

Elizabeth 'Schatzi' Wood Nomination

Barbara Bryant

Nominated by:
John Watson

Years of Service: 2007-2009.

Barbara Bryant says "I like the bumps, the steeps, powder, whatever white stuff is in front of me, I'll tackle it." She has tackled her committee responsibilities with the same vigor, but expanded it with an innovation and added a powerful tool to the Association's inventory of capabilities to service the membership.

The tool started as an informational reference that was intended to help club and council officials do their jobs better. She had compiled a CD, scouring published professional papers, reports developed at all levels of organization, commercial training videos and materials requested from Association people.

What was intended to be a passive aid, then became the source document for the curriculum development of the Snowsports Leadership Academy (SLA), a 2008 innovation in which she also played a major role along with Diane Stearley.

The SLA has become the centerpiece of the education and information portion of the annual meeting. The CD has become a living document and will continue to be a powerful tool for FWSA membership services and advancement.

This innovation was in addition to developing an Association brochure. She publishes the monthly Internet-based FWSA News (co-developed with Scott Bowker), and maintains membership services responsibility of FWSA. But this is not all!

Her membership work is in addition to her participation and multi-faceted services to racing, club membership activity, safety advocacy and fund raising. She is a Past President of Sierra Council, a past or present member of six clubs, a founder of one, secretary of the racing association (FWRA), and a volunteer for many local fund raising ski races. She has helped raise funds for junior racing and athletic scholarships, breast cancer awareness, Special Olympics, Pacific Burn Unit, and Sierra Council itself. She promotes safety with posters at local ski areas and as a league official has required the use of helmets. She promotes their use by example as well.

We are indebted to Barbara Bryant and honor her with the "Schatzi" Wood nomination for 2009.



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