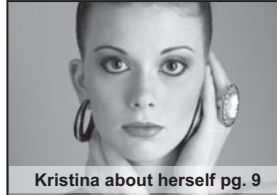


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## The Vancouver Olympic Winter Games: Did you know it ?

February 12 to 28, 2010 - 17 days of thrilling competition and athletic accomplishments

15 sport disciplines. 9 competition venues. 3 Olympic training facilities. 86 medal competitions. 86 Victory Ceremonies (16 in-venue medal presentations, 25 at BC Place and 45 at Whistler Medals Plaza). 615 medals awarded. 1,055 athlete bouquets presented. 82 participating National Olympic Committees (NOCs). 6,500 athletes and team officials in total. 2,632 registered athletes. 50,000 workforce members for the Games, including paid, contractor and volunteers. Of that total, 18,500 were volunteers. 6,500 volunteers will also work during the Paralympic Winter Games. 25,000 workforce uniforms distributed.

96,409 people accredited for the Games. 10,800 media representatives: 7,000 rights holding broadcasters, 2,800 press reporters and photographers and non-rights holding broadcasters, as well as 1,000 host Olympic Broadcast Service (OBSV) personnel. 3.5 billion worldwide television viewers are estimated

to have tuned into the Games. Olympic rights holding broadcasters have offered Vancouver 2010 Winter Olympic Games coverage on more than 300 TV stations and on more than 100 websites worldwide. 47 per cent more global television coverage of the Games than for the Torino 2006 Olympic Winter Games. This represents approximately 24,000 hours of coverage, 50,000 hours of total broadcast hours of the Games across all media plat-



Final day - Vancouver 2010

forms around the world 6,000 hours of coverage worldwide on mobile platforms. As of Day 15, 33.1 million Canadians (99 per cent) have watched coverage - 27.7 million cumulative audience or CUME (meaning 82.7 per cent of Canadians) experienced the Games on February 27 through the platforms of Canada's Olympic Broadcast Media Consorti-

um . 1,500 appearances by the Vancouver 2010 mascots: Quatchi, Miga and Sumi by the end of the Games 20,567 de-

liveries made to Olympic venues. 1.6 million tickets available for the 2010 Winter Games. More than 3.3 million pairs of Vancouver 2010 Red Mittens sold. \$500-million target for gross retail sales of Vancouver 2010 branded merchandise met by end of Games, 2.2 million people engaged to date by the Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad, which will continue for three more weeks. More than 4,000 artists at 600 events, over 60 days in 60 venues are taking part in the Cultural Olympiad. More than 12,500 volunteer hours clocked for Olympic Closing Ceremony. The thousands of volunteer performers range in age from 10 to

68. More than 450 racks of costumes, 3,600 metres of elastic, 4,100 pairs of shoes, 18 kilograms of glitter, 10,000 green sequins, 200 giant spheres and balloons, as well as 20 zygote balls were used in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies. 275 million visitors in total to [www.vancouver2010.com](http://www.vancouver2010.com), shattering the previous record of 105 million set during the Beijing 2008 Games. 78 million total unique visitors to the site A record of 9,185,306 unique visits in a single day — set on February 24. The previous record set during the 2008 Summer Games was 8,797,614 on August 11, 2008 [vancouver2010.com](http://vancouver2010.com) was visited 85 million times this month from within Canada and reached more than 70 per cent of Canadians with Internet access and over 50 per cent of the total Canadian population. 4.6 per cent of people worldwide with Internet access visited the site this month. 14,000 followers on Twitter. [com/2010Tweets](http://com/2010Tweets) more than 1.25 million downloads recorded for the official mobile spectator guide, which for 10 days of the Games was the No. 1 free app in Canada. 1.1 million Facebook fans, nearly four times the total amount for Beijing.

