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## STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® World Championship 2017: Extreme sports athlete Jason Wynyard is world champion again - New Zealanders dethrone Australia in team competition



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The STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® world championship is over: On November 3 in the Håkons Hall in Lillehammer New Zealand won the team world championship ahead of Poland and Australia. On Saturday New Zealand's Jason Wynyard successfully defended his title in the single competition. More than 5,500 spectators followed the world championship live in the arena. In 2018 Liverpool will host the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® World Championship.

After 2012 Lillehammer again hosted the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® world championship. The best logger sports athletes of the world battled in front of 5,500 spectators in the Håkons Hall in top-class competitions. At the end of the electrifying single competition Jason Wynyard from New Zealand secured his ninth world championship title and relegated Australia's Brad De Losa and Canada's Mitch Hewitt to second and third place. From the very beginning, Wynyard showed a strong performance and fought his way through the leading group. He took the lead by setting the day's record in his showpiece discipline Single Buck. Wynyard took advantage of his lead and didn't let go of it until the very end. "The title means a great deal to me. At the end it all comes down to the Hot Saw and here the smallest details matter", said Wynyard.

On Friday the New Zealanders took the title in the team competition. The "Kiwis" led by Jason Wynyard defeated the Polish team in the final and grabbed their fourth title. The big favourite from Australia surprisingly lost against Poland in the semi-final, because they received a time penalty due to an early start. Meanwhile the Poles fought the competition of their lives causing a major upset. The Australians defeated the Canadians in the small final and finished third.

World Championship 2018 in Liverpool

In 2018 the STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® World Championship will for the first time take place in Liverpool, England. On October 19 and 20 the best athletes from across the globe will compete for the Individual and Team titles.

About STIHL TIMBERSPORTS® STIHL

TIMBERSPORTS® is an international extreme sports competition series. Its roots lie in Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, where workers in the timber industry would hold competitions to determine who was the fastest in a range of wood chopping and sawing disciplines that closely simulated their everyday work. These logging disciplines evolved with time into a series of sporting disciplines that require tremendous athleticism, strength, precision and power. Today the world's best athletes compete in national and international events featuring three axe disciplines and three sawing disciplines. Springboard, Underhand Chop and Standing Block Chop are the classic axe disciplines; Single Buck (single-man cross-cut saw), Stock Saw (standard chainsaw) and Hot Saw (tuned, customized chainsaw with up to 80 horsepower) are the sawing disciplines. For more information

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Team New Zealand (C) celebrates with Team Poland (L) and Team Australia (R) during the Award Ceremony for the Team Competition of the Stihl Timbersports World Championships at the Hakons Hall in Lillehammer, Norway on November 3, 2017. Weiterer Text über ots und [www.presseportal.de/nr/111314](http://www.presseportal.de/nr/111314) / Die Verwendung dieses Bildes ist für redaktionelle Zwecke honorarfrei. Veröffentlichung bitte unter Quellenangabe: "obs/STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series/Joerg Mitter"



Jason Wynyard of New Zealand (C) celebrates with Brad De Losa of Australia (L) and Mitch Hewitt of Canada (R) during the Award Ceremony of the Stihl Timbersports World Championships at the Hakons Hall in Lillehammer, Norway on November 4, 2017. Weiterer Text über ots und [www.presseportal.de/nr/111314](http://www.presseportal.de/nr/111314) / Die Verwendung dieses Bildes ist für redaktionelle Zwecke honorarfrei. Veröffentlichung bitte unter Quellenangabe: "obs/STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series/Sebastian Marko"



Brad De Losa of Australia competes in the Hot Saw discipline, where athletes use special chainsaws with over 60 horsepower weighing 30kg and with chain speeds of up to 260km/h during the Stihl Timbersports World Championships at the Hakons Hall in Lillehammer, Norway on November 4, 2017. The event was won by now nine time World Champion Jason Wynyard of New Zealand, followed by Brad De Losa of Australia and Mitch Hewitt of Canada. Weiterer Text über ots und [www.presseportal.de/nr/111314](http://www.presseportal.de/nr/111314) / Die Verwendung dieses Bildes ist für redaktionelle Zwecke honorarfrei. Veröffentlichung bitte unter Quellenangabe: "obs/STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series/Andreas Schaad"



Jason Wynyard of New Zealand competes in the Stock Saw discipline during the Stihl Timbersports World Championships at the Hakons Hall in Lillehammer, Norway on November 4, 2017. Weiterer Text über ots und [www.presseportal.de/nr/111314](http://www.presseportal.de/nr/111314) / Die Verwendung dieses Bildes ist für redaktionelle Zwecke honorarfrei. Veröffentlichung bitte unter Quellenangabe: "obs/STIHL TIMBERSPORTS Series/Sebastian Marko"

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