



Competitor Bios WOMEN

2015 ITCC Returning Women's Champion

JAMILEE KEMPTON #05 • Western Chapter (United States)

Returning champion Jamilee Kempton of Waimanalo, Hawaii, is competing in her fourth international event. Jamilee, an ISA Certified Arborist®, works as a climbing arborist and has a degree in Subtropical Arboriculture from Windward Community College. She recently returned to school as a full-time student working towards completing a business degree. Jamilee is partnered with Steve Connolly and enjoys hiking with her dogs and doing yoga, which she has credited with helping her prepare for the competition.

2015 Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Champion

CHRISSEY SPENCE #24 • New Zealand Chapter

2005, 2007, and 2011 Women's International Champion
2008, 2009, and 2010 Asia Pacific Women's Champion

Back this year for her tenth international competition is three-time world champion Chrissy Spence from Morrinsville, New Zealand. Chrissy has an Advanced National Certificate in Arboriculture and has been climbing for 12 years. She has worked both in New Zealand and in other countries, sometimes on large jobs that included the use of cranes and helicopters, but is currently working in Auckland as a climbing arborist and trainer. In her free time Chrissy enjoys hiking, badminton, surfing, and in general spending time outdoors in the forest, mountains, or by the ocean.

2015 North American Tree Climbing Champion

MARILOU DUSSAULT #18 • Quebec Chapter (Canada)

2011 and 2013 Women's North American Champion

Marilou Dussault, of Montreal, Quebec has been climbing for 10 years. This is her ninth time at the international event, and she is a three-time North American Tree Climbing Champion. Marilou holds a professional diploma in Arboriculture and Tree Pruning. She is employed by the Centre de Formation Horticole de laval as an instructor in their arboriculture and pruning program. Marilou has a 6-year-old son, Liam, and enjoys hockey, snowboarding, skateboarding, and free running.

JESSICA KNOTT #52 • Arboriculture Australia
2013 Asia-Pacific Women's Champion

Competing in her sixth ITCC is Jessica Knott of Heathcote Junction, Victoria, Australia. She has a diploma in horticulture as well as a Cert IV certificate in arboriculture. Jessica has been working for 15 years with her father in the family-owned business. She is married to Troy and enjoys netball, bike riding, and running. Jessica also enjoys traveling with her dad when he competes in off-road racing events.

LOUISE SØRENSEN #23 • Denmark Chapter

Louise Sørensen of København, Denmark is competing in her second international event. She is employed as an arborist at K&S Tree Care, ApS. Louise is learning to play the ukulele and enjoys bouldering.

ALISHA AMUNDSON #31 • Florida Chapter (United States)

Appearing in her first ITCC is Alisha Amundson from Oviedo, Florida. She has worked in arboriculture for 11 years as a grounds worker and climber, but now owns her own company, Tree Girl Designs. Alisha has a two-year-old named Sawyer, and she enjoys outdoor activities like fishing, mountain biking, airboating, riding motorcycles and of course landscape design. She also spends time riding motorcycles and doing wood carving.

INES HUTH • Germany Chapter

(Information not available at time of printing)

HOI KEI KAY CHEUNG #17 • Hong Kong

Hoi Kei Kay Cheung from Shek Wai Kok Estate, Hong Kong is competing in her first ITCC. She is an ISA Certified Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®.

GABY KLEUVER #67 • KPB Dutch Chapter (The Netherlands)

Gabrielle (Gaby) Kleuver from Oirlo, Netherlands has been climbing for 16 years and is competing at her third international event. She is an ISA Certified Arborist®, ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®, and certified European Treeworker. Gaby has worked for various companies since 1999 as a climber in arboriculture then started her own business, Ayla Boomverzorging, in 2011. She has one child, Louka, 13. In her free time, she enjoys mountain biking with Louka and her partner and hiking in the mountains.

JOCELYN LOHSE #21 • Mid-Atlantic Chapter (United States)

Jocelyn Lohse, a six-time international competitor from Richmond, Virginia, is an ISA Certified Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®. She has worked for five years as a climbing instructor at Riverside Outfitters, a tree-climbing based summer camp. Jocelyn also previously worked as a tree climber for True Timber Tree Service. She is married to Scott Ross and enjoys gardening, kayaking, music, and playing with her dogs.

