

COMPETITOR BIOS

WOMEN

2014 ITCC Returning Women's World Champion United Kingdom/Ireland Chapter—JOSEPHINE HEDGER 2014 European Champion

2008 and 2010 ITCC Women's World Champion

Three-time ITCC women's champion Josephine Hedger returns for her seventh international competition. Josephine, of Lymington, UK, is the owner and primary climber for Arbor Venture Tree Care, and has been an instructor and assessor for chain saw use in the UK since 2005. She 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, mountain biking, and recreational tree climbing.

Arboriculture Australia—JESSICA KNOTT

2013 Asia-Pacific Women's Champion

Jessica Knott of Heathcote Junction, Victoria, Australia, returns for her fifth International competition. She has a diploma in horticulture as well as a certificate in arboriculture. Jessica has worked for her father in the family owned business for 15 years. Her work as an arborist has taken her to London, England to work on council trees, and Oregon, US pruning forest trees for habitat preservation. She is married to Troy and enjoys netball, running, and cooking. Jessica also enjoys traveling with her dad when he competes in off-road buggy rallies.

Austria Chapter— NINA TREBUCH

Making her first international appearance is Nina Trebuch of Wien, Austria. Nina has been working as an arborist for three years.

Germany Chapter— ANNETTE NEUMANN

This is Annette Neumann's third appearance at the ITCC. She is from Konstanz, Germany and is a European Tree Technician. Annette has been a tree climber for five years, and believes "even a small tree can be large." She enjoys volunteering for the fire brigade and doing martial arts.

Hong Kong—JESSICA MAN

Jessica (Yuen Fun) Man of Hong Kong is competing in her first international competition. She has been competing for six years in both Singapore and Hong Kong. Jessica is an ISA Certified Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker™ and has been employed for two years by Pro Tree Development Limited. Her work as an arborist has

included tree data collection and analysis, tree risk assessment, and teaching basic tree climbing techniques. She has also helped organize recreational tree climbing events. Jessica enjoys hiking, traveling, drawing, watching movies, and of course tree climbing.

Illinois Chapter (United States)—ALEX JULIUS

Returning for her second international competition is Alex Julius of Champaign, Illinois. Alex has been climbing for eight years and is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker™. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Smith College in Architecture and a Master of Science in Arboriculture and Urban Forestry from the University of Massachusetts. While in school Alex interned at the Smith College Botanic Garden, Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, and Longwood Gardens. She worked at West Coast Arborists, Inc. in San Diego, California prior to starting her current position as an Educational Development Manager at ISA Headquarters. In her spare time, Alex enjoys crocheting and playing ragtime/stride piano. During the summer, she spends time landscaping and working in her vegetable garden.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter (United States)—JOCELYN LOHSE

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

Minnesota Chapter (United States)— REBECCA SEIBEL-HUNT

Rebecca Seibel-Hunt of Plymouth, Minnesota is making her fourth appearance at the ITCC. She has been climbing for more than 10 years and is an ISA Board Certified Master Arborist® with a B.S. in Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. Rebecca is employed as a field arborist at Bartlett Tree Experts.

New England Chapter (United States)— MARCY CARPENTER

Returning for her fifth time to the ITCC is Marcy Carpenter of Douglas, Massachusetts. Marcy has worked in the tree care industry since 2006 and currently operates Arbor One Inc. with her husband Ed. She is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has an Associate Degree in Arboriculture from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and a Bachelor Degree in Urban Forestry from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Marcy loves gardening, hiking with her husband and two-year old daughter Sophora, and climbing trees.

New Zealand Chapter—STEF WHITE

First-time competitor Stef White comes to the ITCC from Hamilton, New Zealand. She is currently employed by Tree Therapy.

Ohio Chapter (United States)—ELLIE VOSLER

Making her first appearance at the international competition is Ellie Vosler of Columbus, Ohio. Ellie works as a tree climber and grounds person for Ahlum and Arbor Tree Preservation. She attended the Ohio State University. Her hobbies include hunting, fishing, hiking, and camping.

