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## **Black Diamond Big Mountain – Temple Basin Big Mountain Comp**

The freeride mecca that is Temple Basin played host to the Black Diamond Big Mountain Competition, part of the CHILL Series, over the weekend. Competitors and spectators were treated to bluebird days and great terrain with the Bill's Basin selected as the venue. Using the FWT scoring system there was plenty of action with athletes judged on line choice, style, technique, control and fluidity.

A small but strong field contested for the title and their share of the cash prize pool including Methven's Roy Schott, Lee McDermid and super groom George Pengelly. Competitors were given a sleep in which allowed the snow to soften before completing one run on the Friday, once Saturday rolled around competitors threw down two more runs with their top two runs counting towards overall placing.

There was no shortage of great skiing with soft windblown powder in pockets and spring style conditions down low. Temple Basin's Jeremy Smith displayed his knowledge of the mountain and Temple pride walking away with the sick bird award for his unique lines, and huge cliff drops which if he hadn't double ejected from would have seen him on top of the podium.

Lee McDermid skied solidly throughout the competition and after completing two double drop lines on Saturday secured second place overall, narrowly edging out Roy Scott. The Methven local scored the highest run of the comp on his last run with a faultless and massive cliff drop in the bottom section of the course. The men's honours went to George Pengelly who skied well all weekend and mixed fast technical skiing with some big airs and style, throwing in a 360 air to chute in his last run. The women's title went to Alex Brook in her first big mountain competition, her racing and instructor background evident with fast, smooth skiing knocking up fluidity and control points.

The event was wrapped up with a great night of entertainment courtesy of Reuben Stone and Brazza Man playing a well received acoustic set in the Temple Lodge.

The CHILL Series concludes for another year but will return in 2012 with the Junior Freeride Champs, K2 Big Mountain and Black Diamond Big Mountain.

The Black Diamond Big Mountain – CHILL Series is proudly sponsored by: Black Diamond, CHILL Adventures, Bumper Bar, Mountain Dew, GoPro, Nature Valley, Harrington's Breweries.

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