REBECCA SEIBEL-HUNT #64 • Minnesota Chapter (United States)

Making her fifth appearance at the ITCC is Rebecca Seibel-Hunt of Plymouth, Minnesota. She is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist® and Certified TreeCare Safety Professional (CTSP) with a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Rebecca is employed as a field arborist at Bartlett Tree Experts and volunteers as an instructor for women's tree climbing workshops. She and her partner, Beth, have been together for 15 years.

MARCY CARPENTER #16 • New England Chapter (United States)

Marcy Carpenter of Douglas, Massachusetts is competing in her sixth ITCC. She has worked in the tree care industry for 10 years and currently operates Arbor One Inc. with her husband Ed. Marcy has an associate degree in Arboriculture from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and a bachelor's degree in Urban Forestry from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Gardening, rock climbing, and spending time with her husband and their 3 ½ year old daughter Sophora are what Marcy enjoys during in her spare time.

STEF WHITE #27 • New Zealand Chapter

This is Stef White's second year competing at the ITCC. Previously self-employed, she now works for Asplundh as a contract climber. Stef has a certificate in arboriculture from WINTEC. She has been climbing for four years and is from Hamilton, New Zealand. Stef enjoys hiking, running, surfing, and water bomb fights.

KRISTA STRATING #25 • Ontario Chapter (Canada)

2014 Women's North American Champion

Krista Strating from Hamilton, Ontario, the 2014 women's North American champion, is returning for her seventh ITCC. She is an ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist® and ISA Certified Arborist® with Certificates in Horticulture and Arboriculture from Humber College in Toronto, where she has been teaching climbing for three years. Krista has been working in the industry for eight years and currently works as an arborist for the City of Mississauga. Most of her hobbies revolve around sports such as soccer, baseball, dodgeball, and hockey. She also does a lot of recreational tree climbing and rock climbing.

ERICA GEORGAKLIS #19 • Pacific-Northwest Chapter (US/Canada)

Making her first appearance at the ITCC is Erica Georgaklis from La Conner, Washington. Her family ran a nursery business so she has been involved in arboriculture for many years, but began climbing three years ago and is now self-employed through Insight Tree Care LLC. Erica has a bachelor's degree in Ecology from the College of the Atlantic. In her free time, she enjoys sailing, hiking, birding, and gardening.

KALI ALCORN #38 • Prairie Chapter (Canada)

Kali Alcorn is from Olds, Alberta, Canada and is appearing in her first international competition. She has been working in the arboriculture industry for three years starting out in estimates and sales but now works full time doing tree work at For Trees Company, Ltd. Kali is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has a Landscape Technician Diploma and a Bachelor of Applied Science in Landscape Management. She enjoys traveling, hiking, snowboarding, and adventuring.

VERA BIZZELL #65 • Queensland Arborist Association (Australia)

Another newcomer to the ITCC is Vera Bizzell from Widgee, Queensland, Australia. She has been working in arboriculture for 15 years and is currently self-employed and travels as a contract tree climber. Vera initially studied Visual Art and Design but then did a traineeship in Horticulture earning her Cert II credentials in Parks and Gardens. She later earned a diploma in Conservation Land Management and then a Cert III in Arboriculture. Vera enjoys horseback riding, photography, being outside with her animals, and anything else that lets her be creative.

BOEL HAMMARSTRAND #46 • Sweden Chapter

All the way from Sweden, is Boel Hammarstrand appearing in her third international competition. She is from Stockamollan, Sweden and went to Hvilan Utbildning AB Horticulture College. Boel holds the NPTC qualification and the European Treeworker certification. After college, she began her career as an apprentice for a company in the UK where she became lead climber, supervisor, trainer, then an assessor. Boel started her own business working as a traveling contract climber but now works based mainly in Sweden performing contract climbing, training, NPTC assessments and workshops. She enjoys knitting, doing crafts, gardening, reading, and going out on her bike.

JOSEPHINE HEDGER #20 • United Kingdom

2014 Women's European Champion

2008, 2010, and 2014 Women's International Champion

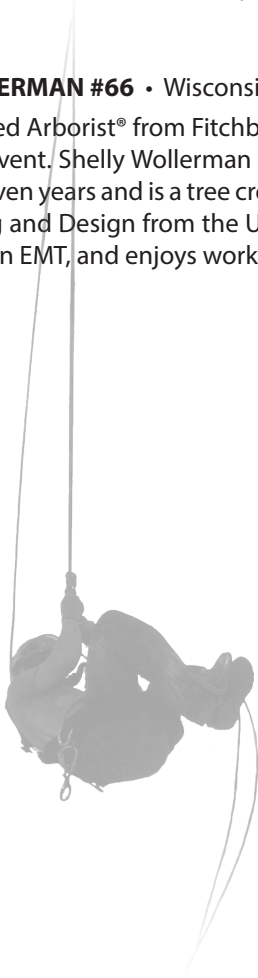
Three-time ITCC women's champion, Josephine Hedger of Sway, Hampshire, UK, returns for her eighth ITCC. She is the owner and primary climber for Arbor Venture specializing in providing quality tree care and industry training and assessments. Josephine studied arboriculture while in college and holds national tree climbing and chain saw qualifications. She is partnered with John Trenchard and in her free time enjoys playing the drums, recreational tree climbing, and spending time with her dogs.