## Tomáš Garrigue Masaryk 160th anniversary

TGM (7 March 1850 – 14 September 1937) was an Austro-Hungarian and Czechoslovak politician, sociologist and philosopher, who as an eager advocate of Czechoslovak independence during World War I became the founder and first President of Czechoslovakia. He originally wished to reform the Habsburg monarchy into a democratic federal state, but during the First World War he began to favour the abolition of the monarchy and, with the help of the Allied Powers, eventually succeeded.

Masaryk's life motto was: *Nebát se a nekrást* (Do not fear and do not steal). Masaryk as a philosopher was an outspoken rationalist and humanist. He emphasized practical ethics, reflecting the influence of Anglo-Saxon philosophers, French philosophy, and especially the work of 18th Century German philosopher, Johann Gottfried Herder, who is considered the founder of nationalism. He was critical of German idealistic philosophy and Marxism. Although born Catholic, he eventually became a non-practising Protestant Unitarian, influenced in part by the declaration of Papal Infallibility in 1870 and his wife, Charlotte, who was raised Unitarian.

During the war, Masaryk's intelligence network of Czech revolutionaries provided important and critical intelligence to the Allies. Masaryk's European network worked with an American counter-espionage network of nearly 80 members headed by E.V. Voska who, as Habsburg subjects, were presumed to

be German supporters but were involved in spying on German and Austrian diplomats. Among other things, the intelligence from these networks was critical in uncovering the Hindu-German Conspiracy in San Francisco. In 1916, Masaryk went to France



to convince the French government of the necessity of disintegrating Austria-Hungary. After the February Revolution in 1917 he proceeded to Russia to help organize Slavic resistance to the Austrians, so-called Czechoslovak Le-

gions. In 1918 he traveled to the United States, where he convinced President Woodrow Wilson of the rightness of his cause. Speaking on 26 October 1918 from the steps of Independence Hall in Philadelphia as head of the Mid-European Union, Masaryk called for the independence of the Czechoslovaks' and other oppressed peoples of Central Europe. With the fall of the Austro-Hungarian Empire in 1918, the Allies re-recognized Masaryk as head of the Provisional Czechoslovak government, and in 1920 he was elected the first President of Czechoslovakia. He won reelection twice subsequently, and held office until 14 December 1935, when he resigned owing to bad health and Edvard Beneš succeeded him. Masaryk enjoyed almost legendary authority among the Czech and Slovak people, and he used this authority to create an extensive informal political network called Hrad.

MMI Toronto named in honor of T. G. Masaryk. Zdroj wimpedia



Martin Brodeur

Long after my Czech father had died did I discover the ship-board diary of my grandfather. Gathered among the family photographs and memorabilia, the small brown book came to light only a month ago. Hand-written in Czech, I recognized the name of the writer, my grandfather Josef Svoboda, whom I had never known because he died many years before I was born.

But my father, Alois Svoboda, who has also passed away, never mentioned the diary of his father. Though Dad had often spoken to me about my grandfather who died in 1924, this book waited to be discovered by me until 2010. Nevertheless, my curiosity was piqued from the moment I recognized my grandfather's name and read the date: září (September) 1898! Regardless of my limited ability to read Czech, not to mention hand-written Czech, I became excited to realize that what I possessed was a personal account written by Josef Svoboda, my grandfather, aboard the "Saída," a vessel of the Austria-Hungarian Navy. My grandfather, then 16 years old, worked aboard this ship as a námoňní poddůstojník (a navy sailor) at a time in history before World War I, and well before the Czechoslovak Republic came to exist. This led me to begin to

## MY GRANDFATHER THE CZECH SAILOR

By Laurence Svoboda

understand how a young Czech could have become a sailor when no oceans border his homeland.

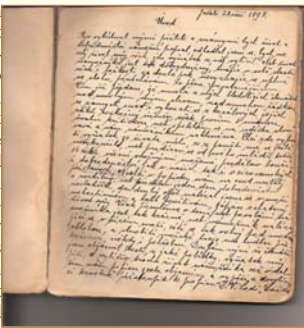
This ship-board diary describes his sea adventure on the Saída which left Pulje (or Pula) in Croatia, traveled through the Suez Canal, along the east coast of Africa, then across the Indian Ocean to Fremantle, Australia, and finally northward to Shanghai, China. I wanted to know more about him and the period of time he lived aboard this corvette-class ship.

