



# The Ancient Skier

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## NORTHWEST SKI LEGENDS MUSEUM FINDS HOME IN LEAVENWORTH Four new inductees to be introduced at October Biennial Banquet - Vote now!

In 1987 at the third Ancient Skiers' banquet, the first of the Northwest Legends of Skiing were honored. They all had been previously inducted in the National Ski Hall of Fame. In 1990 all the remaining Northwesterners in the National Ski Hall of Fame were inducted along with four others. Inductions take place at each Ancient Skiers biennial banquet. In February 2014 The Northwest Ski Museum and Hall of Fame opened the Northwest Ski Hall of Fame exhibit in Leavenworth in the Enzian Inn. If your travels take you through Leavenworth be sure to stop at the Enzian Inn on the north side of Highway 2 in the middle of town. Below is our list of current Northwest Ski Hall of Fame Inductees. Look for their photos and bios displayed there.

### 1987

Donald "Don" W. Fraser  
Gretchen (Kunigk) Fraser  
Hjalmer Hvam  
Otto Lang  
Grace (Carter) Lindley

### 1990

Graham S. Anderson  
Debbie Armstrong  
Hermod Bakke  
Magnus Bakke  
Christina "Kiki" Cutter  
Walter "Walt" A. Hampton  
John C. Jay  
William "Bill" Johnson  
Elvin Robert "Bob" Johnson  
Jannette (Burr) (Bray) Johnson  
Richard "Dick" Kohnstamm  
Earle B. Little  
Phil Mahre  
Steve Mahre  
Fred H. McNeil  
Gustav Raaum  
Lyle St. Louis  
Dr. Merritt Stiles  
Olav Ulland

### 1992

Nelson A. Bennett  
Joy (Piles) Lucas  
Webb Moffett  
Karl Stingl

### 1994

Clarence F. "Buster" Campbell  
Wolf G. Bauer  
Shirley (McDonald) Fopp  
Michael Joseph "Jim" Lucas  
Elizabeth "Betsy" M. Withington

### 1996

Donald "Don" H. Amick  
David "Dave" S. Faires  
Sebastian "Buzz" L. & Julie Fiorini  
Hazel Edward "Ed" Link

### 1998

J. Stanley DeBruler  
Hans Otto Giese  
William "Bill" A. Healy, Jr.  
Irving "Irv" H. Pratt  
John B. Woodward

### 2000

Arthur "Art" J. Audett  
Franz X. Gabl  
Bruce Kehr  
Jack E. Nagel

### 2002

Ivor John "Buss" Allsop  
Donald "Don" Christianson  
Leif Clarence Odmark  
Hank & Elsie (Nelson) Seidelhuber

### 2004

Robert "Bob" W. Cram  
Randall "Randy" W. Garretson

Robert "Bob" Eugene Mickelson  
Robert "Bob" St. Louis

### 2006

Tom & Barbara Jo (Paxton) Allen  
Ivar W. Birkeland, Sr.  
Walter "Walt" B. Little  
Shirley Delight (Scott) Mahalko

### 2008

William "Bill" J. McNabb  
Otto Ross  
Ress & Eloise (Mulhauser) Stevenson

### 2010

John Martin Hansen  
Ross Perry Williams

### 2012

Kjell Magnus Bakke  
Yoshiteda "Yosh" Nakagawa  
Walter R. Taulbee

### SEE YOU IN SUN VALLEY IN JANUARY 2015

Don't forget, our 32nd annual Sun Valley Reunion will be Jan. 15-24, 2015. The Sun Valley room reservation form was sent with the Spring Newsletter, and we have only a limited number of rooms, so don't forget to make your reservation if you plan to stay in Sun Valley Company accommodations.

