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**2018**

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**Class of 2018 Induction  
Maine Ski Hall of Fame  
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# PROGRAM

## Masters of Ceremonies

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## Class of 2018

Norman Libby  
Warren Cook

Karen Colburn  
Kristina Sabasteanski  
Anne Bonjean Dowling

Leon Akers  
Dave Stonebraker



MAINE SKI HALL OF FAME

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### MISSION

*The mission of the Maine Ski Hall of Fame is to recognize those skiers, who through their efforts and achievements have brought distinction to Maine skiing. Some of these skiers made their mark in competition. Others were founders who built the sport into a way of life for so many Mainers. Still more were teachers who led countless skiers and competitors into our sport. Some had an intense impact on local skiers while others gained prominence on an international scale. Thanks to these skiers Maine has an industry that is a vital part of the economy, not only in the mountains, but throughout the state.*

*It is to recognize the importance of skiing to Maine and its citizens that the Maine Ski Hall of Fame has been formed. By enshrining those men and women who founded and built the sport in Maine, competitors who brought prominence to Maine skiing, their coaches and mentors, and others who have made significant contributions, we shall create a permanent record of their endeavors and achievements. By doing this we shall preserve this history for those to follow, that they may understand the great achievements of these individuals.*

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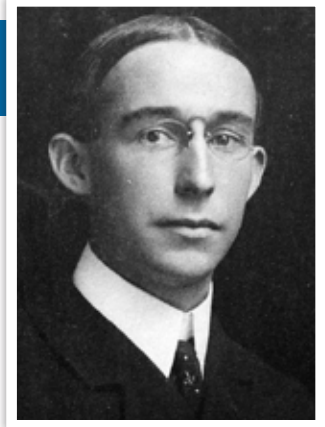
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## Norman Libby



Norman Libby might have been Maine's first skiing adventurer. Because his exploits took place in the 1890's and early 1900's, there is very little known about other alpine skiing at the time. Skiing prior to the turn of the century, was primarily a means of winter transportation having been imported into the state when Northern Maine was settled by Swedish immigrants. Libby, who ran an insurance agency in Bridgton, used his skis strictly for recreation.

After moving to Bridgton in 1893 to help his father manage an insurance agency, Libby immediately took advantage of the surrounding countryside to pursue the sport of skiing. Not content to simply glide across the snow covered fields he took to climbing hills and mountains where he could ski down. While the exact date of the first skiing on Pleasant Mountain is not known, it is known that Libby, along with two other Bridgton young men, Richard Cleaves and Perry Murphy were skiing on the mountain in the 1890's. They would climb the mountain on an old carriage road on the west side of the mountain and ski down, a half day's venture.

Thanks to Libby's part time occupation as a journalist a number of newspaper accounts of his adventures exist and his scrapbooks held by the Maine Historical Society have preserved the records. His greatest adventure was reported in the Portland Sunday Telegram February 26, 1905. Approaching Mount Washington, Libby began his ascent from the base station of the Cog Railway, accompanied by Mr. Marcotte, caretaker of the railroad's property. According to Libby's

account, the snow had mostly blown off the mountain above the timberline, about half way up the railway. Leaving his skis, he completed the ascent with "creepers", returning to ski down along the railway from the timberline, becoming the first person to ski on Mount Washington.

Two years later the Bridgton skier returned to Mount Washington with a friend, Algernon Chandler of Brunswick. This was the climax of a much longer trip, traveling on skis from Bridgton to Berlin, New Hampshire. This time they skied the East Side of the mountain climbing the carriage road and skiing back down.

While being the first to ski Mount Washington was Norman Libby's most notable achievement, his skiing on Pleasant Mountain and writing about the sport he loved had a great impact on the eventual growth of skiing in Western Maine. In the late 1800's the Mount Pleasant House was a hotel operated summers at the summit of Pleasant Mountain. Libby and a handful of other Bridgton skiers would climb up, spend the night at the never locked hotel, and ski down the following day. His adventures on skis and promotion of skiing as the preferred winter recreation made Norman Libby a true pioneer worthy of having his feats recorded as a member of the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

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# Karen Colburn



Born in Bangor in 1956, Karen Colburn's father introduced her to skiing at Ski Horse in Newburgh, a now defunct ski area. When Squaw Mountain opened her Dad built a cabin there and she grew up skiing that mountain when it had 1750 feet of vertical, skiing from the summit.