In addition to the diary, I also discovered that I had a large photograph of a ship's crew, old and yellowed with age but without any hand-written inscriptions. Carefully studying the faces in this old group portrait, I was able to discern that the sailors are all wearing caps bearing the name "SMS Schwartzenberg." Researching this name (in The Navy Policy of Austria-Hungary 1867-1918 by Lawrence Sondhaus), I learned that the Saída was listed as a corvette-class vessel whose mission was to travel to the Far East to protect the colonial interests of the Austria-Hungarian Empire. Naturally, I wanted to

know if one of the young faces in the portrait is that of my grandfather. I am not sure, but I feel certain he is there looking back at me. Westlake Village, California  
**Dear Laurence,**

I returned from an evening visit of my friends Radka & Mirek Mayer (who are also your friends). She showed me your letter regarding your grandfather's sailor's diary. It is very impressive and I am interested in this story. I found some articles over the Internet about Austrian-Hungarian ships but very little information about the ship Saída.

It was definitely a screw corvette with one steam engine, similar to the rebuilt screw frigate Schwarzenberg (translation: Blackhill, SchwarTzenberg is misspelled!). The ship SMS Saída (SMS = Seine Majestate Schip - His Majesty Ship) was a little bit longer and wider than the SMS Schwarzenberg. The "Saída" was renamed in 1912 to "SMS Minerva", and destroyed after 1918. In 1912 a new cruiser was constructed - "SMS Saída" with 4 steam engines. The original SMS Saída was used as an exploration ship mostly in the southern hemisphere. It has never been in the war. The photographs of the crew you sent is definitely the crew of the SMS Schwarzenberg, your grandpa probably got



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this picture from his friend. All sailors are wearing hats with the name of a ship, but not the "SMS Saída" I have found a nice picture of the SMS Schwarzenberg - see attachment. Caption on this image: Battle of Helgoland 1894 by Josef Carl Barthold Puettnert (1821-1881), the closest ships are Austrian frigates Schwarzenberg (right) and Radetzky (left). Do you know the General J. Radetzky was born in Bohemia -today's Czech Republic?

(John Joseph Wenceslaus, Count Radetzky of Radetz, November 2, 1766 – January 5, 1858, was a Czech nobleman and Austrian general, immortalized by Johann Straus' Radetzky March).

Also I sent you a slightly retouched photo of the crew of the SMS Schwarzenberg, which could be used for printing. Such a nice piece of history!

I would like read the diary. With the sailor's salute "AHOY"!  
Edward Brabec, Edmonton



The social season is in full swing. This past January and February have been especially busy. Some memorable events include the St. Wenceslas Church annual dance, the Slovak World TV fundraiser and the traditional Sokol masquerade ball with this year's appropriate theme – "the Olympic Games".

It is especially encouraging that the tradition of galas organized with the participation of both the Czech and Slovak communities, is continuing! This year it took on the form of St. Valentine's Day Dance, organized by Canada SK Entertainment in the Grand Banquet Hall in Mississauga. Guests had a chance to hear a concert by renowned Czech singer and guitarist Lenka Filipova who also celebrated her birthday, which provided an opportunity for her fans to offer their best wishes. Another important part of the program which included a ballroom dancing show and a performance by singer Majka Rajna, was the presentation of 20 finalists of the Miss Czech-Slovak Canada 2010 contest. George Grosman's band Music on the Corner played for the rest of the evening for everyone's listening and dancing pleasure. Well done, Canada SK Entertainment! Photo: Organizers Milan Štilicha (left) and Pavol Džačko pose with the finalists of Miss Czech Slovak Canada 2010.