Ontario Chapter (Canada)—KRISTA STRATING 2014 North American Champion

Krista Strating from Hamilton, Ontario is returning for her sixth ITCC. She is a five-time chapter champion and holds the title for North American Champion. Krista is an ISA Certified Tree Worker™ with Certificates in Horticulture and Arboriculture from Humber College. She currently works for the City of Mississauga and has been climbing and competing for seven years. Her hobbies include snowboarding, rock climbing, soccer, dodgeball, hiking, and camping.

Pacific-Northwest Chapter (US/Canada)—SUSAN WRIGHT

Susan Wright of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada is competing in her fourth ITCC. She works as a gardener and climber on the in-house crew at The Butchart Gardens where she has been employed for 16 years. Susan has been climbing for seven years and is a Journeyman in Landscape Horticulture and an ISA Certified Arborist®. She enjoys photography and nature.

Quebec Chapter (Canada)—MARILOU DUSSAULT

2011 and 2013 NATCC Women's Champion

Hailing from Montreal, Quebec is repeat competitor Marilou Dussault. This is her eighth time at the international event. Marilou has been climbing for 10 years and holds a professional diploma in Arboriculture and Tree Pruning. She worked for the City of Montreal for eight years as a climber and tree worker but is now employed by the Centre de Formation Horticole de laval as an instructor for climbing, pruning, and rigging courses. Marilou has a 5-year-old son, Liam, and enjoys hockey, snowboarding, and free running.

Queensland Arborist Association (Australia)— REBECCA BARNES

2014 Asia-Pacific Champion

Rebecca Barnes of Currumbin, Queensland, Australia is competing in her second international event. She has been climbing for four years and currently works for Frontier Tree Services. Rebecca has both

a Cert III Horticulture (Arboriculture) certificate, and a Diploma of Horticulture (Arboriculture) from NMIT Melbourne. She is partnered with Craig Sturman and in her spare time enjoys knitting, flying kites, big tree climbing, and making old rope hammocks.

**Southern Chapter (United States)
(unavailable at time of printing)**

Sweden Chapter—ANNELI LEWIS SKOGLUND

From Odeshog, Sweden, Anneli Lewis Skoglund is competing in her second ITCC. She works as an arborist at arboteket AB. Before becoming an arborist Anneli had experience in animal care/farming and carpentry. She also studied for two years at arborist school in Sweden. Anneli enjoys training others, gardening, and doing handcrafts.

Western Chapter (United States)—JAMILEE KEMPTON

Jamilee Kempton of Waimanalo, Hawaii, makes her third appearance at the International competition. Jamilee, an ISA Certified Arborist®, works as a climber/crew leader for Oahu Tree Works. She was previously employed as an arborist at University of Hawaii's Lyon Arboretum where she still does volunteer tree work. Jamilee has a degree from Windward Community College in Subtropical Arboriculture. She enjoys hobbies like trail running with her dogs, and teaching women's tree climbing workshops.

Wisconsin Chapter (United States)—SHELLY WOLLERMAN

This ISA Certified Arborist® from Fitchburg, Wisconsin is competing in her fifth international event. Shelly Wollerman has worked for Steven R. Bassett, Inc. in Madison for six years and is a tree crew foreman. Before she began climbing in 2009, she spent 10 years working in the landscape industry. Shelly has a Bachelor Degree in Horticulture with an emphasis in Landscape Design. She enjoys volunteering as an EMT, making floral arrangements, working out, and running.

MEN

2014 ITCC Returning Men's World Champion New Zealand Chapter—SCOTT FORREST 2014 Asia-Pacific Champion

*2011 and 2013 ITCC Men's World Champion
2013 Asia Pacific Champion*

Three-time Men's World Champion Scott Forrest returns for his eighth trip to the ITCC. Scott has been working in the tree care industry for 17 years and has been climbing in competitions for 15. He is a self-employed contract climber who recently returned to New Zealand after living and working in Australia. Scott is a Level 4 Certified Arborist in New Zealand and also holds the European Tree Worker Certification. Besides climbing trees, Scott enjoys walking and traveling.

Arboriculture Australia—JAMES GIGLIOTTI

James Gigliotti of Wangaratta, Victoria, Australia joins the ITCC for the first time this year. He has a Certificate 3 and 4 and diploma in Arboriculture. James began working as an arborist apprentice in 2008 and then began climbing which led him to compete at national tree climbing competitions. His hobbies include playing basketball and riding dirt bikes.

