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February 2009 Region 5 Event

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Region 5 Encompasses

Canada: Ontario, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland,
Prince Edward Island
US: Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New
Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont

Last season Region 5 had 13 pulls
There have been 14 pulls so far this season
There are 8 pulls upcoming this season

PBG Kennels Winter Pull February 7th - 8th, 2009

Stafford Springs, Connecticut (367 Buckley Hwy)

Saturday: Snow

Weigh In: 8:00 am - 10:00 am pull starts 10:00 am

Sunday: Snow

Weigh In: 8:00 am - 10:00 am pull starts 10:00 am

Fees:	\$15 per dog	Contacts:	Todd Sheehan (860) 684-7442
Prizes:	Ribbons & Medals	Chief:	Todd Sheehan (860) 684-7442
Novice:	none	Sponsors:	Powered by God Alaskan Malamutes

The International Weight Pull association is a non-profit association that promotes the sport of *dog pulling* through well organized, sanctioned events. The purpose of **IWPA** is to promote the working heritage of all dogs. The **IWPA** also promotes a program to keep your dog in good physical condition with a constructive outlet for canine competition.

Dog Pulling is akin to a tractor pull. Dogs compete to see who can pull the most weight 16 feet. They pull a wheeled cart on an earthen surface, or a sled on snow. The handler has no contact with the dog during the pull, so it is up to the dogs willingness to pull. Safety of the dog is of paramount concern. Since **IWPA**'s organization in 1984, no dogs have been hurt in competition.

IWPA was organized in November 1984 when a group of dog pulling enthusiasts saw a need for an organization to promote this specialized sport. Our season for sanctioned pulls runs from September through March. We currently sanction around one hundred pulls a season throughout the contiguous United States and Canada. Membership currently runs around 250 to 300 with around 400 to 600 dogs in competition. We are open to all dogs, mixed breed or purebred.

The objective of a competition is to see which dogs (within their weight class) can pull the most weight 16 feet within one minute. A tie is broken by the dog that pulled in the least amount of time on the preceding weight. Dogs compete within their own weight class, of which there are eight: 0-20#, 21-40#, 41-60#, 61-80#, 81-100#, 101-125# , 126-150#, 151#and over.

Member dogs earn points based on their completion position and the number of dogs they beat. Their five best pulls are used in the total points for the season. They compete only within their weight class, and only within their region. Snow and wheeled competition are kept separate. At the end of the season, there is a pull-off and all first, second and third place dogs are invited.

We also have three levels of "Working Dog" certificates that a dog can earn for pulling certain percentages of their weight.

We have eleven regions across the country, some with no activity (1 and 8 last year). We have yet to see any involvement outside of North America. A region can cover a large area. Following is a list of regions accompanied with a map.

Upcoming Events for Region 5 Through March 2009

**Tug Hill Challenge
February 14th - 15th, 2009**

Lorraine, New York (C.C.C. Winona State Forest)
Saturday: Snow
Weigh In: 9:00 am-10:30 am Pull Start: 11:00 am
Sunday: Snow
Weigh In: 9:30 am Pull Start: 10:00 am

Fees:	\$15 per dog	Contacts:	Diane Geitzenauer [sambits@juno.com] (908) 475-5447
Prizes:	Ribbons & Rosettes	Chief:	Steve Jackson (717) 487-2941
Novice:	none	Sponsors:	

**3rd Annual Adirondack Snow Pull
February 28 - March 1, 2009**

Lake Placid, New York (North Elba Show Grouds, 514 Cascade Rd (Route 73))
Saturday: Snow
Weigh In: 9:00 am-10:30 am Pull Start: 11:00 am
Sunday: Snow
Weigh In: 8:00 am-9:00 am Pull Start: 9:30 am

Fees:	\$10 per dog	Contacts:	Daniel Plosila (518) 891-4413
Prizes:	Ribbons 1st-4th place / rosettes & dog prizes for most wt. & % pulled	Chief:	Steve Jackson (717) 487-2941
Novice:	none	Sponsors:	Curtis Lumber, Jones Outfitters, North Elba Park District

March 2009

**4th Annual Lake Placid Snow Pull
March 7 - 8, 2009**

Lake Placid, New York (North Elba Show Grouds, 514 Cascade Rd (Route 73))
Saturday: Snow
Weigh In: 9:00 am-10:30 am Pull Start: 11:00 am
Sunday: Snow
Weigh In: 8:00 am-9:00 am Pull Start: 9:30 am

Fees:	\$10 per dog	Contacts:	Daniel Plosila (518) 891-4413
Prizes:	Ribbons 1st-4th place / rosettes & dog prizes for most wt. & % pulled	Chief:	Steve Jackson (717) 487-2941
Novice:	none	Sponsors:	Curtis Lumber, Jones Outfitters, North Elba Park District