Text and photo B. Sherriff

**The town Telč** is situated in south-west Moravia about 30 km away from exit 133 on Prague - Brno highway. It has a population of approximately 6 000 inhabitants. However, it is visited by more than 200 000 tourists every year. In 1992 the historical part of Telč entered the list of world culture heritage - UNESCO. It is situated in the middle of an ancient provincial route leading from Vienna to Prague. The picturesque town of Telč is a true real pearl of the Vysočina region. Numerous placid ponds cover its surface. Besides the ancient royal water fort founded in the 13th century, there is the monumental Renaissance chateau with an English park. The town square is the most significant sight and is created by the historical houses in the Renaissance and Baroque styles. Arcade-fronted townhouses encircle this colourful square. All of them have similar size and proportion, but each building has a fascinating surface decorations that make it unique. The historical center has been added on the prestigious UNESCO list of world cultural heritage. Telč has a rich cultural life and several annual music events and festivals take place here.

## Telč – heritage of UNESCO

### Houses in the square

The square, lined by picturesque facades and arcades, corresponds approximately to the conditions of the time when the town was founded. Originally the houses

entire fronts with gables were constructed before most of the houses according to unified plans. Arcades, fronts and gables were built individually but only a part of them have kept their

were built in the Gothic style with characteristic dimensions and with characteristic arrangement of both the ground and first floors: the people passed from the square through a large gate



with a stone jamb into the vaulted entrance hall – "mazhouse". From this space that originally served for goods manufacture, shop or sale of beer, the people passed upstairs to the first floor and downstairs to the cellars, and through a passage into the yard.

In the second half of the 15th century the arcades and

Renaissance style. Most fronts and gables bear the Baroque features, in some of them it is possible to also register the signs of later styles.

**Public fountains and Marian column:** The square area is

characterised by two public fountains and by the Marian column which are situated in its eastern part. The Marian column was built in 1716 – 1720. UNESCO



One of the twenty girls that are competing for the title of Miss Czech Slovak Canada 2010 includes Kristina Kottova. She was born in 1989 in Vienna, Austria. She has lived in Canada since 1990 where her parents emigrated. She lives in Toronto where she studies English and History at the University of Toronto. She is known in the Czech and Slovak community because of her contact with the Czech Divadlo, as well as Masaryk Memorial Institute where she assisted in teaching the Czech language to children.

*You speak Czech well, how did you learn and practice the Czech language?*

My Czech is good enough to communicate well with Czech people, but I do run into trouble with some of the words. I've spent most of my summers visiting Babi and Dedá back in Czech Republic, and most people tell me I have a good pronunciation of Czech, but I still think there's room for improvement. My parents mostly spoke Czech at home, since they didn't know too much English when we came, and on our numerous road trips to Algonquin park we were forced to listen to the same Hurvinek tapes over and over. Today I integrate myself in the Czech community as often as possible in order to keep practicing.

*Do you think that it is important to know the language of your parents?*

Yes. I have always enjoyed being able to speak Czech. I think that many people under-rate how important it is to speak another language. Even Czech - a language from a small country that not everyone knows of - I find that it has shaped who I am. Because I was able to speak Czech, I have friends in my Babi's village that I'm best friends with until today, which gave me a more intimate knowledge of the culture that I otherwise wouldn't know. I also have a wider variety of books that I can read, since I am able to read in Czech as well. I am very grateful that my parents took the initiative to teach us Czech while growing up.

*What does your knowledge of the Czech language help you with?*

Although I sometimes get frustrated with its tongue-twisting words that don't always have vowels, I find that my knowledge of the Czech language has opened up an interest in other languages as well. I like that I am able to pick up words from Polish, Russian, and other Slavic languages, and although I don't know many other languages, I am very interested in German, Spanish and French as well - though I would need to study those languages much more in order to be able to speak or understand them.

*Let's go back to your distant past. Do you remember your impressions of Canada when you moved here?*

Unfortunately not - I was only about a year old when we moved to Canada. I have been told stories over and over again, and those act as my memories now. As an immigrant family, of course we were not always very well off. However, that does not mean that we weren't a happy family. I can only remember happy times as a child; using our imaginations was much better than any toy a child could have had, and I think both my parents, and my older brother for always having such wonderful imaginations. For us, it was much more important to be together than anything else in the world.