Western Chapter (United States)

(Information not available at time of printing)

SHELLY WOLLERMAN #66 • Wisconsin Chapter (United States)

This ISA Certified Arborist® from Fitchburg, Wisconsin is competing in her sixth international event. Shelly Wollerman has worked for Steven R. Bassett, Inc. in Madison for seven years and is a tree crew foreman. She has a bachelor's degree in Landscaping and Design from the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. Shelly volunteers as an EMT, and enjoys working out and spending time with friends.





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2015 ITCC Returning Men's Champion

JAMES EARHART #15 • Mid Atlantic Chapter (United States)

James Earhart of Hustle, Virginia returns to defend his championship title. He has been competing for 12 years and this is his sixth ITCC. James is an ISA Certified Arborist® and is owner/operator of Arbor Care Complete Tree Service. He and his wife Stephanie have been married for 10 years and they have two children, Abigail (4) and Joslyn (2). James enjoys playing guitar, golf, hunting, and archery.

2015 Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Champion

JAMES KILPATRICK #50 • New Zealand Chapter
2010, 2011, and 2012 Asia Pacific Men's Champion

Returning to the ITCC is James Kilpatrick as the 2015 Asia Pacific Tree Climbing Champion. James is originally from New Zealand but is currently the owner/operator of Kilpatrick Baumpflege based in Hamburg, Germany. He has a Diploma in Arboriculture from WINTEC in New Zealand and 12 years of experience as a climber. James is a certified European Treeworker and currently holds the World Record in the ITCC Men's Secured Footlock with a time of 13.65 seconds.

2015 European Tree Climbing Representative

GREGOR HANSCH #47 • Germany Chapter

Representing the European Tree Climbing Championship is Gregor Hansch of Berlin, Germany. He is self-employed as a tree climber/arborist.

2015 North American Tree Climbing Champion

MIGUEL PASTENES #56 • Texas Chapter (United States)

Miguel Pastenes is returning to the ITCC for his seventh international competition. This year he competes as the reigning men's North American Tree Climbing Champion. Miguel has been climbing for 13 years and works for Arboriological Services, Inc. based out of Wylie, Texas.

BARTON ALLEN-HALL #39 • Arboriculture Australia

From Melbourne, Australian Barton Allen-Hall competes in his third international event. He is a self-employed arborist who has been climbing 10 years. Barton has professional certificates in arboriculture and training, as well as, a diploma of Arboriculture from NMIT.

TREVOR BURTON #73 • Atlantic Chapter (Canada)

Competing in his eighth ITCC is Trevor Burton from Aylesford, Nova Scotia. Trevor attended Nova Scotia Agricultural Community College and is an ISA Certified Arborist®, and both an ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist™ and Aerial Lift Specialist™. He has been climbing for 19 years and is owner/operator of Burton's Towering Tree Services, where he focuses on everything from tree health to utility work. Trevor enjoys all aspects of nature and spending time with his wife, Heather, and their two daughters Cara (12) and Lily (8).

KRISZTIAN KMETY #51 • Austria Chapter

This is the first international competition for Krisztian Kmety from Feldkirchen, Kärnten, Austria. He has been climbing for 12 years and is a certified lumberjack and forester who works as a climber/arborist. Currently attending college, Krisztian is married to Anita and they have two children, Hanna (14) and Kamilla (7). He enjoys photography, cycling, and spending time with his family.

PETER VERGOTE #61 • Belgian Arborist Association (Belgium)

Peter Vergote from Elversele, Oost-Vlaanderen, Belgium is climbing in his third international competition. He is an arborist and tree worker with 14 years of climbing experience who owns his own company providing freelance/subcontract climbing. Peter has a degree in Green Management and is a Certified European Treeworker. He and wife Tine De Keyser have four children, Jens (10), Joren (8), Woud (8), and Wolf (2). Peter is also the singer/front man in the band, Tree Magic Beers, which is composed of him and four other arborists.

