

MAGDALENA NEUNER

A private view



What do you like to do in your spare time?

Now that it's summer, going swimming in the lake. Going to the movies. Being with my family. I also like to be just at home on some evenings.

Why did you want to become a professional athlete?

I've always loved sports. I knew from the age of nine that I wanted to become an athlete. The world championships were always a great incentive for me.

Do you have a favorite movie?

Not really. I like to watch sappy love stories. We women need that sometimes. I just watched the film version of "Mama Mia". Awesome! Great actors. Music is fun. A very funny and witty comedy.

What is your favorite vacation destination?

I don't really have one. I want to see and experience new things and I want to do a lot of traveling. Maybe travel to the United States soon. That's a dream of mine.

Hobbies besides knitting?

I play the harp. It makes me tune out and relax. I consider everything I do in my spare time a hobby. Since I don't have a lot of private time, I count "meeting with friends" as one of my hobbies.

What do you appreciate about your home town?

The beautiful countryside, the feeling of home. I feel very comfortable living in a town with a small population of 4700. It's relaxed and quiet which I relish after the stress of a World Cup event.

Do you like going to the mountains?

Yes, very much when I can find the time. I love 6 - 8 hour long hikes. The view from the mountains is always breathtaking.

Can you imagine living somewhere else?

Not really, I like living here. However, I'm an attraction for many tourists who come to Wallgau. They stand in front of my house and hope to catch a glimpse of me. The attention is very flattering of course but sometimes I'd like a little more privacy. That's when I contemplate moving somewhere else.

Many women have a shoe fetish? You too?

Shoe fetish? Can't say that I do. I can get excited over a pair of pretty shoes and I have my favorite pairs. But nothing excessive.

Does the "fast athlete" Magdalena also like to drive fast cars or ride motorcycles?

Stepping on the gas every now and then is fun! I own a motorcycle and ride it sometimes, but it's hard to find the time.

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What comes after your career as a professional athlete? Do you have any plans?

To study something, maybe get a college degree. I have a high school diploma and a degree in business. I would also like to have my own family. But everything is wide open!

You like to change your hair color. Why?

I went from blonde to brunette because I found the “blonde angel image” pretty dreadful for a long time. The rebel in me wanted a different hair color. I chose brunette. But that phase is now over too. Now I prefer blonde again.

Do you like to read?

Yes very much, especially on the plane. I like to read Paulo Coelho and books by Nicholas Sparks.

How do you like to dress?

It depends. Jeans and a chic top when I'm casual. Sometimes a dress or skirt in summer. Something elegant for special occasions or a pretty Dirndl.

Do you have your own special look?

No, I wear what I want. I don't have a favorite designer. I just have to like it.

Can you imagine working as a designer?

It depends. I could see myself designing active wear. I occasionally design and knit a hat for myself. I might try my hand at designing a sweater one day. Everything beyond that wouldn't be my thing.

Which celebrity - actor, singer - would you like to meet?

My spontaneous answer is Christine Neubauer. An interesting and awesome woman who is true to herself.

Can you imagine acting in a movie?

Yes, why not. Maybe a small role that's perfectly suited to me.