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## Great American Telemark Festival and the 1998 FIS TELEMAR WORLD CUP FINALS MARCH 20-29

Without a doubt, the Great American Telemark Festival (GATF) will be one of the biggest and best Telemark displays ever, in the history of Telemark Racing in the US. With 200 competitors from 20 different countries expected, this happening is sure to set a new standard in World Class Telemark events. And if successful in one of its hopeful ulterior motives, some of the same athletes will be vying for Olympic Gold in 2002, in Salt Lake City.

### 1998 World Cup Races

The five official races will be held at Snowbird and Park City (see schedule below), and include Giant Slalom, the Classic, and this year's new event, the Classic Sprint. Telemark Giant Slalom is much like an alpine GS, only with a jump in the middle, with a one second penalty for not clearing the minimum distance line. Telemark is unique in this respect; in other gate race events with jumps, the jumps are minimized by prejumping, or absorbing at the moment of

takeoff, rather than "popping it."

The Classic and the Classic Sprint bear striking resemblance to one another, but the Sprint is two runs, and shorter than the one-run Classic. Both races entail GS and Super G gates, at least one big air jump, one or two "nooses," which are 360° banked turns, and an uphill whose duration should equal one-third of the total course time.

These Classics are as exciting as they are grueling, and challenge a wide variety of skiing skills in the relatively short clock time of 3-5 minutes. Perhaps it's no wonder those lithe and lifetime-skiing Norwegians do so well.

1998 Telemark Masters World Championships will be held alongside the FIS races, and are open to racers over 30, who obtain competitor's licenses from their National Ski Federations. Master racers vary from former World Champions to Telemark racers who are new to the sport. "It's fun just to be racing with

skiers from so many different cultures," said one US veteran of Telemark Masters. The Great American Telemark Festival will be rounded out by an array of other activities available to the spectating or telemarking public. Telemark Academy, Telemark Powder 8's, Bump contest, Ski Jumping, cross country skiing, skating, Guided Tours, Backcountry Work-

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## Message from the (ex-)President J. Scott McGee



First, let me say thank you to each and every telemark participant in and supporter of telemark events in this country. Also, let me take a moment to recognize the contributions of the many volunteers at *all* levels of telemark organizing in this country. Without you, the great racing like what we will be seeing during this event would not be possible.

Thank you again.

My active involvement with US Telemark began in 1993, when the USSA Telemark Committee voted in favor of my proposal to host Telemark Nationals at Grand Targhee and Jackson Hole, WY. That fall, the United States Telemark Ski Association was born, amid hope and speculation about the future.

In November, while I was tracking down sponsors, we laughed at the idea that it might just dump powder all week, but with a foot and a half of fresh and winds, we weren't laughing on race day. We weren't skiing powder either. But with the help of many, including racers, we pulled off a Nationals!

The same bull-headed

determination has seen USTSA through many a race, and other struggles as well. And the same spirit will live on to guide us through the fog, toward our goals, vertigo be damned.

The last two years have been ones of progress for US Telemark. We have showed a positive cash flow in both years. Membership is increasing. The USTSA Competition and Organizers Guide was published in booklet form and distributed widely. And dedicated individuals from all regions have taken on major parts of the inner workings of this organization.

Lastly, a few words about why I'm moving on. One frustration of mine over the last year has been my inability to focus on an unrealized dream that I believe I share with this organization and many of its members: that of getting Telemark in the Olympics. So I hope to devote future energies to that end. And I will value the connections and relationships that have sprung from my involvement with US Telemark for years to come.

Yours truly,  
J. Scott McGee

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## US Telemark adopts Sprint Classic as a US Telemark official discipline...

### 1999 US TELEMAR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Steven's pass has hosted many Northwest Telemark series events, and enjoys broad based participation of Telemark skiers. The Race courses are FIS homologated and the Gatekeeping Crew members are returning with depth of background.

The Events will be: GS, Classic and SL, with another new and exciting event. For this, Sprint Classic, a Bump Bash, and a Tele Cross (i.e. BoarderCross) were discussed.

The proposed cost for 3-4 day: \$17/day for lift tickets. Event costs: approx. \$70 on top of lift tickets. Primary Lodging in Leavenworth, 36 miles distant; Hotels, and B&B and floor room of NW racers.