Atlantic Chapter (Canada)—TREVOR BURTON

Competing in his seventh ITCC is Trevor Burton from Aylesford, Nova Scotia. Trevor is an ISA Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist® who has been climbing for 18 years. He owns his own company, Burton's Towering Tree Services, where he focuses on everything from tree health to utility work. He has been married to his wife Heather for 15 years and they have two daughters, Cara (11) and Lily (7). Trevor enjoys fishing, hunting, exploring, gardening, camping, canoeing, four-wheeling, and being with his wife, kids, and dog Suzy.

Austria Chapter—JOHANNES WEDENIG

Johannes Wedenig of Wolfsgraben, Austria is competing in his first international event. He has been climbing for six years and he studied organic farming at BOKU University in Vienna.

Belgian Arborist Association (Belgium)— FRITS VAN der WERFF

Frits Van der Werff from Soy, Belgium is a self-employed arborist and has been climbing for eight years. He and his wife Gwenaelle have two children Tom (6), and Eva (4).

Brazil Chapter—ALEXANDRE RODRIGUES de QUEIROZ

Alexandre Rodrigues is competing for the first time at the ITCC. He is from São Paulo, Brazil.

Denmark Chapter—THOMAS HEGNER

Competing in his fourth ITCC is Thomas Hegner of Hornbæk, Denmark. He has been climbing for nine years. Thomas was a computer programmer before becoming an arborist. He then spent four years at tree care companies in Denmark and Sweden before starting his own company, Hegner Træpleje ApS. He has been married to Sanne Fritzen for 10 years and they have three children, Marcus (9), Cecilie (7), and Julius (4). When not working, Hegner enjoys spending time with his family and traveling.

Florida Chapter (United States)—MICHAEL CROSS

Michael Cross of Tallahassee, Florida is a self-employed arborist who has owned his own company, Arborworks, LLC, for 12 years. He is an ISA Certified Arborist®, Certified Tree Worker™, and is ISA Tree Risk Assessment Qualified. Michael has been climbing for 16 years but this is his first time competing at the ITCC. He and his wife Lauren have one three-year old son, Harper, and are expecting a second son in April. Michael enjoys any family outdoor fun including motocross, wakeboarding, and other water sports.

Societe de Francais (France)—LAURENT PIERRON

Returning for his fourth appearance at the ITCC is Laurent Pierron from St. Just de Claix, France. He has been climbing for 20 years. Laurent holds the European Tree Technician credential and has worked as a professional trainer for six years. He also works with a team to develop new arborist products. Laurent is married to Annick and they have two children, Mahe (17), and Lohan (13). His hobbies include tropical forest climbing and wood carving. Laurent also is part of the EnQuete d'arbre tree survey association.

Germany Chapter—MICHI HANSCH

2003 ETCC Men's Champion

Michael (Michi) Hansch from Filderstadt, Germany, is appearing in his third international competition. He has been climbing and competing for 11 years. Michi is self-employed as Hansch Baumtechnik. He is married to Andrea and they have two children.

Illinois Chapter (United States)—BEAU NAGAN

Returning for his second ITCC is Beau Nagan of Westchester, Illinois. Nagan has been climbing for 17 years and competing for eight. Beau earned two Associate's Degrees from Joliet Junior College, one in Landscape Management and one in Turf Management. He also holds a Bachelor's Degree from Western Illinois University in Urban Forest Management and is an ISA Certified Arborist Utility Specialist™. Beau began working with trees when he was 10 years old with his father's landscaping, tree, and lawn care service. He gained experience working on the tree crew at Western Illinois University while he attended school there. Beau also worked for the

Davey Resource Group before going on to his current position as an arborist at The Morton Arboretum in 2011. He and his wife, Jessica, have two daughters, Ramona, 4; and Isabel, 1. Beau enjoys playing harmonica, running, and participating in tree climbing competitions.

