

NEC-ISA TCC - HALL OF FAME

YEAR & LOCATION	MEN'S DIVISION	WOMEN'S DIVISION
1983 - (was an MAA event)	Bob Maltby	
1990 - Fresh Pond, MA	Ken Palmer	
1991 - Boston Common, MA	Ken Palmer	
1992 - Plymouth, MA	Rip Tompkins	
1993 - Stone Zoo, MA	Don McNeil	
1994 - Walden Pond, MA	Rip Tompkins	
1995 - UMass Amherst, MA	Ken Palmer	
1996 - Sturbridge, MA	Rip Tompkins	
1997 - UMass, MA	Ben Handy	
1998 - Portland, ME	Michael Jerome	
1999 - Providence, RI	Michael Jerome	
2000 - Manchester, NH	Bruce Duffy	
2001 - Newport, RI	Michael Jerome	
2002 - Mystic, CT	Bruce Duffy	Melissa LeVangie
2003 - Cambridge, MA	Justin Donahue	Melissa LeVangie
2004 - Portland, ME	Michael Jerome	Melissa LeVangie
2005 - Burlington, VT	Daniel Weise	Melissa LeVangie
2006 - UMass Amherst, MA	Bruce Duffy	Melissa LeVangie
2007 - Manchester, NH	Justin Donahue	Bear Scovil



Throwline Event Winners: Melissa, Marcy, Bear, Scott, Amanda, Matt, Dan, Jeff



Amanda Weise

2008 - LIST OF SPONSORS

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ArborMaster, Vermeer Husquarvna, Sampson Buckingham, Sherrill's	Ken Palmer	Master's Challenge Prize Package
ArborWear	Bill Weber & Paul Taylor	Prizes & Discounted T-Shirts
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NOTES TO CLIMBERS & VISITORS

- Gear Inspection begins at 7 am sharp
- TCC Rule books were provided to you, or available for download from NEC-ISA webpage
- Events start at 8:00 am
- Competitors will be organized in groups of 5
- All events will run concurrently
- Snacks, water & lunch will be served at noon for competitors.
- Food is available for spectators and guests for a requested donation amount.
- The Master's Challenge will begin approximately at 2:00 pm.

DESCRIPTION of the TREE CLIMBING EVENTS

1. **AERIAL RESCUE** – Climbers are timed as they demonstrate an aerial rescue of an injured tree climber set in a tree.
2. **BELAYED SPEED CLIMB** – competitors are timed as they race or speed climb up 40-60' up a tree while on belay.
3. **SECURED FOOTLOCK** - competitors are timed while footlocking (inch-worming) up a rope to hit a bell aloft. (men = 15 meters, 50 feet/women = 12 m, 40 feet)
4. **THROWLINE** - competitors are given 6 minutes to install two throwlines and climbing ropes into set targets within the tree
5. **WORK CLIMB** - competitors are timed while completing five work stations in the tree. Each station is worth designated points, time ends when climber unclips their climbing rope from their saddle.
6. **MASTER'S CHALLENGE** – The top competitors from each division will advance to this final event. Similar to work climb except climbers have 20 minutes to complete three stations from a ground start and time ends when all gear is removed from the tree.



Aerial Rescue Judges: Herf & Ryan

AERIAL RESCUE

The **Aerial Rescue** is a simulated rescue event. It is designed to measure the climber's ability to respond to an emergency situation involving an injured worker in a tree. The climber is responsible for notifying emergency services, inspecting the work site for possible and/or existing hazards, administering preliminary first aid, and working efficiency.

The 'dummy' (injured worker) is installed in a tree 20 to 40 feet above the ground. The event is timed and the climber is judged and scored while performing the rescue. The clock starts when the head judge says "go." The time is stopped when the climber has landed with the dummy on the ground and unclipped

the climbing line from the dummy's saddle. The dummy is then prepared to transfer the victim to the Emergency Medical Technicians.



Brian Kane performing an aerial rescue

2007 Event Winners: Men's

1. Brian Carpenter
2. Justin Donahue
3. Scott Knapp

Women's

1. Melissa LeVangie
2. Bear Scovill
3. Marcy Gladdys

BELAYED SPEED CLIMB

The **Belayed Speed Climb** is a timed event that measures the ability of the contestant to climb a tree while using the branches and fixed rope.