About Steven's Pass: Lots of snow. (100+'' base) 11 lifts, new HS quad next year, easy lift access backcountry skiing, 3 lodges, 1.5hr from Seattle, Leavenworth will be primary base. Sponsors: Swix, Patagonia, Mtn. hardware, Bolle, beer co.'s, smith, local regional reps in resort area. Demo's of ski products (K2, Rossignol, other boot companies). Dates are TBA (mid-end March), so as to avoid conflict with the FIS Telemark World Cup Schedule.

### Board Bulletins

Highlights of the US Telemark Board Meeting in Whitefish, MT, March 5 and 7, 1998

**New 98-99 Officers:**  
President: Jim Ludlow  
VP: Edward Arriola  
Treasurer: Jeff Wright  
Sec: Val Johnson

- Board approves restructuring, which redistributes responsibilities.
- Board approves Creation of a Master's class based on current points system, but with a separate category for Masters. Age categories will be determined by the Competition Committee.
- Board tables a motion to make the US Telemark Team their own non-profit.
- Board tables a proposal to adopt the current FIS stance on the Telemark Ski Rule.
- Board approves proposal to adopt Sprint Classic as US Telemark official discipline.
- Board approves the concept of a Ski Pool for the US Telemark Ski Team.
- Board approves a proposal to get a sports marketing firm to pursue US



Telemark sponsorship, funded by a percentage cut to the firm and based on our background as a strong up and coming sport industry.

- Board approves a proposal to raise funds by means of a royalty (~25%) returned to US Telemark for privately funded purchases of US Telemark sale items.
- Board approves Steven's Pass, WA bid to host Nationals in 1999.

**Next meeting:**  
Thursday, March 26  
after Classic event before Buffet party. At the Library, 155 W 200 S, SLC, UT, 5:30pm.

**US Telemark Ski Team** is sponsored by Black Diamond / Scarpa and Voile, both of SLC, UT, as well as Spyder Active Wear, Dale of Norway, and Roly Caps.

**Thank You!**

**US Telemark Berets...Are IN!**  
Stylish black fleece berets, made by Roly Caps in SLC and bearing the US Telemark Logo, are being provided for the US Team, and the UST Board. The logo, in purple, white and gold, stands out on this very functional warm headwear. Thanks to our most recent sponsor,

**Roly Caps!**

# Great American

## SNOWBIRD RACES SCHEDULE

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Friday March 20, 1998

Course will be closed. Training times to be set at Friday night's Captains Meeting at the at 7 pm. Snowbird has gates available for gate training.

6:00 p Welcome Reception

7:00 p Captains Meeting-Downtown SLC Quality Inn

### GIANT SLALOM

Monday March 23, 1998

7:00 a chair for course setters

8:30 a Lift for racers

8:45 a to 9:45 a course inspection and jump practice

10:00 a start

12:15 p to 12:45 p Second run inspection

1:00 p start

6:00 p Koko Tele Buffet Dinner & Dancing Snowbird

### SPRINT CLASSIC

Saturday March 21, 1998

7:00 a chair for course setters

8:30 a Lift for racers

8:45 a to 9:45 a course inspection and jump practice

10:00 a Start

Masters first run follows Elite racers from second start

12:15 p to 12:45 p Second run inspection

1:00 p Start

Master second run follows Elite racer from the second start

6:00 p Tele 2002 Reception in Trolley Square's South Atrium

7:30 p Awards and Addresses

### RULES AND REMINDERS

- In the event of too much snow or road and avalanche conditions the race will be rescheduled for the next available day (training day).
- Courses may be inspected by slipping, snowplowing and slow skiing. No skiing or turning at speed in or by the course will be allowed. There will be no "free" skiing in the course area.
- Avalanches are a way of life, especially in Little Cottonwood Canyon. The races at Snowbird are subject to being held for avalanche control at the resort and on the road. It is possible that the road will be closed by an avalanche. The race schedule will be revised accordingly.
- At all resorts but especially at Snowbird and Alta skiing outside of the closed or boundary lines and signs is not only against resort policy it is against the law. You will lose your pass and could be arrested. You will not race if your pass has been pulled by the patrol. You may also be arrested, ticketed and fined. The Alta Marshalls ski (many on tele) and will enforce the law. The fact that you are a racer will not have any bearing and the organizing committee will not defend you. If you lose your skiing privileges you will not race.