Indiana Chapter (United States)—MARCO VARGAS

Marco Vargas from Indianapolis, Indiana is competing at ITCC for the first time. He has been climbing for 10 years and studied forestry for three years at the University of Lima, Peru. Marco went to work for F.A. Bartlett Tree Experts Company where he learned more about arboriculture and became passionate about the field. He is married to Anna and they have three children, Sophia (12), Samuel (8), and Sarah (3). Marco's hobbies are hiking, mountain biking, skiing, painting, and sculptures/ceramics.

Italy Chapter—GIOVANNI UGO

2011 European Champion

No stranger to the ITCC, Giovanni Ugo of Monza, Italy, returns for his eighth international event. Giovanni has been climbing for 20 years and attended arboriculture school in Italy. He is a Certified European Treeworker, ISA Certified Arborist®, and a supervisor for ETW and ETT for EAC certification. Giovanni has worked as an arborist for 20 years doing tree climbing, consulting, and big tree transplants for Treeplatform®. Since 2004, he has been a tree climbing instructor at Scuola Agraria del Parco di Monza (Mb)-Italy. Giovanni and his wife, Carla, have four children, Greta (8), Melissa (8), Sante (5), and Maia (3). He enjoys spending time with his family, rock climbing, skiing, and bricolage.

Japan Arborist Association—NAOHIRO UJITA

Naohiro Ujita of Nagano, Japan is competing in his second ITCC. He has earned the highest degree as a forestry major at Kyoto Agricultural University. Naohiro works for the Tree Doctor in Japan doing a variety of work. He is an ISA Certified Tree Worker™ and is married to Saiko. They have three children, Konoka (9), Gaku (6), and Dai (2). His hobbies include playing with his children, cycling, skiing, and tree climbing.

Kentucky Chapter (United States)—JASON DIEHL

This ISA Certified Arborist® from Louisville, Kentucky has been climbing for 17 years. Jason Diehl worked for many years in Chicago, Illinois as a production climber but is now employed by At Height Inc. He is also a professional rope splicer. Jason spends a lot of time helping out at climbing competitions, including volunteering at the ITCC. He also spends a lot of time league bowling for which he boasts a high game of 297.

KPB Dutch Chapter (The Netherlands)—WALTER HAK

Walter Hak of Noordeloos is here for his fifth ITCC. He has been climbing for 16 years, and owns his own company, Dendro Cura Boomverzorging. When he isn't climbing, he enjoys fly fishing for pike.

Michigan Chapter (United States)—KEVIN BINGHAM

Competing in his fourth international event is Kevin Bingham from Detroit, Michigan. He has been climbing for 35 years and competing since 2002. Kevin is an ISA Certified Arborist® and the owner of Singing Tree, LLC . He is married to Emily and they have a 1 1/2-year old daughter, Vivienne. Kevin says he has been climbing everything for as long as he can remember and has always loved trees and nature so climbing trees for a profession was a seamless transition. When he isn't working he loves doing anything that is outside.

Mid-Atlantic Chapter (United States)—JAMES EARHART

James Earhart of Hustle, Virginia returns for his fifth international competition. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® who has been climbing for 15 years and is owner/operator of Arbor Care Complete Tree Service. He is married to Stephanie and they have two children, Abigail (3) and Joslyn (1 1/2). Some of the hobbies James enjoys are playing guitar, hunting, and woodworking.

Midwestern Chapter (United States)—MATT STARKS

From Independence, Missouri Matt Starks joins us for his first international competition. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been climbing for 17 years. Matt is employed by Starks Brothers Tree Care. He has four children, Landon (15), Sadie (14), Ashlyn (8), and Ava (3) and enjoys splicing ropes, building furniture, wood working, traveling, swimming, and playing poker.

Minnesota Chapter (United States)—ROB JUETTEN

Rob Juetten is competing in his second ITCC. From Roberts, Wisconsin, he works for Hayden's Ridge Tree Service and has been climbing for 13 years. Rob, an ISA Certified Arborist®, has four children, Mariah (18), Ariel (14), Chloe (7), and Jackson (5). He pretty much enjoys anything except he says he has never felt the need to jump out of a perfectly good plane.

New England Chapter (United States)—MATT REYNOLDS

Making his first appearance at the ITCC is Matt Reynolds of Bridgewater, Connecticut. He is a self-employed ISA Certified Arborist® and his company name is SymmeTree Care, LLC. Matt has been working as an arborist for over 10 years. In his free time he enjoys being around people, listening to music, and traveling.