This led to joining the Masters Program under the Squaw Mountain Ski School. Through this precursor to Freestyle she developed the skills that would lead her to a prominent place in the early years of Freestyle.

While the original intent of the Masters Program was to develop the skills required by PSIA it soon evolved into Freestyle as the young skiers sought more adventure. In the beginning Karen traveled the state with other local skiers competing in events. As the sport changed each year adding jumps and tricks they grew into the Freestyle disciplines of aerials, ballet and moguls. By the mid seventies Colburn had become an early Freestyle pioneer, first as a junior skier in Maine, then in the U.S. and Europe.

At age 17 in 1975, after winning nearly everything in Maine she abruptly catapulted into national prominence by winning the first ever United States Ski Association (USSA) Women's National Freestyle Championships at Killington, earning the first Olin Cup. It also resulted in her being named co-captain of an elite team of Freestylers to tour Europe demonstrating the new sport. Later in the year at age 18 in a ranking competition in Utah, she earned a position on the Professional Freestyle Association World Trophy Tour.

On that tour Karen was a strong competitor in all three vents, moguls, aerials and ballet, consistently placing in the top ten. In March of

that year she was featured in an ABC Sports prime time special, "Skiing Free – The Colgate Women's Freestyle Championships".

Her season record shows a first place in moguls at Stowe and another in aerials at Heavenly Valley, along with a second place, two thirds, one fourth and two fifths, in eight stops on the tour.

Her position improved from 20<sup>th</sup> at the beginning of the season to a combined 6<sup>th</sup> at the end, third in moguls, sixth in aerials and tenth in ballet. She was acknowledged as Professional Freestyle Skiing's Rookie of the Year. Although the short lived tour ended in 1977, during its time freestyle skiing was established as a legitimate international sport with Karen Colburn one of the very first leaders in those early days.

After the tour ended, Karen returned to school pursuing secondary and post secondary education. In 1996 she returned to Maine and served as Ski School Director at the Camden Snowbowl until 2002, where she organized and facilitated the fourth grade learn-to-ski program for five surrounding communities.

This pioneering role in the establishment of freestyle skiing as a recognized discipline earned Karen Colburn a place in the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

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# Leon Akers



Coming from a skiing family, Leon Akers got started on skis early. It was a time when the town of Andover played a key role in Maine skiing each winter. The annual winter carnival drew skiers from well beyond the remote Western Maine town.

By the time he entered high school Leon was already an accomplished skier and he was a leader, skiing for Andover High's team all four years. At the University of Maine, Orono, Akers earned his varsity letter as a skier for three years.

Following college Leon went on to teach and coach at Mexico High School. During his ten years as a four event ski coach he not only had competitive teams but developed many skiers who went on to success at every level, Junior National, Junior Olympics and the Olympics. The best known skiers he developed were the Miller brothers, Jim who represented his country in Olympic cross country racing, and Pat who became one of the top NCAA ski coaches at Utah.

In addition to coaching at the high school level, Akers played a key role in organizing and developing the Bill Koch League in Andover, drawing many kids to participate in various levels of cross country competition, with skiers coming from numerous neighboring towns. This was and continues to be a great contribution to Maine skiing.

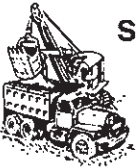
The mark of a leader is recognizing a need and finding a way to meet that need. For Leon, it was realizing that individual skiers and teams needed a better source for Nordic equipment. In 1958 he

started Akers Ski Shop in his home town of Andover. By 1962 he was importing cross country equipment from Finland, Norway and Sweden and supplying top quality equipment to high schools, academies and colleges throughout the Eastern, Central and Western United States. As one of his early customers a young Nordic jumper and XC skier from Rumford put it, "We looked forward to the Akers Ski Catalog coming in the mail in late summer which meant ski season was not far away." Dan Warner went on to explain how he would go to the ski shop where his parents purchased a brand new pair of Kongsberg Jumping skis which he used throughout his high school career.