Another note is to respect the slow signs when you are free skiing. These are areas where there are beginning skiers and classes. The resorts are firm about keeping these areas safe and slow. You may lose your pass for skiing too fast in one of these areas. Again, if you lose your pass you will not race.

### FREE/TRAINING

Sunday March 22, 1998

Training gates will be available. Course closed.

**Next Newsletter Deadline:  
April 1**

# Telemark Festival

## PARK CITY RACES SCHEDULE

### TRAINING DAY

Tuesday March 24, 1998

9:00 a to 11:00 a C.B.'s and Clem reserved for Telemark Teams

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NOTE: Teams must provide their own gates.

6:00 p Brew Pub Party, Salt Lake Brewing Co.

### TELE WORLD BUMPS AT ALTA

Friday, March 27, 1998

8:00-9:00 Regis Albion

9:00-9:45 a Course Inspection

10:00 a Qualifying Runs (2)

Rounds of Sixteen, with two runs per pairing, winner advances, single elimination.

4:30 p Awards Party at Albion Grill

5:00 p BBQ at Albion Grill

### GIANT SLALOM

Wednesday March 25, 1998

8:00a Racers lift

8:00a to 9:15a Warm up on Clem or Comm to dog-leg, courses pulled by 9:15a

8:30 to 9:15a Course inspection and mandatory jump practice

9:30 a Start Masters first run will follow the Elite racers from the lower start

12:45 to 1:15p Inspection

1:30 p Start Masters first run will follow the Elite racers from the lower start

7:00 p Benefit Concert at the Zephyr 100 W 200 S

### FREE/TRAINING

Friday, March 27, 1998

9:00a to 11:00a CB's and Clementine reserved for Telemark Teams

### DUAL SPRINT CLASSIC

Saturday, March 28, 1998

8:00 a Racer lift

8:45 to 9:45a Inspection and mandatory jump

10:00 a Start, second run will follow

6:00 p Evolution Ski Factory Party with Buffet and Dancing at 790 W 1700 S

### CLASSIC

Thursday, March 26, 1998

8:30 a Racer lift

8:30 a to 9:15a Warm up on Clem or Comm. Courses pulled by 9:15a.

8:45 to 9:45a Inspection and

Mandatory jump practice

10:00 a START

1:00 p Master race start at lower start

7:00 p Winter Buffet at Park City

### DUAL SLALOM

Sunday, March 29, 1998

8:00a Racer lift

8:45a to 9:45a inspection

10:00a Start Masters will follow the Elite racers

1:00p Second run start.

Masters will follow Elite racers.

7:00 p Grand Finale Awards Party Banquet at the Old Mill on Wasatch Blvd

# Ludlow brings much wisdom and experience to US Telemark

## Meet Jimmy Ludlow, US Telemark President

by J. Scott McGee



Jim Ludlow, looking alive after a solo Pole, Pedal, Paddle in Jackson, WY

Jimmy Ludlow took up Telemark Racing in 1995 after spending years on skis, racing, instructing and coaching disabled skiing at Park City in Utah. He is currently a PSIA Nordic Downhill Clinician and Examiner for the Intermountain Region. His involvement with Wasatch Telemark has extended to organizing as a Board Member, to Coaching both dryland and on snow at Wasatch Telemark Clinics.

Ludlow has also been innovative in realm of telemark equipment, producing telemark width dampening plates, and now his own Delrin telemark binding Risers in three sizes, which he wholesales locally, regionally and nationally.