New Jersey Chapter (United States)—MARK CHISHOLM

1997, 2001, and 2010 ITCC Men's World Champion

A familiar face at the ITCC is three-time World Champion, Mark Chisholm of Freehold, New Jersey. He has competed at the international event more than 20 times and says he has been climbing trees longer than some of the other competitors have been alive. Mark has a Liberal Arts Associate Degree and is an ISA Certified Arborist®. He works as Director of Operations for his family business, Aspen Tree Co. Inc. Mark also recently served as the President of the New Jersey Chapter. When he isn't working he enjoys spending time with his family and friends, playing hockey, managing TreeBuzz.com, and watching the stock market. He and his wife Annie have been married almost 20 years and have three children, Ricky, Lexi, and Libby.

New York Chapter (United States)—BRIAN KRAWCZYK

Brian Krawczyk from Rochester, New York is competing in his fifth international competition. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and works as a climber/foreman for Birchcrest Tree and Landscape. Brian has been climbing for 12 years, and has a BA from Mercyhurst College. Besides climbing trees, in his spare time he enjoys spending time with his wife of 12 years, Colleen. They have two children, Clare (5) and Quinn (2).

New Zealand Chapter—CRAIG WILSON

First-timer Craig Wilson joins us from Waikato, New Zealand where he owns Wilson Trees and Landscaping Ltd. He has a Diploma in Arboriculture from Waikato Institute of Technology and has been climbing for 12 years. Craig started training in arboriculture when he was 18. After finishing his diploma, he moved to Stockholm, Sweden, where he did contract work for four years then returned to New Zealand to start his own business. Craig is married to Talia and they have a 15-month old daughter, Lucy. He enjoys water skiing, bush walking, wood working, snowboarding, fishing, and traveling.

Ohio Chapter (United States)—NICK MARKLEY

This competitor from Madison, Ohio will be competing in his second ITCC. Nick Markley is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been climbing and working as a production arborist for five years at Independent Tree. In his spare time, he enjoys rock climbing, snowboarding, and street bikes.

Ontario Chapter (Canada)—CODY MENKEN

Cody Menken of Limehouse, Ontario is competing in his first international event. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® working for Diamond Tree Care and Consulting, Inc. Cody is a 2006 graduate of the Humber College Arborist Apprenticeship. He grew up on a nursery and is a second generation arborist and has been working since he graduated high school. Cody and his wife Melissa have

three children, Kendra (7), Jacob (4), and Makayla (5 months). They enjoy spending time outside and going on hikes together as a family. He also enjoys fishing with his buddies and playing guitar.

Pacific Northwest Chapter (US/Canada)—ROBERT BUNDY

Competing in his third ITCC is Robert Bundy of Milwaukie, Oregon. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been climbing and working for Peacock Tree Preservation for 10 years. He is married to April and when he is not working he enjoys rock climbing and plants.

Penn-Del Chapter (United States)—RYAN KRULJAC

Ryan Kruljac of New Kensington, Pennsylvania is an ISA Certified Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker™. He has been climbing for 12 years. Ryan started working in the tree care industry when he was in high school and continued while attending the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in art . He also earned a teachers certification in art from Carlow University. Ryan started Kruljac Tree Services in 2014. In his free time, he does wood sculpting for which he uses choice waste wood from tree removals for his creations. He is also a avid motorcyclist and enjoys traveling.

Prairie Chapter (Canada)—IAN JONES

Joining us for the first time is Ian Jones of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada. He has worked in the tree care industry for 15 years and owns and operates Canopy Tree Care. Ian is married to Stacy and they have three children, Levi (7), Matthew (5), and Emma (1 1/2). He enjoys music, motorcycling, and fishing.

Quebec Chapter (Canada)—LEILAK ANDERSON

Competing in his sixth ITCC is Leilak Anderson of Farrellton, Quebec. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been climbing for 12 years. Leilak owns his own tree care company, Leilak Anderson Tree Service. He has a degree in business administration from Dawson College but credits working for his father, Jeb Anderson, as how he learned all he needed to know about climbing. His father took him to his first tree climbing competition and now is his coach. Leilak is working on building a log home and is a volunteer firefighter.

