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May 8, 2004 Backyard Jam will surely stand out as one of the best cycling based community events in Vancouver, and based on rider feedback perhaps even lines up with most professionally organized events. John Henry the Bicycle man renowned for it's commitment to community and cycling advocacy provided the opportunity for yet another mind blowing spectacle on two wheels.



Traditionally JH bike shop has always had a 4 day mega sale to celebrate the anniversary of the shop. JH has provided free entertainment from the likes of Hans Ray, Kris Holm, The Macneil Team, Flow Riders and the DIRT Club Jump jams. The last two years jump jams have proven highly entertaining and off the hook shows

of rider talent so this year John Henry bike shop decided to celebrate not only it's clientel but it turned out to be John Henry's 60th birthday, for sure it had to go off with a bang!

Enter Jay Hoots and Darren Butler. After Hoots developed a successful 1st Jump Jam with Darren Berrecloth taking \$1000 on a borrowed bike, year two brought Jay and Darren Butler together to organize a jump jam plus, including a live DJ and added wedge jumps.

2004 unleashed the hounds, Shimano stepped up to the plate as title sponsor and the Butler/Hoots duo went to work on creating the invitational 'Backyard Jam', complete with 6' spine, 24' long curved wall ride, multiple dirt jump lines and a huge 12' x 16' vertical wall ride and grind boxes. Fusing DIRT and wood together on a dead end road in front of the shop with over 25 industry booths showing their latest and greatest, The Backyard Jam went off without a hitch, offering the crowd the latest in bicycle stunting and riding ability from front and back flips to silky 360 table one handers.



The rider list for this event was amazing, locals such as Chris Donahuge, Ian Moulton and Josh Straat ripped it with Kootney folk like Mike Kinrade and Dylan Tremblay. Out of town talent included the like of Hannah Stephens, Jim DeChamp and Cam McCaul and even recent UFC winner Wayne Goss put in a solid effort.



The Jam format went like this, 2 runs with 2 riders for 2 minutes, then the top ten dualled it out for a \$1000.00 cheque plus generous prizing from Shimano. The rules were simple, you could choose your partner, you could change ANY part of the course you could move for your run including extra wedge ramps and objects. The riders were scored on combined runs in 5 catagories, Technical Skill, Difficulty, Stoke Factor, Artistic Expression and Course Flow.



There were many highlights including Hannah's multiple super clean back flips. Jim DeChamp threw down some sick back flip turndowns, and also attempted front flips, the crowd went off! Josh Straat rode solid busting out downside tailwhips of the spine and Cam McCaul threw almost every trick ever invented making it all look easy while Ian Moulton simply used all his time to dial curved wall ride to manual. Unusual lines and smooth technical riding from all three riders. Nigel Quarterless killed it and Shaums destroyed everything in his path from grinds to bunny G turns. The main show though came down between Dylan Tremblay and Chris Donahue, literally a demonstration of Playstation combinations and moves nothing short of breath taking.



- Top Ten Results
1. Dylan Tremblay
 2. Chris Donahue
 3. Shaums March
 4. Evan Holmgren
 5. Josh Straat
 6. Cam McCaul
 7. Ross Measures
 8. Ryder Kasprick
 9. Geoff Gulevich
 10. Jim DeChamp

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