In addition to operating a ski shop that furnished Nordic equipment for teams throughout the country, Leon made sure local skiers had a place to ski and train in Andover. As a leader of the Pineland Ski Club, he developed and maintained ski, snowshoe and nature trails on land he and the town owned, always available at no charge. These trails along with the Akers Ski Shop have and continue to have a huge influence on growing and keeping Nordic skiing as a key part of recreation in his home town. This dedication to his sport over a lifetime has earned Leon Akers a place in the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

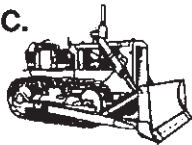
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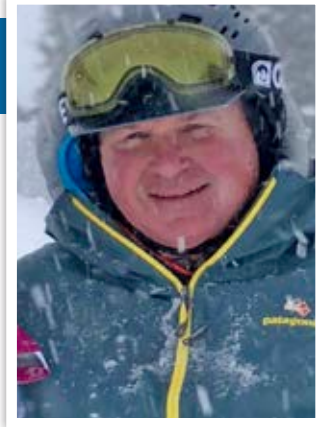
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## Warren Cook



Warren Cook grew up in Williamstown, MA in the heart of the Berkshires and learned to ski at Sheep Hill, Jiminy Peak and Bromley in Southern Vermont. But at the age of 14 his skiing took a hiatus as he became a year round hockey player. Through high school and college at Dartmouth where he captained the hockey team in 1967 Hockey was his sport.

Following service in the Marines in Vietnam Warren returned to skiing to follow his skiing wife in 1970. In the mid seventies he started skiing at Sugarloaf where he bought a condo and joined the Board of Directors in 1980. While his skiing was an important part of his life, it was the business experience he gained following his service in Viet Nam that he brought to Sugarloaf when he joined the Board in the early eighties that was the key to his success at the mountain.

In 1985 Cook moved to Sugarloaf at the request of his uncle King Cummings, then Chairman of the Board. Cummings wanted his business experience to assist in reorganizing the company after it had filed under Chapter 11. Under his leadership Sugarloaf continued to operate without interruption and jobs that had been eliminated were returned.

Warren is best known for his contribution in the area of employee training. In order to better understand the requirements of every job on the mountain he personally performed all the jobs. He set the example by driving shuttle buses, directing traffic in parking lots and loading lifts. Working every frontline job at the resort he not only learned more about the actual workings of the resort, but inspired employees to the point where Sugarloaf was recognized as the ski resort with the best service on

the east by Snow Country Magazine. The winner in the West was Deer Valley, pretty good company.

Equally important to preserving Sugarloaf and paving a path to growth is the legacy of mentoring the careers of employees who have gone on to leadership positions throughout the industry. Among them are John Diller who led Sugarloaf as GM for 18 years, Chip Carey one of skiing's most successful marketing executives, Dana Bullen, now GM at Sunday River, and Nancy Marshall now owner of one of the state's largest public relations agencies. Others include Bob Turner and Cathy Witherspoon, still leaders at Sugarloaf.