JIRI VODA #62 • Czech Republic Chapter

In his second International competition is Jiri Voda from Vysocina, Czech Republic. Jiri earned a degree from the College of Polytechniks in Jihlava, and has been climbing for eight years. He is back in school at Mendel University in Brno studying arboriculture. Jiri enjoys playing the drums, biking, and reading books.

JASON GERRISH #77 • Florida Chapter (United States)

Jason Gerrish of Miami, Florida is a self-employed arborist. This is his second time competing at the ITCC, but he has been climbing for 23 years. Jason and his wife Meadow have two children, Marin (15) and Jiles (10). He enjoys spending time with his family, milling wood, hobby farming, recreational climbing, and water sports such as kayaking, boating, and surfing.

JEROME PAGNY #80 • Societe de Francais (France)

From Taverny, France, Jermone Pagny, who has been climbing for six years, is competing in his first international event. He stays active bouldering, playing sports, and enjoying life.

RONNY EPPLE #42 • Germany Chapter

2006 Men's European Champion

Ronny Epple from Munsingen, Germany is no stranger to the ITCC having competed four times in the past. He is a forestry worker and tree care specialist who has been climbing for 17 years. Ronny is self-employed (Baumkletterteam Ronny Epple) as an arborist and does a variety of work including climbing trees for seed collection. He and his wife Tine have two children, Lilly, who is three, and one-year old Mike. Ronny has a variety of hobbies including skiing, hiking, and traveling.

CHOR PAU LAM #22 • Hong Kong Chapter

This is the first international competitor for Chor Pua Lam of Hong Kong. Chor has been employed by Greenland Resources Limited for 12 years and has been climbing for five years. He is an ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist® and enjoys trail running in his free time. Chor his wife, Leung Wai Ngan, have two children.

BEAU NAGAN #55 • Illinois Chapter (United States)

Competing in his third ITCC is Beau Nagan of Westchester, Illinois. Beau, who has been climbing for 18 years and competing for eight, began working with his father's tree and landscape service at a young age. He holds two associates degrees from Joliet Junior College, one in Landscape Management and one in Turf Management. Beau also earned a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University in Urban Forest Management and is an ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist™. He has been working for four years as an arborist at The Morton Arboretum. Besides spending time with his wife, Jessica, and their two daughters, Ramona (5) and Isabel (2), Beau enjoys playing harmonica, running, and recreational tree climbing.

JOHN MONTGOMERY #84 • Indiana Chapter (United States)

John Montgomery from Rockville, Indiana is competing in his first ITCC. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® who has been climbing for 15 years and is self-employed doing business as Advanced Tree Solutions. John's hobby is training german shepherds. He has two children, Devon (19) and John (17).

SEM PAGNONI #28 • Italy Chapter

Competing in his second international event is Sem Pagnoni from Carugate, Milan, Italy. He is a self-employed arborist and has been climbing for seven years. He enjoys slacklining and sculpturing.

MASATAKE WATANABE #54 • Japan Arborist Association

Coming from Fujiedasi, Shizuoka, Japan is Masatake Watanabe. He is an ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist™ and is competing in his first international event.

JASON DIEHL #74 • Kentucky Chapter (United States)

Jason Diehl, an ISA Certified Arborist® from Louisville, Kentucky, has been competing for 17 years. He worked 14 years as a production climber for various companies in the Chicago, Illinois area and is now employed by At Height Inc. Jason also worked four years as a professional splicer for climbing rope. He spends a lot of his spare time league bowling and helping out at climbing competitions, including the ITCC.

HARRIE VERBEEK #83 • KPB Dutch Chapter (The Netherlands)

Harrie Vebeek from Waalre in the The Netherlands is competing at the ITCC for his second time. He is a certified European Treeworker and ISA Certified Arborist® who has been competing for nine years. Harrie has worked as an arborist/tree climber for 13 years at Soontiens Boomverzorging Eindhoven. He works and travels throughout Europe providing him the opportunity to experience different types of work. Currently he is spending eight months working in Australia. In his free time, Harrie likes to mountain bike ride and to travel.

WAGNER VELAZQUEZ #30 • Asociación Mexicana de Arboricultura (Mexico)

Wagner Velazquez is the first representative from Mexico to compete at the International Tree Climbing Championship. He has been climbing for 10 years. Wagner, who enjoys "futbol", is married to Ariana and they have a six-year-old daughter, Leslie.