The climber is on belay while ascending the set route to the top of the tree. Time begins when the climber's second foot leaves the ground and stops when the climber rings the bell installed approximately 60' aloft.

2007 Event Winners Men's Time: 33.54

1. Justin Donahue
2. Brian Carpenter
3. Andrew Putnam

Women's Time: 84.75

1. Amanda Weise
2. Melissa LeVangie
3. Marcy Gladdys

SECURED FOOTLOCK

The **Secured Footlock** event tests the climber's ability to ascend while footlocking a set distance up 2 parts of rope while being timed.

The climber stands on the rope while advancing their prussik knot above them. The climber is also attached to a belay line from a dorsal attachment (on their back) from the full body harness they are wearing.

Time begins when the climber's second foot leaves the ground and stops when they ring the bell. The height of the bell is placed at 12 meters for the women and 15 meters for men. It is a real test of strength, speed and endurance.

2007 Event Winners

Men's Time: 23.69	Women's Time: 27.24
1. Justin Donahue	1. Marcy Gladdys
2. Brian Carpenter	2. Melissa LeVangie
3. Keith Pancake	3. Amanda Weise

Work Record Holders (set in 2007)

Mark Chisholm, New Jersey - 13.80 Elena O'Neill, New Zealand - 17.74

THROWLINE

The **Throwline** event tests the climber's ability to accurately throw a weight, attached to a rope, through targets placed in a tree at heights of approximately 40, 50 and 60 feet.

The targets are worth 3, 5, and 7 accordingly. If a climber installs a climbing line on a scored target they are awarded 3 additional points. Each contestant is allowed 6 minutes to attempt to score two targets and install two climbing lines

2007 Event Winners:

Men's	Women's
1. Matt Plummer	1. Bear Scovil
2. Scott Davis	2. Melissa LeVangie
3. Jeff Perotti	3. Marcy Gladdys

2008 - LIST OF COMPETITORS

MENS DIVISION

1. David Aiksnoras - CT
2. Trumball Barrett - MA
3. Christian Bugbee - MA
4. Kevin Byam - CT
5. Brandon Cranton - MA
6. Scott Davis - MA
7. **Justin Donahue - MA - 2007 Champion**
8. Moris Duarte - CT
9. Bruce Duffy - MA
10. Luis Gomez - CT
11. Travis Hamilton - ME
12. Chris Herold - CT
13. Jose Jiminez - CT
14. Kevin Johnston - MA
15. Brandon Maltby - MA
16. Kyle McCabe - NH
17. Brian Noyes - CT
18. Chris Pineau - MA
19. Matt Plummer - ME
20. Andrew Putnam - NH
21. Danny Rodriguez - CT
22. Jonathan Royce - MA
23. David Slade - CT
24. Brian Sullivan - VT
25. Isaac Taylor - CT
26. Daniel Weise - CT

WOMENS DIVISION

1. Missy Duffy - MA
2. Marcy Gladdys - MA
3. Melissa LeVangie - MA
4. **Bear Scovil - VT - 2007 Champion**
5. Amanda Weise - CT



2007 NEC-ISA TCC Champions
Bear Scovil & Justin Donahue



2007 - Group 1
Bear, Melissa, Dan, Amanda, Marcy

2008 ~ LIST OF JUDGES & VOLUNTEERS

TCC CHAIR – Bill Conn

Event Registration & Support:
Marcia McPhee, Executive Assistant

JUDGES

Head Judge	Keith Pancake
Aerial Rescue	Dennis Ryan, Rich Herfurth, Ed Carpenter
Belayed Speed Climb	Jaime Goddard and Yale Cordage Company
Secured Footlock	Mike Jerome, Brian Carpenter
Throwline	Warren Spinner, Gene Aube
Work Climb	Greg Lukos, Greg Mosman, Rocco Massaro, Dan McCarthy
Master's Challenge	Greg Lukos, Ed Carpenter, Warren Spinner, TBA