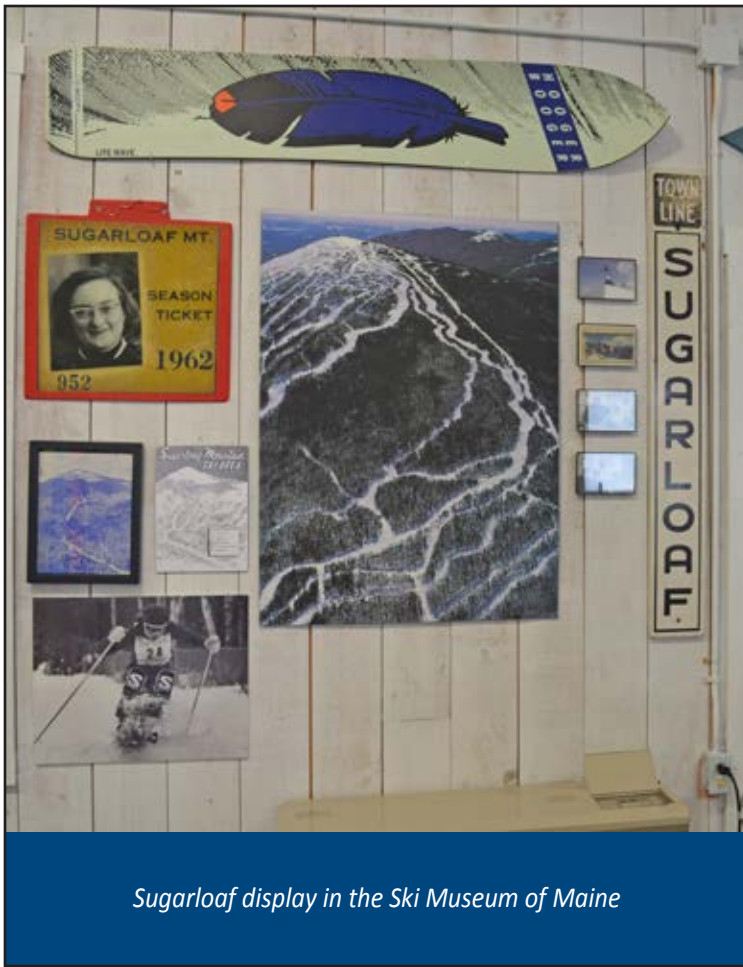
In addition to his work at Sugarloaf, Warren realized the importance of working with the entire community around the resort and his outreach resulted in forming networks throughout the Western Maine Mountains. He is listed as a founder of such non profits as Common Good Ventures, Maine Network Partners, Franklin Community College Network, and the Maine Mountain Heritage Network and Maine Woods Consortium and has served as an advisor on numerous other organizations. He also played a key role in the development of CVA and Maine Huts and Trails. This devotion to Sugarloaf and the western mountain community has earned Warren Cook a Place in the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

***Congratulations Warren Cook on your well  
deserved election to the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.***

***Thank you for all you have done for  
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*Sugarloaf display in the Ski Museum of Maine*

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# Kristina Sabasteanski



Most of Kristina Sabasteanski's competitive achievements came before she arrived in Maine. In the late eighties Kristina led the Castleton ski team, lettering for four years competing in Division 1. She was captain of the team in her junior year. Entering the U.S. Army Sabasteanski represented her country on the Biathlon World Cup Circuit and in the 1998 and 2002 Winter Olympics. A visit to Maine to compete in biathlon at Fort Kent had a major impact on her career. After competing in the 1998 Olympics and being named U. S. Army Athlete of the Year, she was thinking of retiring as a biathlete. Instead she entered the race at Fort Kent and on her 30th birthday, April 1st, 2000, she won the event. Kristina attributes the hospitality of the people of the area and the victory with reinforcing her determination to try for one more Olympic berth.

The result made her part of the U.S. Biathlon Team in the Salt Lake games and she considers being selected to carry the World Trade Center Flag during the opening ceremonies as one of her greatest honors. After the 2002 games she retired from Biathlon competition and the U. S. Army.

After years of serving in the Army and living wherever she could train with the U.S. Biathlon Team she and her husband decided to retire to Maine, where she attended the University of Southern Maine earning a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. As a certified occupational therapist Sabasteanski was equipped to pursue another dream, developing a program for disabled veterans. With all the facilities in place, Pineland Farms was the ideal location for such a program and the Veteran's Adaptive Sports and Training (VAST) Program was set up. It would

include an annual Paralympic Veteran's Ski Camp where VAST would host 15-18 Veterans from Maine, New England and across the country to try Biathlon for the first time. During the VAST weekly program at Pineland Farms, they regularly host 20-35 Veterans each week for cross-country skiing using adaptive equipment as needed. That first year Kristina had a goal of 10 veterans in the program. This year they hope to reach up to 200 unique Veterans.

Kristina also teaches a USM Recreational Therapy Class called Facilitating Adaptive Outdoor Recreation, teaching students how to use adaptive xc skiing as a therapeutic modality while assisting during VAST Programming. She has also taught USM Level 1 Occupational Therapy students how to xc ski as part of their curriculum while working with disabled veterans.

