

CONTEST CORNER



Who Has Cutting Edge In Timbersports

(NAPSA)—Some people, it seems, just have to see if they're a cut above the rest. Each year the competition in The STIHL® Timbersports® Series, a 16-year-old test of skill for lumberjacks, has gotten stiffer and the times have gotten faster. That, however, won't stop reigning champion, New Zealander Jason Wynyard, from striving for an unprecedented fifth straight STIHL® Timbersports® title.

To start, there are regional competitions lumberjacks must compete in order to acquire the necessary points. The top 28 athletes compete for 10 semi-finalist positions at Trenton, Maine. They spend four days on six events:

- The Springboard
- The STIHL® Stock Saw
- The Underhand Chop
- The Single Buck
- The Standing Block Chop
- The Hot Saw

Next, the STIHL® Timbersports® Series moves to Branson, Mo. and the Silver Dollar City amusement park where these 10 compete for points toward the Championship in Alaska.

Finally, in August 2001 at the Great Alaskan Lumberjack Show at Ketchikan, Ala., 12 athletes compete for the title of Timbersports® Champion and a new Dodge Truck. An additional exhibition event has been slated for September in Munich, Germany. This invitation-only event features select USA and German competitors.

STIHL® has sponsored the contest series on ESPN since 1985. Other sponsors include Carhartt and Dodge.

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New Zealander David Bolstad, seen competing in last season's hot saw competition, came within 5/100ths of a second in a championship "saw-off" tie-breaker. Bolstad and 26 of the world's best axmen and sawyers will try to unseat the reigning STIHL® Timbersports® champion, Jason Wynyard in this year's Timbersports® Series which will be shown on ESPN and ESPN2.

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