SCORING & VOLUNTEERS

Scoring	Julie Coop, Chris Rooney, Meredith Pancake
Pictures	Jessica Davis
Bucket Truck Operator	John Colavecchio
Volunteers	Bill Conn, Tim Lindsay, Brian Salas, Pete Hoag, Tom Hoerth



Marcia & Julie – Scoring Team



Rich Hattier – Anchor Bridge Showcase



Zuriel Quevedo & Jose Amayo



Greg Lukos- Judge



Master's Challenge Finalist Announcement



Aerial Rescue preparation



Marcy Gladdys - footlock



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19th Annual Tree Climbing Competition
Fort Elizabeth, ME



Brian Carpenter leading the National Anthem to begin our TCC – 2007 Manchester, NH

NEW ENGLAND CHAPTER



Saturday, June 7, 2008

7 am ~5 pm

TREE CLIMBING CHAMPIONSHIP



Educational CEU's will be available



President's Welcome

Welcome to our **19th Annual Tree Climbing Competition**. We are excited that this year's site is hosted by Portland's Head Light at Fort William's in Cape Elizabeth. We are pleased to showcase our Maine's landscape at this historic and extremely scenic location.

Each year our Tree Climbing Competition brings together our finest of our industry. Judges, climbers and volunteers come together to help make it such a successful event. It would not be possible without the collaboration of many individuals. I want to thank each and every one for their time, dedication, and commitment to helping to make this event one of New England's best events!

This year's competition had a waiting list for the first time ever. We have a large pool of climbers from all over the New England states. Our women's division is one of the largest ever, and it's great to see the numbers staying steady! Good luck to all the competitors! Climb safe and have fun.

We are honored to offer the ArborMaster Prize Package to our overall division winners. In addition, the NEC-ISA will sponsor our two top climbers to compete at the International Tree Climbing Competition, this year held in St. Louis, Missouri, July 25-26, 2008.

Additionally, we are delighted to have North American Training Solutions as the Spirit of the Competition Award sponsor. This award is given to the individual who represent the "Spirit of the Competition" and promises to uphold and promote the best traditions of the international tree climbing community.

The award is based on the individual who best:

- *Promotes a feeling of camaraderie among fellow competitors and volunteers;*
- *Demonstrates a genuine interest in helping others do better;*
- *Gives his or her best and gains from the experience; and*
- *Enriches the event for everyone else present, by the manner in which he or she competed.*

Best wishes to all of the climbers and we look forward to the congratulating your efforts with outstanding prizes from our dedicated Sponsors! Thanks again to the continuous generosity of our Sponsors for supporting the men & women of our New England trees!

Tim Lindsay, President 2008, NEC-ISA

WORK CLIMB

The **Work Climb** is an event designed to judge the contestant's balance and skill with a rope and saddle in the tree. The climb is timed as a means of assessing overall productivity and not as a speed event. In the event that points are equal, time is used to break the tie.

Contestants are judged and scored on safety, technique and poise in the tree. At the head time signal "go," all contestants start from a designated tie in point aloft in the tree. The contestant proceeds to three work stations within the tree and rings three bells, two by hand and one with the pole pruner that is hanging in the tree at the station. One of the stations, the limb walk station, will have a plumb suspended from a limb.

If the contestant applies too much weight on the limb, causing the plumb to drop past a certain distance, points will be deducted. Each contestant has the option of choosing the order and route in which to approach each work station. A minimum time to complete the event will be specified in advance. Failure to complete the event within the minimum time will result in disqualification.

2007 Event Winners:

Men's

1. Justin Donahue
2. Dan Weise
3. David Aiksnoras

Women's

1. Bear Scovil
2. Marcy Gladdys
3. Amanda Weise



Jonathan Royce prepping for Master's Challenge

MASTER'S CHALLENGE

The **Master's Challenge** is an event designed to judge the top climbers' (from the preliminary events) overall productivity and skill with a rope and saddle in the tree.

Contestants are judged and scored on their knowledge and ability to demonstrate mastery of different climbing and rigging techniques, use of equipment, poise in the tree, and demonstration of safe working practices. Contestants have a set amount of time to enter tree and must perform task at four work stations and ascend safely to ground. The time stops when all of the climber's equipment is out of the tree.

Overall 2007 Champions: *Justin Donahue & Bear Scovil*