*Did you like school, and what most did you like about school?*

School was the same for me as it is for just about anyone. Elementary was full of competitions of who was the most 'popular' little girl or boy. High school was another competition, usually having to do with marks, or sports,

many difficulties. I remember spelling 'day' as 'dej' because of my Czech phonetic spelling, and my grade 1 teacher always called me 'slowpoke' because I was slow with my English - all the other children had no problem spelling day. But I caught up, and any of my friends now would tell you how diligent I am with my spelling and grammar - I often correct them now \*smile.

*After high school, you decided to go to University. What program?*

My university career has been an ever changing one. I have so many interests that I had difficulties choosing which university I wanted to go to. I had the choice of following my dance-teacher dreams and go to York University for Dance, or I could go to University of Toronto for Czech and Slovak Studies, or I could go to Carleton University in Ottawa for Mass Communication. I chose Carleton, and very

enough career that would allow me to teach numerous different subjects. I already have some experience - as a teenager, I taught ballet and tap to children, as well as assisted in teaching Czech to other children at the Masaryk Memorial Institute. I was also teaching English as a second language to adults over the summer of 2009. I enjoy helping others learn, mostly because I find that teaching and learning is a two-way street. Whenever you teach something, you learn something yourself, and I think I just enjoy learning. I always feel proud of my students' accomplishments, and take pride in myself for helping them reach their goals.

*Who helps you orient yourself in your future?*

My parents have always been very supportive of me. From a young age it has been hammered into my head that I must have at least a bachelor degree in University, and I think that is

a lot of unnecessary drama in life. I do it right now because I am young, and it gives me a little extra money on the side, but I believe I have a good head on my shoulders, and don't let myself lose sight of the ground - and reality. Nobody stays beautiful forever, and because of that, I could not possibly expect my modeling career to last forever. It is precisely for that reason that I have a practical career in mind for when I finish school.

*You take part in both the Canadian and the Czech communities. What differences do you see between the two communities?*

The main difference I see between the Czech and Canadian communities is their focus on culture and history. The Czech community pays a lot of attention to them, while the Canadian community does not. It is precisely this reason that I enjoy being part of the Czech community, because Canada does not have a very clear cut national identity. As much as I love living in Canada, and know that I am lucky to live here, I am very grateful that I have the Czech culture to help identify who I am.

*What are you grateful to your parents for? Are they still important to you, now that you are old enough to make your own decisions about your life?*

Everything. I think it is important to realize that my parents are the people who shaped who I am today. Without their guidance, their support, I would be someone very different today. Although I usually do make my own decisions about life, I often still ask them for their opinion. For me, advice is something that one can never have enough of. I ask for advice from my parents, my friends, everyone. The most important thing is to listen to advice, and then think about it. However, you must still make a decision yourself. People will always make mistakes - but that's okay. We are who we are by learning from our past mistakes.

*Where is your life leading you, what or who do you want to be?*

Above all else, taking into consideration my possible future careers, I mainly want to be a good person, and a good parent. Family is very important to me, which is another reason I think that teaching would be a good career for me.

*Is it hard to get to that goal?*

I believe that with hard work and persistence, I can achieve it - time will tell.

*If it doesn't work out, do you have an alternative goal?*

I like having plans, but they always change. Right now my plan is to go after the teaching career, and that's what I strive for. If for some reason I don't end up getting there, I'm sure something else will present itself.

*You want to become Miss Czech Slovak Canada -- why? What about it is important to you?*

I think I am a good ⇨ 10



Photo Ryan Chamberlain

and, especially for the girls, who was prettiest. I always tried hard to fit in, but as any teenager will tell you, fitting in is difficult, and so I soon gave up on fitting in, and just tried to be me. I found it was when I accepted myself that everyone else started accepting me as well, and that is the best advice I could give to any teenager. My favorite subjects in school were usually the artistic ones - mainly Dance, Drama, Art, and English, and until today I still enjoy the arts the most. Although I enjoy math and physics because of my upbringing (both my parents have degrees in those fields) I myself was never one who excelled at the subjects in school. My parents were my best teachers in those fields, and they always had the best 'physics experiments' - though they often ended with a hole in our ceiling. Everyone has their strong and weak points.

