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Winners Announced for Third Annual Nevada Passage Made-for-TV Adventure Competition; Viewing Starts in August

Accountant Team Takes Top Honors; Reno Athlete Places Second

RENO, Nev. – For the second year in a row the winning team of the Nevada Passage made-for-TV adventure reality program was comprised of two accountants: 2006 champion Linda Lindsay, 42, of Petaluma, Calif., and Tim Menoher, 36, of Erlanger, Ky., who won Friday with the highest overall score of the five-day adventure competition.

The Telly award-winning Nevada Passage concluded with a backcountry ski competition at Mt. Rose in Reno where the physicians’ team, Peter Hanson, 41, of Minneapolis, and Caroline Colonna, 43, of Taos, N.M., won first place for the day’s competition.

Reno’s own Phillip Glenn, 30, an emergency medical technician, and his partner, Lisa Bommer, 25, an athletic trainer from Chicago, competing as the “Wild Card” team, finished in second place for the overall competition.

Although the 2007 Nevada Passage adventure competition is complete, the athletes will participate in an exploration Saturday, May 12, in downtown Carson City, Nev., rollerblading along the historic Kit Carson Trail beginning at 9 a.m. PDT.

“Another great Nevada Passage adventure competition has reached the finish line and now will be made into a television program that will show viewers the exciting outdoor opportunities that await them,” Commission Director Tim Maland said. “We hope that the 20 competitors enjoyed experiencing Nevada’s great adventure and that they will become brand ambassadors for the alluring venues and mind-blowing challenges to be found throughout the state.”

The one-hour syndicated program will air in more than 80 U.S. markets from August through February 2008. In Nevada it will be seen on KOLO-TV Channel 8 in Reno and KLAS-TV Channel 8 in Las Vegas, then will be seen on www.nevadapassage.com, where last year’s exciting 2006 Nevada Passage currently is viewable and downloadable.

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The Nevada Passage competition paired 20 athletes into 10 two-person coed teams by profession. For the first time in the Nevada Passage's three-year history, a "Wild Card" team auditioned for the fun, yet physically taxing competition.

The physician team, Colonna, a doctor of Oriental medicine, and Hanson, a sports medicine physician, missed overtaking the "Wild Card" team by one point.

Lauren Kemp, 43, from San Diego and John Madden, 30, from Mountain View, Calif., on the engineer team, came in fourth place for overall points. Rounding out the top five was the journalist team with Lisa Jhung, 34, and Brian Metzler, 38, both from Boulder, Colo.

The other five teams were:

Realtors:

Christina Burgos, 38, realtor specializing in independent sales from Houston, Texas
GL Brown, 63, residential real estate consultant from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Pilots:

Ildiko Lengyel, 29, captain for Jet Blue Airways from Park City, Utah
Steve Cole, 51, DC-9 pilot and captain from Olive Branch, Miss.

Programmers:

Jackie Ryan, 48, software engineer from Birmingham, Ala.
Frank Febbraro, 32, partner and director of technology for Phase2 Technology from Fairfax, Va.

Attorneys:

Jennifer Huber, 38, litigation attorney from Washington, D.C.
Adam Chase, 41, tax attorney from Boulder, Colo.

Physical Therapists:

Heather McNamara, 45, physical therapist from Brighton, Mich.
Dave Ruby, 47, post-rehabilitation therapist from La Verne, Calif.

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