

The Maine Ski Hall of Fame was established as a division of the Ski Museum of Maine to recognize individuals who bring distinction to Maine skiing through competition, either as athletes or coaches. The Hall also honors those who pioneered the sport in Maine, ski makers, ski area builders, instructor, volunteers and others who have made a significant contribution to the sport. This incoming class will bring the number of those honored to 152.

The following eight biographies tell their story.

#### **Greg Voisine Fort Kent, Me.**

Long time alpine ski coach Greg Voisine of Fort Kent began his career in 1985 coaching the Fort Kent Community High School Team. That first year the girl's team won the high school state championship. Greg has logged over 25 years as a ski coach garnering 21 state championships (10 boy's, 11 girl's). The Maine Sunday Telegram named him Alpine Coach of the Year in 2009. He has spent countless hours developing and maintaining ski trails at Fort Kent and continues to volunteer setting up and running alpine races. A fellow coach writes "Coaching brings out the best qualities in Greg, because he's doing what he loves".

#### **Peter Smith Kingfield, Me.**

Peter Smith began his ski career as a 4 event skier for Colby College where he captained the team his senior year. After graduation he served in the U.S. Army. While stationed in Garmisch, Germany he served on the ski patrol. Upon return to the States, he taught skiing at Pleasant Mtn. (Shawnee Peak) and received his PSIA certification. A fellow Colby team mate lured him to Sugarloaf where he served as Head Coach for the Sugarloaf Junior Program and shortly thereafter became the Director of the Alpine Racing program. His coaching career has spanned 5 decade. Peter has competed in the USSA Alpine Masters National Championships, coached for the Carrabassett Valley Academy and volunteered at the Sugarloaf Competition Center receiving the Gleason Rand Volunteer Award three times.

#### **Harold Bondeson, Woodland, Me.**

A third generation Swedish-American born in 1914, Harold's first means of transportation was a pair of skis-skiing 2 ½ miles to catch the train to school. He was a founding member of the New Sweden Athletic Club and an ardent promoter of skiing for sport. He was an early racer and event organizer for the many races and winter carnivals held in the northern parts of the state. Harold, a true gentleman, always wore a necktie while racing. In 1937 Harold placed 3rd in the famous Bangor to Caribou cross country race which took 4 days to complete.

#### **Bob Miller, Livermore Falls, Me.**

Bob "Bobcat" Miller was the Head Ski Coach at Livermore Falls High School from 1969-1981. Although a Class C high school in population, Bob led the Livermore Falls team to two Class B and 5 Class A championships. Bob served as the 1975-76 Junior National Nordic combined coach. In 1977, of the 23 Americans competing in the NCAA Cross Country Ski Championships in Colorado, four were from Livermore Falls. Bob coached Olympic skiers and athletes who excelled in college races and pursued careers in the ski industry. Always working on the jumps or ski trails at Spruce Mt., Bob set the tone for his team's hard work. He is a beloved member of the Livermore community.

#### **Marcia White, Wyman Township, Me**

Marcia has been employed by Sugarloaf Ski Resort for 45 years. She was instrumental in founding the Sugarloaf Child Care Center in 1982 and became its first director. She has introduced skiing to 1000's of youngsters, many of whom have gone on to become successful athletes on the U.S. Ski and Snowboard teams. She is the author of "Amos the Moose -a Sugarloaf Story" highlighting the area's mascots who make appearances at the Child Care Center. Marcia is Director of the town of Carrabassett Valley's Outdoor Adventure Camp and Board Chair of the Western Maine Center for Children.

#### **Dick Forster, Farmington, Me.**

A driving force at Titcomb Mt. in Farmington, Dick has been a tireless volunteer for over 45 years. Calling on his training and career as an engineer, Dick was primarily responsible for designing, installing and helping to maintain the Titcomb lodge, pump house and snowmaking system, maintenance garage and Nordic and alpine timing buildings. As chairman of the fund raising committee Dick spearheaded the effort to raise over \$300,000 for Titcomb. "He is a man who truly

cares about Titcomb and the many generations of skiers it has served” wrote a fellow Farmington Ski Club board member.

**Larry Warren, Kingfield, Me**

Larry was and continues to be the visionary and driving force behind the growth of Sugarloaf Mountain and the economic development of the western Maine mountains community. He began his career at Sugarloaf as controller in 1971 and became President of Sugarloaf Mountain Corporation in 1979. His many accomplishments at the ski resort include building an overnight bed base, developing an electrical and wastewater infrastructure, purchase of the Sugarloaf Inn and condominium projects, development of the Carrabassett Valley Touring Center (Sugarloaf Outdoor Center) and Sugarloaf Golf Club. In 1999 he founded the Maine Huts and Trails program which has 80 miles of trails and 4 eco-lodges. Larry currently sits on the boards of the Somerset Economic Development Committee, Western Mountains and Rivers Corporation and the Kennebec River Company.

**Franklin"Chip"Carey, Kingfield, Me**

Chip Carey is the consummate public relations practitioner. Chip started his career at Sugarloaf/USA as a photographer. He advanced to head of the PR department and then to Marketing. He established WSKI and a premier Sugarloaf event- The Celebrity Cup. He has a legendary reputation with the national ski writing community for his innovative pr campaigns. After thirty years at Sugarloaf, Chip plied his trade at the Canyons in Utah and Jackson Hole Wyoming never forgetting his roots in New England and continuing to promote his beloved state of Maine.