*Did you have problems with English when you started to talk to other children?*

Yes. I remember very vividly that especially with English spelling and grammar, I had very

quickly found out that I had made a mistake. Mass communications was not what I had expected it to be, and although I can understand how other people would enjoy it, it was too analytical, and too far from my artistic interests, and so I transferred to English. Now, in my third year, I changed again by transferring universities to University of Toronto, where I am now taking a double major in English and History, and I think that I finally found what interests me.

*What do your studies do for you, why are you studying University?*

Above all else, I believe that University, or even College, is necessary in today's world in order to be successful. However, because I am planning on being a teacher, it is a requirement for me to have at least a Bachelor's degree in order to go on to teacher's college. I also can't imagine myself not being in school - I haven't had a single year without it since Kindergarten, and that makes it difficult to imagine a life without it. I would like to be a teacher because I feel that it is a flexible

a good way to be raised, since it has created a certain level of standard and responsibility that I have strove for. My parents are my best advisors, and my best friends, and out of everyone else in the world, it is your parents that will always stand by you and help you achieve what is best for you. I am lucky to have the parents I have, because they guide me to do what is right. It is through their good example that I believe myself to be a good example to others as well.

*You are attractive young lady, and you take part in many interesting presentations, including being a model. Wouldn't it be easier to concentrate on this career?*

Although people think it would be easier, it's actually a lot of hard work, and it is more my personal hobby rather than a career choice. The problem with careers like this is that they're very short term, and very difficult to actually be successful in. Unless I make it big, I couldn't possibly expect to survive off modeling, and I don't really have dreams of being famous - I think

## 39th ANNUAL WINTER GAMES SOKOL CANADA

In this Saturday since early in the morning was falling heavy snow with rain at all area north from Toronto over Barrie and the ski center Horseshoe Valley, located about 25 km north from Barrie. We were expecting due to bad weather that some people will be late or will not show up, which really happened. All attendance was a bit less than previous year, except the Nordic race cross country ski, were was a big problem in this weather waxing. Some people have this job done with local technician, than were badly surprised with no gliding, so were almost walking most of the 4km race with the snow sticking to the base of ski and after chasing the technician for refund in the Alpine Chalet. All brothers, sisters and children who came late, which was sometimes 45 minutes after race time we accommodate with late start a half an hour in the morning in Nordic race x-ski and in the afternoon we allowed some children to start about 45 minutes late and we were happy that they arrived and recover with free try ski down on the posted course of Giant Slalom with 9 gates. Weather did not cooperate, very wet snow damaged timing record pages during the children race between 1 and 3 PM. After this time somehow show up sun on cloudy blue sky, so the adults have more fun from their racing. From Sokol organizers the biggest thanks belongs to sister Anna Janousova, who control

entry fees, numbering system of all participants, including nordic race x-ski, preparing and handling all medals, which she did in all excellence as in previous years of this winter games. From the Ski Center we have only posted the giant slalom with 9 gates, but without the starter and finisher and timing as last year. We had to replace their work. The following thanks belongs to experienced brothers and sisters which were the race starter brother Ivo Syptak, Sr. freezing on the hill and waiting for signal from the finisher brother Petr Heger, who had to keep the wet papers of timing readable in wet snow fall and the collector of numbers after racers finishing, which was sister Hana Juraskova with sister Dana Hegerova.

Tough racing conditions made some starters to fall on the course while ski down. In kids race was remarkable first run of 4 years old Tomas Frynta who in the order to be fast in the finish, which he did, he missed last 4 gates and ski straight down (disqualified), in the second run he smashed down one of the bottom gates and fell, than finished with help of his father Lubos. Finally in his last run he made nice 2 - slalom to finish in 55 seconds to get gold medal. In adults excellent racing were competing in speed between each other the best run of the games from Mike Syptak with time of run 18:96 seconds over Ivan Curilla with 19:34 sec. Last year winner.