Kristina continuously works to promote Nordic skiing in Maine so others can enjoy the sport that she loves. From 2003 to 2006, Kristina was a spokesperson for Winterkids, visiting classrooms to get kids involved in the sport, and served as a presenter and instructor at NENSA women's days. This lifetime of devotion to her sport and especially her dedication to Maine disabled veterans and adaptive athletes has earned Katrina Sabasteanski a place in the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

# Congratulations

Pineland Farms is proud to congratulate,

**Kristina Sabasteanski,**

on her induction into the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Her achievements as a two-time biathlon Olympian, her service as a 10 year Veteran of the Army and Vermont National Guard and her dedication to the VAST program at Pineland Farms are just a few examples of what makes Kristina such a deserving candidate.



Thank you Kristina, for your work, your service & your perseverance. You are an inspiration to us all.  
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Kristina Sabasteanski in Olympic Biathlon in the Nagano Games.

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## Dave Stonebraker



From the day he arrived at Hebron Academy in 1976, David Stonebraker has been a force in Maine skiing. He immediately took over as coach of the boy's ski team and after just a few years took over the girl's team as well and continued to coach both teams for 37 years through the 2013 season.

His last race as Hebron's Head Alpine Coach was as host of the New England Prep School Class B Championship at Shawnee Peak, a race that included 150 racers from 16 different schools across New England. During Dave's tenure Hebron also hosted the NEPSAC Championships in 1997, 2000 and 2009, more than any other prep school. It was this willingness to take on the extra work of organizing events in addition to simply coaching his teams that made Stonebraker an exceptional leader.

From 1976 until Hebron's ski hill closed in the mid 1980's Dave groomed the hill in addition to coaching and hosting races. He has been an important presence in the MAISAD (Maine Prep) League, helping to craft the by-laws and even in retirement continuing to keep the point standings for the league.

Along with his coaching duties he ran a MARA program for USSA racers through Hebron Academy for a number of years through the 1997 season and was an active member of the MARA organization. He has also been TD for USSA races in Maine and since 1998 has been an active volunteer with the Sugarloaf Ski Club serving as a referee and head gate keeper, a regular at Sugarloaf alpine events.

In the mid 80's the coach helped lay out the first of Hebron's cur-

rent XC Trail System, flagging new trails and connecting them to existing trails to create a five K loop. Over the past five years Dave has expanded Hebron's trail network, first walking through the woods to imagine and flag new trails, then using a chain saw and other tools to remove brush and open things up. He followed that work with over 400 hours on a track hoe to build three miles of connecting trails to complete a remarkable trail network for his school.

Through the work of Dave Stonebraker all the trails are now named and marked with his hand made wooden signs, and the trail map he created is on hand at the kiosk he built at the trailhead to guide skiers. In retirement Dave continues to devote time and energy to grooming the trail network, laying down a great surface, keeping the trails in top notch condition. He also serves as Hebron Academy's archivist and he is well versed in the long history of skiing at Hebron Academy, Maine and New England. This dedication to our sport has earned Dave Stonebraker a place in the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

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# Congratulations DAVID STONEBRAKER

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Dave Stonebraker on left with his Hebron Academy ski team.

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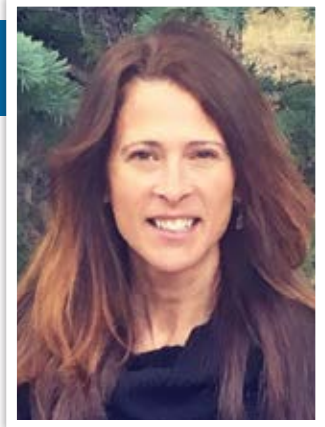
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# Anne Dowling



In December of 1973 at the age of three Anne Dowling got her start on skis and by the end of the season she was riding the Gondola to the top and skiing the whole length of Tote Road. The next year at age four she was put in the Mini-Freestyle with Joe-Cool McGovern as her coach. Skiing everywhere on the mountain she progressed rapidly and at age five Anne entered her first freestyle contest at Pleasant Mountain where she earned a 3rd place medal in the 9 and under category.

At 6,7 and 8 she was winning her age group in combined (9 and under: Ballet, Moguls and aerials) in the Easterns and narrowly missed qualifying for the Nationals at age 8. In 1982 at age 11, Dowling qualified for her first nationals but they were cancelled by 15 feet of snow at Squaw Valley. Her results that year caught the attention of Hart ski head, Steve Bush and he asked her mother Bonnie Dowling about having Hart sponsor the young athlete. When told there were three older siblings also competing in freestyle Bush took all four and they skied for Hart for the next 10-15 years.

