

SAD NEWS

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The Canadian Snowsports Association is mourning the loss of our dear friend and colleague, John Heilig.



The Canadian, and indeed the International FIS snow sports Community, was shocked to learn yesterday of the sudden passing of CSA's Board Member and its FIS Nordic Committee and Sub-Committee Member whilst working in China assisting in the commissioning of the Ski Jump facility for the upcoming Olympic Winter Games.

It would appear that John suffered a medical emergency during dinner after putting in 12 hours on the Ski Jump hill.

Olle, a Finnish cat driver on John's crew took this photo earlier in the afternoon of John working at the ski jump complex in China.

This photo captures John's hands-on teaching method of sharing his passion, discipline and expertise: rake in his hand, while on a radio giving instructions to the people as he taught them how ski jumps work and shared with them the best way to complete the hill preparations.

John will be greatly missed by the CSA and the FIS snow sports Family.

Those who wish to reach out directly to John's family to share expressions of grief including cards, notes, photos or flowers etc., please contact Lillian Alderton lillianalderton@hotmail.com at the CSA for contact information.