Ludlow graduated from the

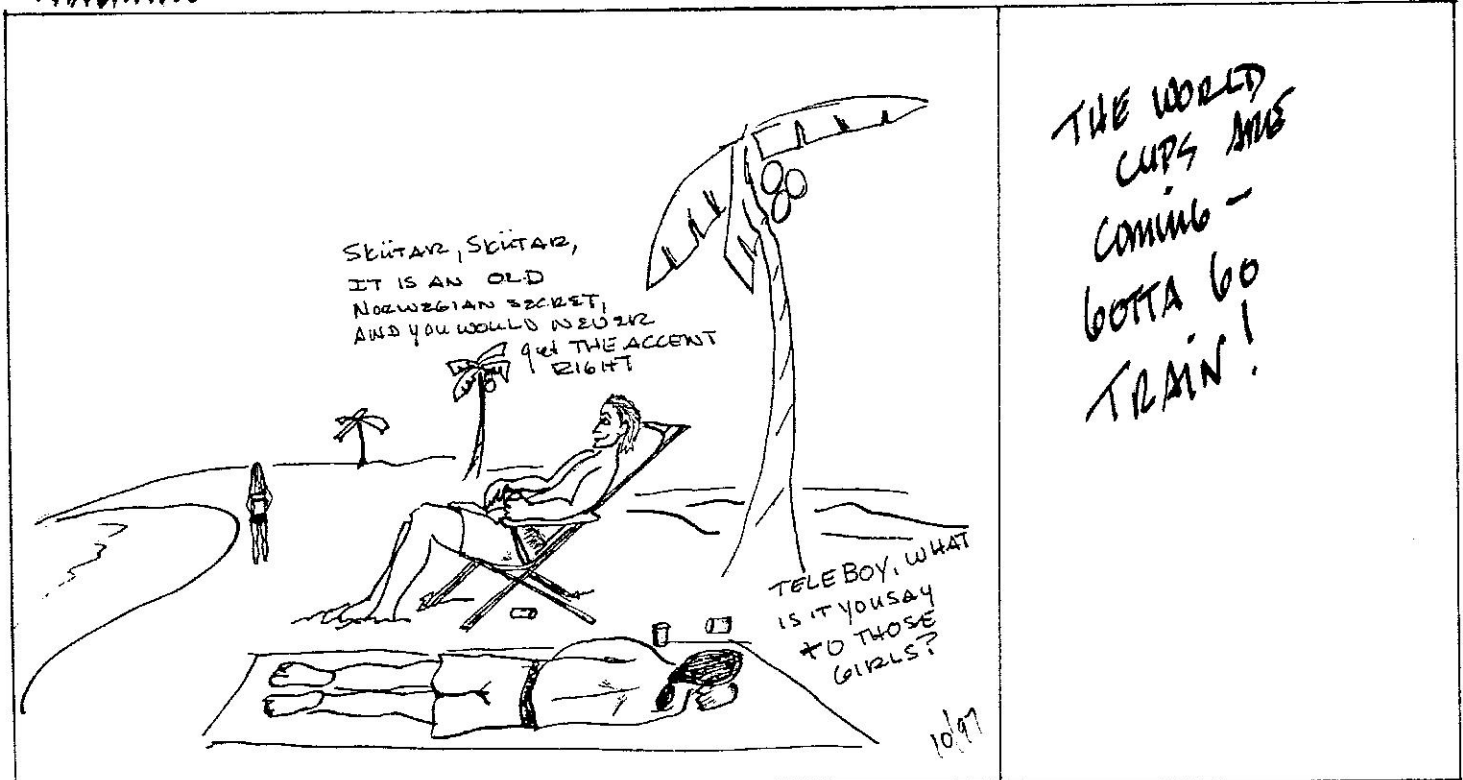
University of Utah in Engineering, and put his degree to use with a high tech Salt Lake based company that produces ceramics. This fall during some company upheaval, Ludlow decided to pursue his own endeavors in telemark equipment, racing and instruction.

The task ahead is large, but with the help of dedicated volunteers, oversight of the organization should be more manageable. Ludlow brings much wisdom and experience to US Telemark, and we all wish him the best of luck!

Joining Ludlow as VP will be incorporator, mover and shaker, and Wasatch and US Telemark Board Member, Edward Arriola.

Congratulations and good luck!

## ADVENTURES OF TELE BOY



**Great American  
Telemark Festival**

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shops, and Heli-Tele Tours are all offerings worth tuning into for fun, competition, or skill honing after the races. Local and national sponsors will be present, with Demo gear and Manufacturers displays at most events.



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