



## VOLUNTEER WALL OF FAME

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### 1. What type of organizations do you volunteer for?

Like many others, I have involved myself in my children's activities. Cross country ski officiating was a bit of an accident. It started with being handed a clip board to record bib numbers while my young daughter was racing and the next thing I knew I was Chief of Race. There were a few years in the middle somewhere, but time flies when you're having fun (and raising children). I have been on the SLNC Board of Directors as the Chair of the Competitions Committee since 2005/06. Previous to that I was very active on the Board of the Independent school our children attended, and had many and various roles in the school, church, and sports communities.

### 2. What is the most rewarding part about volunteering?

There are many rewards:

- The people. I've met some really interesting people from all walks of life, and made some life-long friends. It's been a lot of fun.
- I've had some wonderful opportunities and experiences as a ski official – some highlights: being on the Jury at MWC in Sweden; being a member of Denis Brown's wonderful Timing Team pre OWG 2010, and at the 2010 PWG; having a major role in the MWC 2011 at Sovereign Lake.
- I've been challenged in new ways. It has stretched me. I even had to learn some computer skills!

**3. What do you have to say about all the volunteers who make events possible?**

So many things just wouldn't happen without people willing to give of their time and talents. You've all heard the definition of a volunteer, right? It's the person who didn't understand the question!

**4. Finish this sentence: I volunteer because...**

It's an important part of being a community member, I love the people, and it keeps life interesting.

