

## The Four Hundred Man Bobsled

The International Olympic Committee announced today that the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver will include a new event: the 400 man bobsled. "Why stop at four?" the IOC chairman stated. "Dead weight is dead weight, and the more the better." The new event poses some interesting engineering challenges. Boeing and Airbus are both competing to create the first 400 man bobsleds using their airplane fuselages as a starting point. The sled course itself is expected to run from British Columbia to Los Angeles with the ice provided when hell freezes over sometime in 2009.

Losing out in this decision were proposals for other additions to winter Olympic sports, including proposed bobsled events involving four Sumo wrestlers, a Komodo dragon and a boa constrictor (to be worn around the neck), and another entry for sixteen men, a watermelon and a Chihuahua. "We simply think these other events were not imaginative enough," said the chairman, Dr. Pierre Pierre Butros Rodrigo Amalfiano William (Willie, the Rag) Smith.

Now that bobsled has "gone large," other sports are expected to follow suit. Here are some events to expect in future Olympics:

- Two ton curling with upside down 1963 Volkswagen Beetles.
- Downhill skiing with two and four man teams strapped to the same skis, and
- the Ski/Shooting competition using howitzers or small thermonuclear devices.

Eventually Komodo dragons or Chihuahuas will break the animal barrier, and other animal events are expected to follow in both the summer and winter games, including:

- The four meter snail races (with a snail torch carrier in the lead)
- Hippo hurling
- Whale platform diving and
- (just to make Garrison Keillor happy) Individual and couples Ice Fishing

"The world is hungry for athletic competition," said Dr. P. P. R. M. A. W. Willie the Rag Smith. "And we're planning a real sports banquet." Bon appetite!