## **SAVE THE DATE: OCTOBER 12, 2014 FOR THE ANCIENT SKIERS BIENNIAL BANQUET**

### **And remember to vote now for Northwest Ski Hall of Fame inductees . . .**

Our biennial Ancient Skiers banquet will be held at the Nile Shrine Golf and Country Club in Mountlake Terrace, WA on Sunday evening, October 12, 2014. Members of the Northwest ski community will be inducted into the Northwest Ski Hall of Fame. In this newsletter are the biographies of six nominees approved by the Ancient Skiers Selection Committee. A pre-stamped postcard enclosed with this newsletter serves as the ballot for casting your vote for four of the six nominees. Please review the biographies listed below (and on pages 3 and 4), mark your household's four choices and mail as soon as possible, but not later than August 15, 2014. The criteria for selection were noted in the Spring 2014 newsletter.

#### **Joe & Doris Harlacher**

Joe Harlacher first started skiing at Snoqualmie Summit in 1938. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in 1942 and began working at Boeing where he met Doris who was working the swing shift. Doris was also born in Seattle but did not ski until she met Joe. From that point on skiing became their second life after work and family. After the War, Joe began teaching for Ken Syverson in the Seattle Times Free Ski School at the Milwaukee Ski Bowl. The next year Doris started teaching under Ken's supervision and both became certified instructors in 1954.

Ski instructors often came and went but Doris and Joe were dependable year after year and became active in organizing the business of ski instruction. In the early 1950s, they would help arrange instructor clinics at Chinook Pass. In 1955-56, Joe was appointed Assistant Chief Instructor to Ken Syverson. When the Seattle Times Free Ski School discontinued operations after winter of 1956, the Harlachers started the Bellevue Ski School at Snoqualmie Summit, later expanding operations to Stevens Pass for high schoolers.

In 1957 Joe became the PNSA Certification Chairman. In 1958, Joe was instrumental in organizing the Pacific Northwest branch of Ski Instructors of America (PNSIA, later PSIA-NW) becoming its first president and serving for 26 years on its Board of Directors. Doris started the first special education classes for the Bellevue Ski School, pioneering ski instruction for developmentally disabled children. For over 30 years she was a leader in helping with Special Olympics. Doris also trained to be a judge and race official becoming a Certified U.S. Ski Association timer, referee, and chief of course official in local events.

Joe and Doris were featured in numerous Seattle Times articles on skiing and the February 1954 issue of SKI magazine featured a photograph of Joe teaching a class of skiers in the article: "Newspaper-Built Skiers." Joe and Doris retired in Carnation and now live in a retirement community in Redmond.

#### **Susie Corrock Luby**

Susie is a member of the U.S. Ski Hall of Fame and an Olympic bronze medal winner at the 1972 Winter Games in Sapporo, Japan. She was the sixth American woman alpine ski racer to win an Olympic medal. Susie grew up in a skiing family, with siblings Ken and Anne also being accomplished ski racers. As a young girl, she started skiing at Snoqualmie Pass, and, when Crystal Mountain opened in 1962, it became the Corrock family ski grounds. Susie was a sophomore in high school when named to the U.S. National Ski Team in 1968. As a junior racer, she won the Western States Junior Championship and the U.S. Junior National Championships in slalom, giant slalom, and the combined.

Upon transitioning to adult racing, she won the U.S. National Championship in giant slalom in 1970, and, between 1970 and 1973, she had 16 top-ten finishes in World Cup competition. In the Sapporo Olympic Games, she tied for ninth in the slalom and took third in the downhill. Just two weeks after winning the Olympic bronze, she placed fifth in an FIS World Cup downhill at Crystal Mountain and was the top American skier at that race.

In 1973, Susie culminated her amateur racing career by winning the giant slalom and combined events at the U.S. National Championships. From 1974 through 1976, she competed professionally and won a World Freestyle Championship in mogul skiing. In the 1974 Women's Pro Skiing event at Hunter Mountain, she won the slalom and giant slalom.

Susie lived and worked in Vail through the 1980s and relocated to Spokane in 1990 with husband, Bob Luby, and their two children. After retirement from the professional circuit, she became involved in the Ski Expresses, a fundraising program supporting the Jimmie Heuga Center, a nonprofit scientific research organization dedicated to reanimating the physically challenged, particularly those with multiple sclerosis.

