

Hans Georg Nomination

Donn Bryant

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After 61 years of exceptional support and involvement in skiing and ski racing, I can think of nobody else that deserves this award more than **Donn Bryant**. In high school he helped to form the first ski club at Boise High School called the Davos Dusters, and he became the club's first president. By his senior year he became an "apprentice" ski instructor at Bogus Basin. In Donn's freshman year at Boise Junior College, he joined the Bronco Ski Club and participated in intramural ski club races with other small colleges in Idaho. Later, at the University of Idaho, he was his fraternity representative on the University of Idaho Ski Council where he promoted and participated in intramural ski meets between living groups. After graduation from the University, Donn served as Social Chairman, Membership Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, Vice President and three terms as President of the Bogus Basin Ski Club. All told, he served fifteen years on the Board of Directors. He also served on the Bogus Basin Recreation Association Board, a group that determined the direction and future of Bogus Basin which also formed the Bogus Basin Ski Racing Alliance.

From 1961 to 1984 Donn served as the Bogus Basin Ski Club representative to the Pacific Northwest Ski Association (PNSA). During that time he served two terms as Article and By-Laws Chairman. In 1985 PNSA awarded him the Norrie Lamson Award for 24 years of service to the Juniors and the PNSA Junior Program.

Donn was also a licensed ski racing official for 24 years beginning at the local level, advancing through the regional level and reaching national certification in three categories: Timing and Calculations, Referee, and Technical Delegate. From 1961 to 1985, Donn worked at the local and regional levels in racing as well as the World Cup in 1972 as Chief of Handtiming.

Donn also served on the advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the Fagowee Ski Club where he recommended Fagowee participation in the Far West Ski Association. He also served two terms as President of Fagowees, then was instrumental in forming the Capital Ski & Sports Club. He served three terms as its President and one year as past president. Donn has also belonged to the Raleigh Ski and Outing Club, Code 3 Ski Club, Reno Ski & Rec, and the Cabernet Ski Club, which he founded and became the first President in 2006.

Donn served as club representative to Sierra Council for several years in his capacity as club president. He also has been Secretary of Sierra Council and served for 5 years as Vice President. Donn has also represented the Sierra League at the summer race rules meeting in Mammoth.

Donn's dedicated long term commitment to the sport of skiing is still being demonstrated with his involvement in the Far West Skiing Association where he is serving his seventh year as Chairman of the Man and Woman of the Year Program. Donn has attended twelve previous FWSA conventions. He is continually volunteering to help wherever he is needed; he has served as a substitute Head Gatekeeper when that person was unable to perform the job. He actively assists at every race either with registration, waivers, awards, or as a pacesetter. He letters signs for events such as league races, the UNR Ski Swap, and Norcals. In 2001 and 2002 he was awarded the "Top Gun" award in the league for winning the most overall racing points. He has race trained in the Masters Race Training Program at Northstar and trained at summer race camps at Mt. Hood and Copper Mountain since 1998.

Donn has volunteered at the Special Olympics Winter Games, the Code 3 races to raise money for the Pacific Burn Institute, and at the UNR Ski Swap for the past seven years. He raised money with the Ski Racing Alliance for Handicapped Children. He has also helped to raise money to fund the Tahoe Adaptive Ski School and participated in the Celebrity Winterfest which benefits Special Olympics in 2007 and 2008. On a personal competitive side, Donn is still extremely competitive as a ski racer in class 3 in the Far West Racing Association. Recently, he has competed in numerous Far West Championships, Far West Ski Weeks, the Keystone Nationals, and Norcals.

Finally, the impact of what Donn has done for the sport and for the association is immeasurable. He volunteered as a weekend ski instructor for sixteen years teaching youngsters to ski. He was instrumental in forming ski clubs and influencing others to join the clubs and learn to ski. He served as a licensed racing official for 24 years. Donn also supervised youngsters in the Nordic Ski Program at Bogus Basin. All in all, as an Ambassador of Skiing, Donn's enthusiasm and goodwill have influenced countless skiers and will continue to do so in the years to come. I believe Donn Bryant's experiences, influence and respect throughout the skiing industry speaks volumes. Donn Bryant is a worthy and deserving recipient of the Hans George Award.

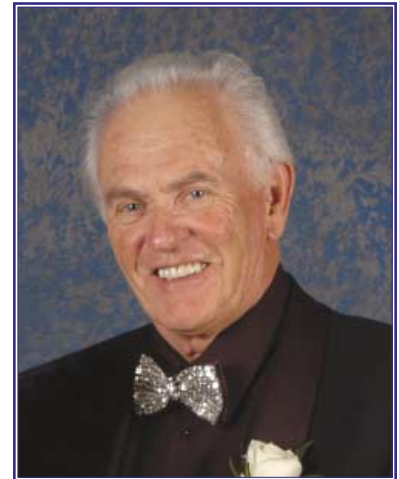


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