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The outdoortrophy

13 August 2011
The tenth anniversary of the extreme relay race outdoortrophy takes place on 13 August 2011 in Lingenau/Vorarlberg, Austria. Olympic champions, World and European champions, professionals and amateurs, men and women will participate in the unofficial world championships in extreme sports – one of the toughest team competitions worldwide. The outdoortrophy starts in the village centre of Egg with a 12km mountain run with an altitude difference of more than 1100 metres. As soon as the runner reaches the mountain top, the paraglide pilot runs for a short distance before he starts his flight. He passes a buoy and has to perform an accurate landing. The third athlete whitewater kayaks against rapids and overrides a waterfall, before the mountain biker starts the last leg – 30km with an altitude difference of no less than 1600 metres on single trails, including demanding downhill sections.
www.outdoortrophy.com



Northwest Passage Marathon

July 29 - August 1 2011
The Northwest Passage Marathon on Somerset Island in Nunavut, Canada, is North America's most northerly marathon and ultramarathon. This race is held under the 24-hour Arctic sun and against the backdrop of the fabled Northwest Passage. The Northwest Passage Marathon is a true wilderness route. The 50 km course leaves Arctic Watch, goes north along the shore of the Cunningham Inlet for 10 km to Polar Bear Point. The runners then turn west and run beside the famed Northwest Passage for the next 18 km. The trail follows a series of old raised beaches of sandstone pebbles. There are icebergs on the water and ancient encampments on the shore. During past events, runners saw dozens of beluga whales, many seals and polar bears.
www.raidthenorthextreme.com



Südtirol Sellaronda Hero

2 July 2011
On 2nd July, Selva Gardena will be invaded by 1,500 bikers from over 20 different countries all over the world for the Südtirol Sellaronda Hero, dubbed Europe's hardest mountain bike race. Two routes of 82 and 50 kilometres set them a challenge, against the most beautiful mountain peaks in the world, the Dolomites. Legs and lungs will be harshly put to the test.
www.sellarondahero.com

Baxters Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running

2 October 2011
In the tenth anniversary year of the Baxters Loch Ness Marathon, organisers are calling on everyone considering a long distance run this year to sign up for the event in 2011. In the Year of Active Scotland, the Baxters Loch Ness Marathon & Festival of Running on Sunday 2 October 2011 is a great opportunity for all ages and abilities to take part in a running event. Baxters Loch Ness Marathon starts on the south side of Loch Ness, following a spectacular route north through stunning Highland scenery, and alongside the loch, before crossing the River Ness to finish adjacent to the river at Bught Park, Inverness.
www.lochnessmarathon.com



RedAss NSW/ACT 4X and Dual Slalom State Series and Championships

The State Series for 4X and Dual Slalom has been growing under the wings of Rocky Trail who have revived the "short course gravity scene" over the past three years. Dual Slalom is well suited for beginner racers - two parallel courses have two racers go head to head on a short track. 4X is for skilled racers on custom-built tracks that feature obstacles like logs, berms and jumps. Who needs skis and snow when you can race down the slopes on your bike! More information on these two exciting racing types as well as dates and locations for the 2011 Series can be found on the Rocky Trail website:
www.rockytrailentertainment.com



Raid the North Extreme

July 23 - 31 2011
Raid the North Extreme (RTNX) has been selected as a qualifier for the 2011 Adventure Racing (AR) World Series. The internationally acclaimed expedition race will happen July 23 to 31, 2011, in the rugged and historic West Kootenays of BC. Four-person co-ed teams will travel six days non-stop, navigating a 500km+ unmarked expedition course through the Selkirk, Monashee and Purcell mountain ranges in BC's West Kootenays by foot, canoe, kayak, mountain bike and fixed ropes.
"As one of the oldest and most traditional expedition races around, we're very excited to have RTNX back on board," AR World Series director Craig Bycroft said. "This historic North American race truly rounds out our world-wide series of top quality races."
RTNX was one of the founding members of the ARWS when it was created with Discovery Channel in 2000, and it served as the World Championship event in 2004. Since then, RTNX had not participated in the Series.
The AR World Series is an international circuit of the world's best adventure races and culminates annually in the Adventure Racing World Championship, hosted by a different member race each year.
"We're thrilled to be part of the family of AR World Series qualifier events again," said Geoff Langford, Race Director of Raid the North Extreme. "The AR World Championship in Tasmania this November has garnered unprecedented attention and registrations, and we're lucky to be offering a paid entry to that event."
Raid the North Extreme is already approaching sold-out status of 50 teams, so this news is likely to motivate existing teams to firm up their spot, and to gain the attention of top teams who don't yet have paid or confirmed ARWC entries.



The Swisse Mark Webber Tasmania Challenge

7-11 December 2011
Leading Formula One driver Mark Webber has confirmed the return of the event that carries his name, the Swisse Mark Webber Tasmania Challenge, after a three year hiatus, and encouraged international adventure racing enthusiasts to join him in Tasmania for the competition later this year. Athletes will take part in a gruelling five-day multi-sport course in five of Tasmania's key tourism and wilderness regions. With slight changes to competition categories, the Challenge hopes to attract a range of competitors, from elite athletes and adventure racing enthusiasts chasing the ultimate prize to competitors looking for a challenge and for something to push themselves beyond their limits. This year will see the return of the Van Diemen's Cup (paired teams competing for five days) and the Ambassador's Cup (paired teams competing for three days) and a new one-day event has been introduced for people who want to experience a taste of adventure racing. The course will travel through some of Tasmania's most stunning locations including the Freycinet National Park, picture postcard Wineglass Bay, wild Bruny Island, the deep forests of the Hartz Mountains, the cliffs, blowholes and caves of the Tasman Peninsula and the rolling Hobart hills.
www.markwebbertasmaniachallenge.com