In women posted the best style and speed Monika Dixon with 22:45 sec. front of Mary Anne Knibbe with 23:18 sec. and Susan Santiago 23:96 sec. All over combine winner of the Sokol Winter Games became brother Petr Stikarovský, 60+ of Sokol Montreal who posted x-ski race 8km at the time 45 minutes 13 sec. in very tough snow conditions, than slalom run in 25:10 sec., on the second place was Miroslav Malousek, 30+ in x-ski race 8km at 41:03 min and snow boarding slalom at 26:18 sec. In Sokol we try to promote the best technical and time results in our races also in all kind of bad conditions as was this year to rice our vitality, fitness, alertness and happiness that we participate.

**NORDIC CROSS COUNTRY RACE MEN :** Michael Pospisil - category 18-30, 8 km, 40:16 minutes - the Best time of Games. Miroslav Malousek - 30-40, 8 km, 41:03 min., Toronto. Petr Stikarovský - 60+, 8 km, 45:13 min. - Sokol Montreal. Charles Dixon - 60+, 4 km, 33:36 min. - Toronto. **NORDIC CROSS COUNTRY RACE WOMEN :** Eva Pospisilova - 50+, 8 km, 44:09 min. - Barrie. Jana Pivrcova - 60+, 4 km, 36:53 min. - Sokol Toronto. Jarmila Becka - 60+, 4 km, 40:45 min. - Sokol Toronto. Eleanor Dixon - 60+, 4 km, 43:42 min. - Toronto. **BOYS 2 to 6 years :** 1. Tomas Frynta - 3.run: time 55:56 sec. **GIRLS 6 - 8 yrs.:** 1. Barbora Frynta total time 61:04 sec. 2.



Zleva P. Hones, župní náčelník Sokola P. Heger, E. Pospíšilová, J. Pivrcová, D. Hegerová, I. Pospíšil, M.Pospíšil, sedící P. Stikarovský



Eliska Frynta total time 75:24 sec. 3. Mackayla Dixon 93:14 sec. **BOYS 8 - 11 yrs.:** 1. Daniel Santiago total time 67:04 sec. 2. Adam Binder, ski board, no member, tt 86:16 sec. **GIRLS 8 - 11 yrs.:** 1. Julia Frynta tt 56:29 sec. 2. Georgia McLellan tt 56:50 sec. 3. Madelaine Dixon 69:02 sec. 4. Mia Knibbe 79:32 sec. **BOYS 11 - 14 yrs.:** 1. Timothy Takacs 72:38 sec. - on snow board. **GIRLS 11 - 14 yrs.:** 1. Nicole Syptak 44:39 sec. **MALE JUNIORS 14-18 yrs.:** 1. Paul Vresky 42:06 sec. **MEN 18-30 yrs.:** 1. Lukas Takacs 48:04 sec. **WOMEN 18-30 yrs.:** 1. Kim Matuska 67:91 sec. **MEN 30-40 yrs.:** 1. Ivan

Curilla 39:53 sec. 2. Petr Hones 46:62 sec. 3. Miroslav Malousek 54:18 sec. **WOMEN 30-40 yrs.:** 1. Monika Dixon 46:87 sec. 2. Pavlina Binderova 50:32 sec. **MEN 40-50 yrs.:** 1. Mike Syptak 38:32 sec. **the best time of the Games.** 2. Allen Dixon 48:61 sec. **WOMEN 40-50 yrs.:** 1. Mary Anne Knibbe 47:33 - women **best time of Games.** 2. Susan Santiago 56:71 sec. **MEN 50-60 yrs.:** 1. Peter Vresky 44:91 sec. 2. Lubos Frynta 46:70 sec. **MEN 60+ :** 1. Petr Stikarovský 9:26 sec. Saturday - February 27 Horseshoe Valley, Barrie, ON.

