		Mary Ellen Spencer, Phoenix, AZ	
Ned Randolph, Snowbird, UT		Karen Witt, Winter Park, CO	
Chris Larson, Salt Lake City, UT		Cindy Collinson, Snowbird, UT	
Nichie Hawes, Copper Mtn., CO		Deb Ackerman, Eldora, CO	
ROUND OF THIRTY-TWO		Kay Kudera, Snowbird, UT	
Mark Lance, Winter Park, CO		Dave Currier, Dillon, CO	
Art Burrows, Aspen, CO		Arne Sivik, Snowbird, UT	
Jeff Hill, Bozeman, MT		Eileen C. ...	
Greg Steinman, Jackson Hole, WY			
Chip Prentiss, Park City, UT			
Arnold B. ...			
Chris Larson, Salt Lake City, UT			
Ken ... Squaw Valley, CA			

FINISH ORDER	TIME	NAME						
1	5:17	Rob Landis (Alta, Utah)	17	8:07	Jill Barr (Crested Butte, CO)	34	10:15	Ray Berman (Crested Butte, CO)
2	5:32	Ned Randolph (Sandy, Utah)	19	8:14	Tim McClure (Winter Park 2nd woman)	35	10:27	Nasataka Fujisawa
3	5:41	Tom Carr (Littleton, CO)	20	8:19	Kate Hasterlik (Ohio City, CO)	36	10:28	Brien Donaldson
4	6:34	David Scheefer (Ohio City, CO)	21	8:22	Kent Smith	37	10:32	Mark C. Gustafson
5	6:45	Chris Larson (Crested Butte, CO)	22	8:25	Steve Ketterhagen	38	11:10	Roy McDonald
6	6:46	Tracy Smith (Crested Butte, CO)	23	8:33	Douglas Scott	39	11:24	Wm Spear
7	6:59	John Amundson (Crested Butte, CO)	24	8:34	Amy Shaw (Utah-3rd woman)	40	11:24	Terry Kilbourne (4th woman)
8	7:01	Gregg Morin (Gunnison, CO)	25	8:35	Tom Bielefeld (Crested Butte, CO)	41	12:27	Abel Morales
9	7:08	Scott Brown (Crested Butte, CO)	25	8:35	Tim C. Reid (Crested Butte, CO)	42	12:46	Dan Clausen
10	7:15	John Amundson (Crested Butte, CO)	27	8:39	Norman P. Dumas (Crested Butte, CO)	43	13:11	Katie Albright (5th woman)
11	7:27	Jim Foore	28	8:50	Norman P. Dumas (Crested Butte, CO)	44	16:23	Curtis Jones
12	7:37	Craig Gaskill	29	8:39				
13	7:39	Doug Johnson (Crested Butte, CO)	30	9:04				
14	7:44	Francis Paul-Has	31	9:25	Craig Snowden			
15	7:51	Chris Myall	32	9:54	Naoki Yamamoto			
16	7:58	Michael A. Bain	33	10:08	David Lindsey			
17	8:07	Brian Burnett						