In 1984 Anne represented her country in the Junior World Championships at Orcierers-Merlette, France and won the combined, making her a Junior World Champion at age 13. Continuing to make the Nationals every year after that, she earned a spot on the U.S. Freestyle Team as a combined skier for the first time at 14, the youngest skier ever to make the team. In 1985 the Maine skiers placed 8th in the World Cup at Lake Placid and picked up a 3rd place trophy at a World Cup in Quebec. In 1988, Anne was a member of the first USSR/

USSA skier exchange where she won the only combined event in the Caucasus Mountains in Georgia, USSR.

Dowling competed in Combined until 1991 when she became a mogul specialist for the U.S. Team until her retirement in 1995 ranked 12th in the World in moguls. In her years on the team, Anne racked up impressive performances, 3rd at the U.S. Nationals in 1991 and a 3rd in the World Cup at Blackcomb in 1994. She was first alternate to two Olympic Games, Albertville, France in 1992 and Lillehammer, Norway in 1994 and was a member of the U.S. Mogul team in the FIS World Championships in 1995.

After her retirement from the team she competed in pro events winning the World Pro Mogul Tour in 1996, 1997 and 1998. Anne served as mogul coach under her brother John at Team Breck from 1995 to 2000. This lifetime of achievement has earned Anne Dowling a place in the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.



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David Chamberlain

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# Hall of Fame Year 16

When we started the Maine Ski Hall of Fame in 2003, we knew four of that first year's class were already in the National Ski Hall of Fame, Chummy Broomhall, John Bower, Al Merrill and Doc Des Roches. Broomhall, Bower and Merrill had represented Maine in the Olympics, part of a string of athletes from our state who had been in every winter games since 1948. That streak has continued in the 16 years since that first class in 2003.

This is proof that here in Maine, we have more skiers who achieve national and international prominence than all other sports combined. Not all our skiers have been to the Olympics, but many have skied for the U. S. Ski Team without being named to the Olympic Team. We have numerous examples of skiers who achieved greatly in ski disciplines before they became Olympic events. We have two this year, Anne Dowling and Karen Colburn. They join a number of Maine Freestyle skiers who won national titles and even international crowns, but because it was

before Freestyle became an Olympic event, there was little recognition.

It was to recognize skiers such as these that we started the Maine Ski Hall of Fame, and those skiers who made significant contributions to the sport here in Maine or beyond. The class of 2018 has several members whose contributions were mostly behind the scenes. Unless you have bought cross country equipment for a school or other organization, you might not know about about Leon Akers, whose Andover ski shop has shipped XC ski gear all over the country. Dave Stonebraker is known mostly within the New England prep school circuit for his years of work at Hebron Academy and only those familiar with Sugarloaf's financial struggles in the eighties know of Warren Cook's achievements in bringing that great Maine resort back to solvency. Kristina Sabasteanski was an Olympic biathlete, but she is best known to Veterans who have benefitted from the program she started at Pineland Farms to get them

on skis. And our historic figure this year was an insurance agent in Bridgton. Imagine traveling on skis from Bridgton to Mount Washington. Libby did just that to become the first person to ski Mount Washington in 1905.

These skiers represent a variety of achievements typical of previous classes and bring the total of Hall of Fame members to 136 and we will have no trouble finding more Maine skiers to elect in the future. In fact, although the class has yet to be named, from nominations already in and more known to be coming we will have some Olympic skiers next year. And thanks to the support of those of you at the banquet and the individuals and businesses that sponsor this program the Maine Ski Hall of Fame continues to be a huge success, adding financial support to the Ski Museum of Maine, of which we are a division.

Thanks,  
Dave Irons, Chairman,  
Maine Ski Hall of Fame Committee



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### Legends Race

*Last March the First Annual Legends Race was contested at Sunday River. The race allowed skiers to challenge members of the Maine Ski Hall of Fame in a Giant Slalom on the resort's Monday Mourning Trail which is visible for its entire length from the Barker Base Lodge. After the race the crowd in the lounge expressed their approval of the competitors at the awards. The competition was especially keen in the senior division with all of the racers saying they would be back for the second running this season.*







Hall of Fame inductee Anne Dowling  
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This is the 10th Mountain display, one of the most important in the Museum. These soldiers used Paris Skis and Bass Boots all made right here in Maine. A list of Maine skiers who served in the critical division in World War II accompanies the display.