Queensland Arborist Association (Australia)— MARK GISTITIN

Competing at his first international event is Mark Gistitin of Tintenbar, New South Wales. He has been climbing for 14 years doing residential, utility, and municipal work. Mark has a Certificate 3 trade certificate and a Diploma in Arboriculture. He works for Integral Tree Care and also works part time as a trainer and assessor. Mark has two children, Zoe (3), and Nieve (2). His hobbies are surfing, skate boarding, and tree climbing.

Rocky Mountain Chapter (United States)—LUKE GLINES

Luke Glines from Greeley, Colorado is competing in his eighth ITCC. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® who 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 Masters in Theology. In his spare time, Glines enjoys reading, riding motorcycles, and spending time with his daughter Hannah who is 20.

Southern Chapter (United States) (unavailable at time of printing)

Sweden Chapter—JOHAN PIHL

2012 ETCC Men's Champion

Johan Pihl, from Gothenburg, Sweden, competes in his ninth ITCC this year. Johan has been climbing for 10 years and is an ISA Certified Arborist®, ISA Certified Tree Worker, and a European Tree Worker. He got his start as an arborist in 2005 when he helped with damage from a storm that passed through Sweden. Johan now owns his own business, Jörlanda Trädexpert. He has a Degree in Arboriculture and Science and has NPTC certificates. He and his wife Lisa have been married for three years and have a three-month old, Malte. In his free time, he enjoys motocross, mountain biking, and water sports.

Swiss Arborist Association (Switzerland)—FLORIM AJDA

Participating in his third ITCC, is Florim Ajda of Yverdon Les Bains, Switzerland. He first began working as a tree climber in the US in 2006, then returned to Switzerland and became self-employed doing freelance work. Florim is a licensed tree care specialist in Switzerland and started the French Tree Care Specialist program teaching practical tree climbing in the french-speaking part of the country. When he isn't climbing, Florim enjoys opera, theater, and yoga.

Texas Chapter (United States)—MIGUEL PASTENES

Miguel Pastenes of Wylie, Texas, is returning to the ITCC for the sixth time. He has been climbing for 12 years and works for Arborological Services, Inc. as a crew foreman in Dallas.

Utah Chapter (United States)—MARK MALMSTROM

Mark Malmstrom is competing in his fourth ITCC this year. He lives in Logan, Utah, and has owned and operated Total Tree Care, Inc. since 2000. Mark has been climbing for 21 years and competing for 14. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® with a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture and he also earned an Associate's of Applied Science in Ornamental Horticulture from Utah State University. Mark

also studied Forest Science at Oregon State University. He and his wife, Candace, have four children, Logan (15), Maren (13), Sam (9), and Caroline (5). In his free time, Mark enjoys skiing, hiking, woodworking, and cycling.

Western (United States)—JARED ABROJENA

2009 ITCC Men's Champion and 2011 NATCC Men's Champion
This past ITCC men's champion, Jared Abrojena, is from Antioch, California. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been climbing for 25 years. This is his seventh international competition. Jared began working for his family's business, Evergreen Tree Care, immediately out of high school and is now a climber and foreman. He and his wife Kati have been married for 10 years and have two children, Austin (7) and Kiley (5). When he is not working, Jared enjoys wakeboarding, camping, boating, and snowboarding but his favorite activity is spending time with family and friends.

**Western Chapter (United States)—CHAD BREY
2014 North American Champion**

Chad Brey from San Francisco, California is competing for the fifth time at the international championship. He has an Associate Degree in Science, and is an ISA Certified Arborist® and Certified Tree Worker Climber Specialist®. Chad is employed as a climbing arborist for Tree Climbing Team USA and has been climbing for 17 years. He and his partner Anja have been together for three years.

Wisconsin Chapter (United States)—COLIN BUGG

Returning for his second ITCC is Colin Bugg of Madison, Wisconsin. He is an ISA Certified Arborist® and has been climbing for seven years. Colin lived and worked in Oregon for five years then returned to Wisconsin to raise his family. He started his own company, Cambium Climbing two years ago. Colin and his wife Emily have a 21-month old daughter Cordelia. He likes hanging out with his family, working out, and listening to rap music.