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International Athletes to Attend Spirit Celebration
Terry David Mulligan Emcee

Looking for the ultimate recipe of Olympic spirit? Mix together a World Cup Finals and 15 countries and their elite level athletes. Add medal presentations to some fantastic entertainment. Finally hold the World Cup Spirit Celebration on Saturday March 10, 3 pm, Simms Millennium Park and you'll get instant Olympic results.

The Comox Valley Spirit of BC Community Committee and the Comox Valley World Cup Organizing Committee have come together to host the World Cup Spirit Celebration as one of several exciting events being held during the TimberWest 2007 International Paralympic Committee (IPC) Biathlon and Cross Country Skiing World Cup finals being held March 10 – 14 on Mount Washington.

“World Cup Spirit Celebration is the coming together of incredible athletes, entertainment and more,” said Susan Kelsey, Chair of the Comox Valley Spirit of BC Community Committee, adding “These athletes were in Torino and will be at 2010 – but we get to celebrate their skills right here at our Olympic style celebration.”

The World Cup Spirit Celebration is being sponsored by Coastal Community Credit Union and boasts all the features of an Olympic Opening Ceremony. The event boasts live entertainment provided by some of the best local talent including Cantiamo Choir and Fiddle Jam. The 18 Paralympic athletes who won races earlier that day will be presented with their medals. There will be a snow play area for kids, free hot chocolate and more.

The event itself will be emceed by Canadian actor and personality Terry David Mulligan. Mulligan has been a host on CBC Radio, a vj and producer for MuchMusic and has appeared in several movies and television shows. He now co-hosts a wine show called ‘Hollywood and Vines’ with fellow Canadian actor Jason Priestly.

“Terry adds another exciting element to the event, and we know he’ll do an incredible job,” said Mike McLaughlin, Chair of the Comox Valley World Cup Organizing

Committee adding, "Terry is passionate about Canada and the fact that we're the host Nation for the 2010 Games. This is one way he can be involved with that."

The best of the Olympic spirit will be celebrated at the World Cup Spirit Celebrations, Saturday March 10, 3 pm – 4:30 pm. Dress in red and white and come out to support some of Canada's and the worlds top athletes.

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