

## **Russian project of bringing kids to snow**

We represent the project "Lukjanovs track" Festival, Russia (Sverdlovsk region, Severouralsk town). They were held in Russia, Severouralsk, on 21-22 of March for the juniors in the birth age range of 1993-1994 for boys, 1994-1995 for girls. The total number was 77 boys and 56 girls. The races comprised classic sprint 1100m and free style mass start with distance of 5km (girls) and 10km (boys).

The Lukjanovs Track races took its name after the famous couple of Russian trainers - Vera and Sergey Lukjanovs. More than 25 years they have been training kids at their school - bringing them up while bringing them to snow. There are some children who can be called "neglected"(having one parent or no parents at all), and for them it's highly important to have a good example of healthy lifestyle in front of them. Every year about 100 newcoming kids (from 7 to 16) start their training at the school and they get all the necessary physical and moral support.

This kids project has the name of the Festival because the competitions always have the musical opening ceremony, music arrangement and honoured guests like famous skiers and sponsors. Last year it was held the 10<sup>th</sup> time and had among the guests Nikolai Kruglov, four-times World Champion in biathlon, Eugeny Dementiev, the Olympic Champion, Viktor Maigurov, many-times World Champion and Olympic prize-winner, as well as Kent Tornqvist, the official representative of the Russian branch of Craft and a prize sponsor of the festival.

It should be mentioned that Viktor Maigurov is one of the most famous and honoured athletes who was "brought up" and trained at the Lukjanovs school.

We are also forwarding the link to the photos from the photo report 2010:  
<http://fota.mota.ru/albums/972791dfb4afbc7290a82390ea81261b/>

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