



## VOLUNTEER WALL OF FAME

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### Background:

- A skier from early age competing from locally to nationally and internationally;
- A member of the Canadian National Cross Country Ski Team from 1962 to 1972; in 1964 named as alternate for the Olympic Team, and in 1968 was a member of Canada's Olympic team at the Olympic Winter Games (OWG) in Grenoble, France;
- Competed at many Canadian and World Masters Championships from their inception in 1980 and 1982 respectively up to the present day;

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

#### Coaching:

- Club coach or assistant coach for various clubs since the 1960s, and university ski team coach in the 1990s;
- National level coach, assistant coach or wax tech at many World Cups, World Championships and Winter Olympic Games in the 1970s, 80s and 90s;
- Delivered many seminars on waxing, equipment, and ski technique over past 40 years;

#### Officiating:

- Extensive service as a national level TD from mid-70s to present day;
- Chief of Race for numerous local, regional and provincial races in 1970s, 80s and 90s;
- Team Leader 1976 OWG Innsbruck; Team Manager 1984 OWG Sarajevo; Chief of Course 1988 OWG Calgary; Wax Technician 1992 OWG Albertville;

- Chief of Course or Chief of Stadium at numerous Canada and Alberta Cup races at Canmore Nordic Centre 2000 to 2010;
- Chief of Stadium 2005 Alberta World Cup; Chief of Course 2010 Alberta World Cup; Team Compound Coordinator 2012 Alberta World Cup.
- Served as an official in other sports as well – local triathlons and road races – including being a senior official in the Ontario Winter Games twice.

Administration:

- Beginning in 1972, have been an active ski volunteer and administrator at local (club), regional, national and international levels;
- Served on club executives and as President of North Bay Nordic Ski Club
- Served as Chairman of the Northern Ontario Ski Division
- Served as chair of the National Ski Team Committee in 1980s and 90s, and as chair of various technical committees of Cross Country Canada (CCC) in 1970s and 80s and early 2000s;
- Founding member and first president of Canadian Association of Nordic Ski Instructors (CANSI);
- Founding member and first vice-president of the Canadian Masters Ski Association (Nordic Skiing);
- CCC representative to the Canadian Olympic Association 1984 to 1993;
- CCC representative on various International Ski Federation (FIS) Committees between 1984 and 1992;
- President of CCC from 1987 to 1990 and from 2006 to 2008.

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

Working with other committed people to make things happen. Also learning new things – how various organizations work and new administrative techniques. Being part of successful endeavours that further the cause of whatever one is involved in – such as the winning of Olympic medals.

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

Volunteers are essential to many walks of life. Without them society could not afford many of the programs and events that enrich everyday life for many. They are especially essential for the running of very large events where it would be prohibitively expensive to pay people to work the event. Volunteers also provide a wide variety of expertise that would also be expensive to acquire!

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

I volunteer because it is rewarding to help make things happen and to help further the cause of organizations that provide a service to enhance public everyday life.

