

last run

Tina Basich & Shannon Dunn

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Born to ride Tina: June 29, 1969 (Cancer) in Sacramento, Calif. Shannon: Nov. 26, 1972 (Sagittarius) in Chicago, Ill.

Raised in Tina: Sacramento; Shannon: Steamboat Springs, Colo.

Live in Sandy, Utah (roommates)

Riding high Among America's best and most popular female snowboarders. Shannon was the 1993 Women's World Halfpipe Champion; Tina has been voted "favorite woman halfpipe rider" by the readers of *TransWorld Snowboarding Business* every year since 1992. They both consistently finish in the top eight in international World Cup halfpipe events. And they're co-designers of Prom, a new women's snowboard clothing line by Swag.

The first time Tina: "It was in 1986 at Soda Springs, Calif. They didn't allow snowboards on the lifts, so we hiked up. I was wearing Moonboots, and my feet kept coming out of the boots. The next day I bought a board." Shannon: "I had been skiing since age 3. But in 1989, the first year Steamboat allowed snowboarding, I tried it. I couldn't walk the next day because I had body-slammed all over. But I was hooked—there was so much freedom."

Mountain of fun Tina: "I love being on top of a mountain, then flying down it and looking back up at my tracks. It's such a rush. Sometimes we're just in awe of it all." Shannon: "There's a big energy in the mountains. The mountains are more powerful than you."

The epic day Tina: "Jan. 15, 1994, at Livigno, Italy—three feet of new snow and we never crossed another person's tracks." Shannon: "We were throwing high-fives all over the place."

Signature models Tina: The Tina 144 by Sims, with butterfly graphics. Shannon: The Dolphin 44 by Burton, with dolphin graphics. ("I surfed all summer in California, saw lots of dolphins and really liked them—they're almost like people.")

Prom queens Tina: "We were sick of wearing huge, baggy men's clothing, and looking like boys—we want to look like girls when we ride." Shannon: "We knew what we liked, so we designed Prom to fit our needs. There are five Prom pieces in some really fun colors."

Women's rites Tina: "The biggest growth in snowboarding has come from women. It used to be a male-dominated sport, but now women aren't scared to try it." Shannon: "Little girls are stoked that we're into snowboarding. It's exciting for us to be role models and give girls the confidence to try snowboarding. Women, go out there and try it!" —Reade Bailey