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Nation's Best Professional Truck Drivers Crowned in Winnipeg

WINNIPEG – September 21, 2010 – The best professional transport truck drivers in Canada gathered in Winnipeg this past weekend for three days of fun and competition. Following Fridays written and defect tests, drivers in six classes took to the east parking lot of Winnipeg's Canad Inns Stadium on Saturday, September 18 for a practical driving challenge that mimics real world scenarios. Winners were crowned at an Awards Dinner later that evening, where the top three drivers in each category were recognized as well as the Best Team, Rookie of the Year and Grand Champion.

The winners from the 2010 National Professional Truck Driving Championships are:

Step Van: Randy Smith, Alberta (Canadian Freightways Ltd.)
Straight Truck: John Klassen, Manitoba (WM Dyck & Sons)
Single-Single: Evan Hirst, British Columbia (Canadian Freightways Ltd.)
Single-Tandem: Jeff Maclean, Ontario (SLH Transport)
Tandem-Tandem: Dean Grant, British Columbia (Agrifoods International Co-op)
Super B-Train: Ken Wiebe, Manitoba (EBD Enterprises)
Rookie of the Year: Robert Archambault, Manitoba, Step Van Class (Bison Transport)
Team Award: British Columbia (Dean Grant, Dale Scott, Hans Wettstein, Tony Gomez, Evan Hirst, Adam Besse, Team Reps: Shaun Garvey, Dave Dressler)
Grand Champion: Dean Grant, British Columbia, Tandem-Tandem Class (Agrifoods International Co-op)

"It was a great effort by all competitors," says National Committee Chair Darcy Olson, "to see the best drivers in Canada all competing together and one day and be recognized was really a great experience and something myself and the whole organizing committee was proud to be a part of."

The National Professional Truck Driving Championships are held every year to recognize Canada's best transport truck drivers. Returning to Winnipeg for the first time in seven years, the NPTDC was hosted by the Manitoba Trucking Association. There were 38 competitors in this year's competition. The winners were graded out of a possible 500 points comprised of their scores in the written, defects and practical driving tests. The highest scoring competitor was Evan Hirst of British Columbia who scored 458 out of 500 in his Single-Single category. The 2011 Championships will take place in Calgary, Alberta.

The Manitoba Trucking Association exists to develop and maintain a safe and healthy business environment for our industry members.

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