LUCAS DREWS #76 • Michigan Chapter (United States)

From Rockford, Michigan, Lucas Drews is back for his fourth international competition. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and is currently employed as an arborist for Woodland Tree Services, Inc. Lucas has been climbing for 16 years and has a degree in Horticulture from Ferris State University. Besides working as a climbing arborist, he also does safety training and coordination. Lucas and his wife Angela have a daughter Eleanor who is almost four. He enjoys camping, hiking, and spending time with his friends and family.

DREW DUNAVANT #41 • Mid-Atlantic Chapter (United States)

Andrew (Drew) Dunavant is from Richmond, Virginia and works for Truetimber Tree Service Inc. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist™ who has been climbing for 11 years, but this is his first time to compete at the ITCC. Drew is married to Karyn and they have two children, Arden (4) and Thayer (2).

JOSH HODSON #48 • Midwestern Chapter (United States)

Another first-timer to the ITCC is ISA Certified Arborist® Josh Hodson from Bettendorf, Iowa. He has worked for various tree companies since 2005, and is currently employed by The Davey Tree Expert Co. Josh has been climbing for 11 years. He and his wife Melissa have four children; Cayleb (11), Triston (7), Jaydon (3), and Aleyna, three months. Since he has three boys, Josh says they are a big baseball family but he also enjoys skiing and camping with the family.

ROB JUETTEN #78 • Minnesota Chapter (United States)

Rob Juetten is competing in his fourth ITCC. He works for Hayden's Ridge Tree Service in Roberts, Wisconsin, and has been climbing for 14 years. Rob, an ISA Certified Arborist®, has four children, Mariah (19), Ariel (15), Chloe (8), and Jackson (6). He enjoys fishing, spending time outdoors, and spending time with his children.

KYLE DONALDSON #75 • New England Chapter (United States)

First-timer Kyle Donaldson of Danielson, Connecticut has been climbing for 10 years and is a self-employed arborist who runs the Celtic Tree Care company. He has an associate degree in Arboriculture/Urban Tree Management. Kyle says he picked arboriculture as a career at the young age of six. He is married to Meghan and they have two children, Grant (4) and newborn daughter Claire.

RORY MACINNIS #29 • New Jersey Chapter (United States)

ISA Certified Arborist® and New Jersey Certified Tree Expert, Rory MacInnis, from Manahawkin, New Jersey is competing in his second ITCC. He says an internship during college led him to make climbing trees his career. Rory, who set a goal of owning his own tree company, has been climbing for 13 years and operates Pine Barrens Tree LLC. He and his wife, Lauren, have one child, Center, who is 10 months old. When he is not working, Rory enjoys hiking, backpacking, and rock climbing.

BRIAN KRAWCZYK #53 • New York Chapter (United States)

Brian Krawczyk from Rochester, New York is competing in his sixth international championship. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and works as a climber/foreman for Birchcrest Tree and Landscape. Brian has been climbing for 13 years, and has a bachelor's degree from Mercyhurst College. Besides climbing trees and being outdoors, he enjoys spending time with his wife, Colleen, and their two children, Clare (6) and Quinn (3).

DALE THOMAS #60 • New Zealand Chapter

This competitor from Auckland, New Zealand is self-employed and operates Kiwi Klimbers. Dale Thomas is competing for the first time at the ITCC but has 15 years of experience as a climbing arborist. He is married and enjoys surfing during his free time.

JACOB SAUER #59 • Ohio Chapter (United States)

Jacob Sauer of Columbus, Ohio, is competing in his second ITCC. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been climbing for 12 years. Jacob is the owner of his own tree care company. He and his wife, Bess, have three children, Kayla (9), Guthrie (5), and Ida, three months. Jacob likes to stay busy doing wood working, barn building, metal fabrication, rock climbing, and spending time with his kids.

MARK GAUDET #43 • Ontario Chapter (Canada)

From Saint Catherines, Ontario, Canada, Mark Gaudet is making his first appearance at the ITCC. He has been climbing for five years and has worked for Arborwood Tree Service, Inc. since 2011. Mark graduated at the top of his class from the Urban Arboriculture program at Humber College. He has also completed other training courses provided by Arboriculture Canada and for the past two years has been a teacher in the Arboriculture program at Humber. Outside of work, Mark enjoys recreational climbing with his partner Erikka. He also likes to binge watch Netflix, and enjoys snowboarding, cooking, and traveling.