Craig Gray is shown in action on the sit skis he used in the Nagano Olympics and the World Championships. This sit ski frame along with the skis and its special story will be part of new display in the Ski Museum of Maine due to open in December. Visitors will be able to see exactly how skis are attached to the frame. The display will also include various pieces of equipment, uniforms and other mementos from the 28 plus skiers who have kept Maine represented in every Winter Olympics since 1948. In no other sport have Maine athletes achieved this record of competing at the highest levels in the World. This sixty year legacy will be illustrated with the written word and actual items to give visitors to the Museum a true feel for these skiers and their accomplishments.



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# Ski Museum of Maine - Letter from the President

The mission at the Ski Museum of Maine is to “celebrate, preserve and share the heritage and history of Maine skiing” Tonight’s annual Maine Ski Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet is our premier celebration of those who have contributed so much to our rich skiing heritage. It is also our largest fundraiser to support the preservation of Maine ski history. Thank you, folks for sharing this evening with us.

This past year the SMOM completed a major renovation at our home in Kingfield. It is a wonderful transformation and by all visitor accounts, very impressive. As I write this we are beginning work on our newest and most exciting exhibit-The Maine Winter Olympian Exhibit that is being designed and built by Julia Gray and her company Riverside Museum Solutions. Maine has had a participant and/or coach in every winter Olympics since 1948. No small feat indeed and that is a story that needs to be told. This promises to be our signature exhibit and one that we and all visitors will be extremely proud of for many years to come. Please stay tuned for more details concerning updates and progress at our newly upgraded website ([skimuseumofmaine.org](http://skimuseumofmaine.org)). You will also be able to sign up for our eblasts there as well. These are exciting times for our Museum and we invite you to join us in membership, as a visitor or even online. We are confident that you will enjoy the experience and we will be most grateful.

In addition to the upgrades at our Kingfield location, we now have established a permanent satellite exhibit in the Robinson House at the Museum of the Bethel Historical Society. The new exhibit: “Oxford County Skiing History – From Jockey Cap to Jordan

Bowl” traces the roots of alpine and Nordic skiing and manufacturing at sites located throughout Oxford County.

For the month of October, the museum was given the opportunity to share the abridged exhibit: The Mountains of Maine: Skiing in the Pine Tree State. This exhibit is dedicated to John Christie – an inductee in the Maine Ski Hall of Fame Class of 2006, an avid skier and friend to the museum. This exhibit will be our traveling exhibit. Be sure to check our website for upcoming locations of this exhibit.

These two exhibits make us truly the “Ski Museum of Maine” and give us the opportunity to follow our mission: Celebrate, preserve and share the history and heritage of Maine skiing.

The Ski Museum of Maine honors all these inductees this evening for they have transformed the impossible to possible, pushed themselves beyond most human boundaries and in the end, helped shape a heritage that is shared by all Maine skiers. Our sincere congratulations to all.

With gratitude,  
Cooper Friend  
President  
Ski Museum of Maine



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## Upcoming Museum Events

### November 12

Launch of the 3rd Annual  
Fall On-Line Auction

### March 14

2nd Annual Legends Race  
*Mount Abram*

### Christmas Vacation Week

Tentative unveiling of our  
Newest Exhibit: “Maine Olympians  
1948 to Present”  
*Check our website for updates*