After moving to Spokane, Susie started the Jimmie Heuga Express races at Schweitzer Mountain, an annual event that is now a major fundraiser called the Vertical Express for Can Do MS.

## Ian & Joan Brown

As promoters, publishers, writers, and avid skiers, Ian and Joan Brown helped bring inspiration and fundamental skiing information to Pacific Northwest skiers for over 35 years.

Born in Vancouver, B.C., they both discovered snow skiing when young and met on the ski trails at Hollyburn. They married in 1954 and honeymooned skiing in Europe.

The Browns' interest in skiing grew as their children started skiing. Ian saw a need to help connect the average skier with ski retailers, ski areas, and other industry providers. With this in mind, they started a local magazine, SKI TRAILS, which later became WESTERN CANADA SKIER. While working for BC Telephone, Ian got the idea of using the newer tape-recorded playback capabilities of telephones for skiers, in the form of a daily ski report.

Ian and Joan went full-time into the ski marketing business by starting their own firm, Ski Pro Associates, in Vancouver. Joan recorded the first ski reports in 1958. They soon expanded and, by 1963, were providing comprehensive reports to radio stations in Vancouver. In 1964, Ian and Joan purchased the Seattle-based NORTHWEST SKIER magazine from Bill Tanler and, shortly after, moved their family to Seattle, where they started Western Ski Promotions and initiated Seattle's first telephone ski reports.

Under the Western Ski Promotions' banner, the Browns grew NORTHWEST SKIER circulation and content while serving Pacific Northwest media outlets with ski-related press releases. Ian pioneered the Seattle ski show starting in 1965 and ran the Seattle Center fall ski show for 30 consecutive years.

By 1979, Ian and Joan were employing 20 ski report staffers and six supervisors in their University District offices, with many of the staff being communication majors from the University of Washington. The Browns promoted regular ski trips to Europe and maintained the daily ski report service that became the predominant method skiers used to find out about current ski conditions at ski areas throughout the Northwest.

Ian passed away in 2010, and Joan now lives in Seattle at The Northgate Plaza retirement home.

### NEW-MEMBER INFO AVAILABLE

*E-mail, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of new members may be obtained from Membership Chair Leland Rosenlund, 25-890-5090, or at his email:lelandr@sports-unlmt.com*

## Wini Jones

It was at Mt. Norquay in Banff, Alberta, where Wini first put on skis at the age of three. As she grew, she took part in racing camps and became a competitive skier, but, at age 16, she decided she wanted to design skiwear.

Wini attended the University of Montana, where she earned degrees in textile science and French. By her senior year, she knew she needed a specialized design school, so she attended Modeschule Hetzendorf in Vienna, Austria. To make money, she taught skiing at St. Johann in Tirol and, later, in Zermatt and Innsbruck.

After graduating, Wini interviewed with skiwear companies and joined Roffe in Seattle in 1967. She wanted to get the nation's retailers to look to Roffe for their skiwear needs beyond stretch pants that Roffe had a reputation for. For the SIA trade show in 1971, she produced a very elaborate large-format product catalog that helped expand Roffe's business. Sales grew and the factory had to move to a six-story building in Seattle.

Production for many years was approximately 10,000 garments a month made by 240 sewing machine operators and shipped to approximately 1000 retailers across the country. Retailers loved the combination of Roffe jackets, Demetre sweaters, and Smiley hats, all with the same designs and colors.

Wini developed the first woven two-way stretch fabric, using a mill in Massachusetts that made girdle fabric. This was combined with a stretch insulation product they could put behind it, which she developed with the 3M Corporation - called Stretch Thinsulate.

Over the years, she won multiple industry design awards, was inducted into the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA), and was chosen as Ski Magazine Woman of the Year.