ROBERT BUNDY #40 • Pacific Northwest Chapter (US/Canada)

Returning for his fourth ITCC is Robert Bundy of Milwaukie, Oregon. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been competing for 10 years. Robert worked for Peacock Tree Preservation for more than 10 years but recently became self-employed operating as Arborist Robert Bundy LLC. He is married to April and when he is not working he enjoys rock climbing.

DERRICK MARTIN #79 • Penn-Del Chapter (United States)

Competing in his first international event is Derrick Martin of Lebanon, Pennsylvania. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® employed by Goods Tree Care and has been climbing for 10 years. Derrick is married to Desiree and they have two children, Connor and Cassidy.

JESSE ANTONATION #72 • Prairie Chapter (Canada)

Jesse Antonation of Grand Pointe, Manitoba, has been climbing for 16 years, and this is his fourth time competing at the ITCC. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and the owner of Trilogy Tree Services. He and his wife Carla have been married for 10 years and have two children. In his free time, Jesse enjoys woodturning, woodworking, and fishing.

VINCENT JOLIN #49 • Quebec Chapter (Canada)

This competitor, who says he “was born in a tree,” is competing in his first ITCC. Vincent Jolin from Compton, Quebec, Canada graduated from college in 2000 and says he has been working ever since. He was previously employed by the City of Montreal as an arborist and now owns his own tree care company, Arbovie. When he isn't climbing trees, Vincent enjoys music, volleyball, wood working, and watching the sun set.

MARK GISTITIN #44 • Queensland Arborist Association (Australia)

This is the second international event for Mark Gistitin of Tintenbar, New South Wales who has been competing for eight years. He has been working in arboriculture for 15 years doing all sorts of work from ground crew, climbing, consulting, and training. Mark has a diploma in Arboriculture and is currently self-employed doing business as Integral Tree Care P/L. He and his partner, Kit, have two children, Zoe (4) and Nieve (3). Mark enjoys surfing, skate boarding, and tree climbing.

LUKE GLINES #45 • Rocky Mountain Chapter (United States)

Luke Glines from Greeley, Colorado is competing in his ninth ITCC. An ISA Certified Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist™, he runs his own business, Luke Glines Tree Experts. Luke has been climbing for 20 years and has a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a Master of Arts in Theology. In his spare time, Luke enjoys reading, riding motorcycles, traveling, and spending time with his family.

Southern Chapter (United States)

(Information not available at time of printing)

JOHAN PIHL #58 • Sweden Chapter

2012 European Men's Champion

Competing at his 10th international event is Johan Pihl, from Jorlanda, Sweden. Johan has been working as a climbing arborist for 11 years. He is an ISA Certified Arborist®, ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®, certified European Treeworker, and has a degree in Arboriculture and Science. Johan and his wife Lisa have been married for four years and have one child, Malte who is one. In his free time, he enjoys motocross, Super Motard racing, water sports, and snowboarding.

LIN WEI-MING #26 • Taiwan Arboriculture Society

Lin Wei-Ming of Taipei City, Taiwan is appearing in his first international competition. He is an ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist™.

VICENTE PENA-MOLINA #57 • Texas Chapter (United States)

This is Vicente Pena-Molina's second time to compete at the ITCC. He has been employed by Arborilogical Services, Inc. for 11 years and has been competing for seven.

BEN SAXTON #81 • United Kingdom

Ben Saxton is from Calverton, Nottingham, United Kingdom and his competing in his first ITCC. He has been climbing for seven years, and worked for an arboriculture company before becoming self-employed as a contract tree climber in both the UK and Germany. Ben and his wife Sharon have one child, Jodie, 14. In his free time, he likes rock climbing, taking walks, and spending time with his family.

RYAN TORCICOLLO #82 • Utah Chapter (United States)

Another ITCC first-timer, Ryan Torcicollo of Kamas, Utah has been climbing for 10 years. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and operates Great Western Timber Co. Ryan enjoys fishing and hunting as his hobbies.

Western Chapter (United States)

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COLIN BUGG #63 • Wisconsin Chapter (United States)

Returning for his third ITCC is Colin Bugg of Madison, Wisconsin. He is an ISA Certified Arborist®, has been climbing for 10 years, and owns his own company, Cambium Climbing. Colin lived and worked in Oregon before returning to Wisconsin to raise his family. He and his wife Emily have a three-year-old daughter Cordelia and are expecting a baby in May. Colin enjoys hanging out with his family, doing Crossfit and yoga, online research, and social media.