Peter Heger, Chief of Races, nacelnik Sokol CANADA

### HST and the Real Estate Market

By Paul Frieder

In 2009, the Ontario government passed a legislation to combine the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and Goods and Service Tax (GST), creating a 13 % Harmonized Sales Tax (HST). The HST will come into effect on July 1, 2010. The following is a brief discussion on how the HST is going to affect the real estate resale market and the purchase price of newly constructed homes.

**Real Estate Resale Market** First, the good news. There is no HST on the sale of a resale residential homes. So the big ticket item is not taxable under the new HST law. However, the bad news is that under the new sales tax rules, home buyers and sellers will have to pay extra taxes on a range of services associated with the real estate transaction. Affected services, which are currently subjected to GST only, will include real estate commissions, legal fees, moving costs, home inspection fees and Condominium Status Certificate fees, just to name a few. If you are the seller, you will have to pay 13% HST on

the real estate commission and your lawyer's fees. In addition, if you are selling a condominium, you will have to pay HST on the Status certificate fee. If you are the buyer, you will have to pay 13% HST on the home inspection fee, your lawyer's fee and the cost of movers. If you have a "high-ratio" (less than 20% down) mortgage, you will also have to pay 13% HST on the cost of mortgage insurance. And even though the real estate commission is typically paid by the seller, the extra tax is likely to increase the final purchase price of the property. So whether you buy, or sell real estate, your costs will be going up.

**Newly Constructed Homes - Primary residences** The new HST will apply to the purchase price of newly constructed homes. However, the Province is proposing a 75% rebate of the provincial portion of the tax (the PST) on the first \$400, 000 paid on your home. This means that the total taxes paid on new homes under \$400, 000 will remain similar to those that are paid now. The transition period

will be handled as follows. New homes purchased before June 18, 2009 will not be subject to the provincial portion of the HST, even if both ownership and possession are transferred on or after July 1, 2010. The new tax will also not apply to the purchase of homes after June 18, 2009 where ownership or possession is transferred before July 1, 2010. **Newly Constructed Homes - Rental residences** To support affordable rental housing in Ontario, the province is proposing to provide a rebate for new rental housing, similar to the proposed rebate for new homes. The proposed rebate would be available for new rental housing, including investment properties to be rented out, for the use as primary places of residence. Please be advised that information presented here is informative and does not fully cover all situations in the real estate market. Paul Frieder, as a registered real estate agent, will be happy to answer all your real estate questions: e-mail your questions to pfrieder@sympatico.ca or call at 416.356.9672.

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role model to others. **→ ze str. 9** I think a lot of immigrant children go through a certain feeling of having a 'split personality' where they're not quite integrated into the new society, yet they were never really part of the old one either. After feeling that way myself, I've found a way to enjoy both sides of my heritage, and for me, this competition symbolizes a fusion of being both Czech and Canadian. I also did it for the experience, and I think we can measure our lives by the experiences we fill them with, and so that is really what is important to me - to live my life to the fullest.

*At your age, what do you think is the most important?*

Family. I think a lot of people my age take their family for granted. My family has moved out to British Columbia to be with the rest of the extended family, and we all miss each other very much, so I have a new out-

look on just how much family does for you, and how important they really are. The main reason why I didn't move out there with them was because I fell in love, and I'm so lucky that his family is very similar to my own.

*Is there anything you have a message for people of your age, some experience or wisdom?*

I think that young Czech-Canadians should take an interest in their heritage. It is surprising how many important people come from the area of Bohemia and Moravia - people who changed the world in one way or another. I agree with most of the older population that knowing the tragedies that occurred during communism is important, but there is so much more to the Czech culture than that, and I think the young people often over look it. I am proud to be a member of this nation and I hope that the Czech community in Toronto and everywhere else will always be an example of co-operation, learning and wisdom. *Translated by -kk - Photo pg. 7 by Sean Frederick -vk-*