Roffe was sold in 1996, and, after retiring, Wini ran the judging of a worldwide design contest for Malden Mills, maker of Polartec fabrics.

Wini has been on the board of many Bainbridge Island nonprofit organizations and was chosen Citizen of the Year in 2007. She is currently on the board of the International Skiing History Association (ISHA).

### WHAT ABOUT A SCARY MOMENT ON SKIS?

Each of us has had memorable scary moments on skis, and we want to start sharing those. If you have a scary-moment story, please submit it by email to: tinarieman@tumwater.net

### Shannon Bloedel

Shannon is a member of the National Disabled Ski Hall of Fame. She won a silver medal in the 1992 Winter Paralympic Games on a mono-ski in Tignes, France. She was a member of the U.S. National Disabled Ski Team from 1985 to 1994. During that time, she was the top-ranked U.S. woman mono-skier and won 11 medals in competition against the world's best. She won a total of four gold, five silver, and two bronze medals in slalom, giant slalom, super giant slalom and downhill races. Shannon also has won several U.S. and Canadian National Championships and, in 1992, won an overall silver medal at the World Championships.

She learned to ski with SKIFORALL and became a ski instructor for that organization after she retired from the National Team. She has passed on her skiing skills to many SKIFORALL athletes and has helped in many fundraising activities for that organization. Before she started skiing, Shannon was a rehabilitation counselor at the University of Washington Medical Center. She has said that her personal experiences were invaluable in working with rehabilitation patients at the center.

Shannon also has been a spokesperson for the local MS Society (she was diagnosed with MS several years ago) and has been asked to speak to a variety of organizations about her athletic accomplishments and experiences.

In 1999, Shannon was selected by Oprah Winfrey as the "Mother of the Year" and was asked to appear on the Oprah Winfrey show.

### YOU MAY QUALIFY AS AN ANCIENT SKIER IF . . .

- You once rode the barge to cross the Columbia River at Patterson on your way to Sun Valley."
- You recall that if a skier's hair hung out below their ski hat they were girls.
- You fell down three times in a downhill race and still had the winning time.
- You skied when girls knitting "fast hats" were almost a cottage industry.
- You once wore your socks outside your pants.
- You know who "Susie Chapstick" is.
- You own a genuine Penquin Ski Club sweater with your name knitted on the sleeve.
- You know that Jean Claude Killy invented avalement and you couldn't do it even if you were wearing "jet stix."
- You came to realize that falling down is only a sincere attempt to slow down.
- You once had a chance to buy a condo at Sun Valley for \$14,000 and didn't do it.
- You own a Norwegian ski sweater that belonged to your grandfather and it still isn't worn out.

~ Bob Cram (of course)

### Jim Martinson

Jim was inducted into the National Disabled Ski Hall of Fame in 2003. He won a gold medal in downhill on the mono-ski at the 1992 Winter Paralympic Games in Tignes, France, and he has won multiple U.S. and Canadian gold and silver medals in the National Disabled Ski Championships in all disciplines on the mono-ski.

Jim's invention of the mono-ski shock absorber made it possible for mono-skiers to get on and off chairlifts independently and allowed mono-skiers to ski without stopping chairlifts for loading and unloading. This was a great advancement which allowed these skiers to become totally independent.

His company, "Magic in Motion," built mono-skis and other adaptive equipment for people with disabilities. Jim and his company were great supporters of SKIFORALL in its early days, providing SKIFORALL athletes with adaptive equipment on loan or reduced rates.

Jim also was a member of the board of directors of the SKIFORALL Foundation. His passion for skiing and assistance to SKIFORALL athletes has helped many people with disabilities imagine no limits.

Jim has travelled around the U.S. and Japan to assist ski area managers, ski instructors and ski patrols in their work with people with disabilities and adaptive equipment. His contributions to skiing for people with disabilities are immeasurable.

### DON'T FORGET!!!!!!

**Ancient Skiers Banquet - October 12th**  
**2015 Sun Valley Reunion - January 15-24**

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