### April 20

Skee Spree Silent Auction  
*Barker Lodge, Sunday  
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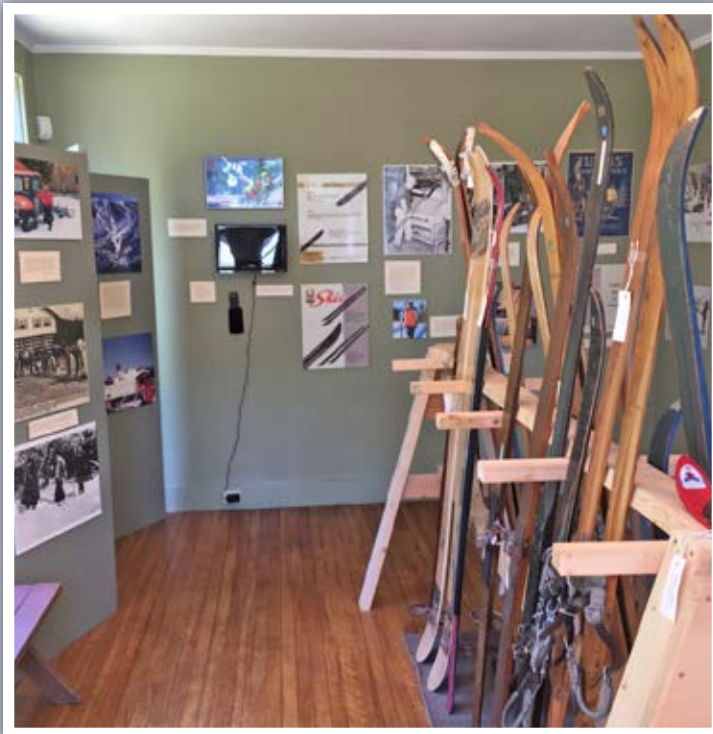
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Visit “Oxford County Skiing History From Jockey Cap to Jordan Bowl”  
At our satellite exhibit located at the Bethel Historical Society.

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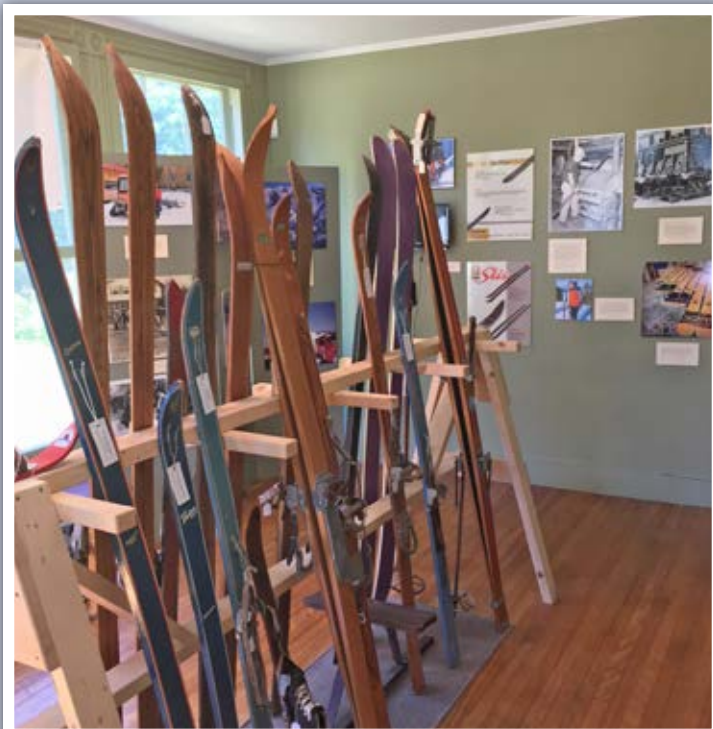
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### Ski Museum of Maine Opens Satellite Gallery in Bethel

*Bethel, Maine...The Ski Museum of Maine has opened a satellite, the Western Mountains Gallery, at the Robinson House of the Museums of the Bethel Historical Society. The inaugural exhibit "Oxford County Skiing History-From Jockey Cap to Jordan Bowl" traces the roots of alpine and Nordic skiing and manufacturing in Oxford County and Bridgton. The exhibit displays photos and stories of Sunday River, Mt. Abram, and Shawnee Peak along with lost ski areas Jockey Cap, Burnt Meadow, Evergreen Valley and Earle Brown. It covers Nordic ski and jumping venues, ski clubs, and ski lodging. The manufacturing wall features Paris Manufacturing, YOPP and Claw skis with a monitor to view the "Tree to Ski" video. A central ski rack displays skis made in Oxford County from 1920-2018. The exhibit has been made possible through a grant from the Oxford County Fund of the Maine Community Foundation. Hours for the Gallery will match those of the Bethel Historical Society. Admission is free.*





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