



Personal CV of Gary Smith

- Born 1967 in Vryheid, South Africa.
- Married to Susanne, 2 sons, Luca (8 years) and Yannick (5 years)
- I started jumping in 1983. Did my first 120 jumps on round parachutes, my first 4-way was also on a round parachute
- Went to my first world meet in 1991 with the South African team in Czechoslovakia
- Competed for SA from 1991-1997
- Achieved a bronze medal at the world championships in 1997
- I then made a decision to move to Deland Florida (USA) and it took me a further 5 years before I represented the USA with Deland Majik in 2002. We won the gold at the world meet in 2004.
- Thereafter I was in the team Deland Fire which won gold in 2006 at the world meet in Germany.
- I have a total of 17500 jumps
- I have worked full time as a coach from 1997 whilst continuing to train in my respective teams. I have worked with many national teams including the following:
 - UK (Satori)
 - Spain (Red Bull)
 - Norway (Arcteryx)
 - Sweden (Bardagi and Phoenix)
 - Germany (EADS, ISB air, Eisenach)
 - Holland (Dynamic Fource)