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Canadian Rockies Ski Racing Hall of Fame 2020 Inductees

Recognizing an extraordinary commitment of five sport leaders to alpine ski racing and our athletes.

Canmore (AB) – The **Canadian Rockies Ski Racing Hall of Fame** announced the Class of 2020 – five dedicated leaders who have made a life-long contribution to alpine ski racing and through their leadership have supported the development of athletes and lifted the running of ski races.

“Recognizing the contribution of those dedicated officials, volunteers and builders who have built our sport is very important,” said Alberta Alpine President Rob McCloskey. “These remarkable personalities have made a difference – profoundly lifting our sport. Their leadership has given so many current and future ski racing champions the support they need to succeed. Our events are better. Our athlete development better. We are thrilled that this event can ensure the impact of our Honoured Inductees on our sport can be acknowledged and celebrated.”

The **Canadian Rockies Ski Racing Hall of Fame Class of 2020:**

Claudio Berto – Honoured Builder – As a coach for more than 40 years, Claudio Berto has touched many athletes, from our traditional clubs to para-alpine and into the ranks of Masters racers. He has coached adults and their children, young and old, Olympians and Paralympians, newbies respecting each and smiling ear to ear at their improvements. For the past twenty years, as Head Coach of the Alberta Masters Ski Club, Claudio has guided the development of Masters racing in Alberta and extended the joy of ski racing to a dedicated and growing group who continue to pursue the thrills of our sport.

Judy Dickson – Honoured Volunteer – She has done it all. Gate judge, hand timing, timing systems and into the key role of Race Administrator. Judy Dickson has volunteered enthusiastically for events from the Linda Putnam Memorial race for our youth to Nor-Am races for our rising starts to the highest levels with the 2015 Para-alpine World Championships and our annual World Cups. From her base with Team Panorama, Judy typically supports as many as seven events per year as Race Administrator, but as one of our most dedicated volunteers, she is always available for any position in Alberta and BC.

Bob Leitch - Presidents Award for Exceptional Service – He has been a friendly and familiar face in our ski racing community for nearly five decades. Bob Leitch has been on the snow as an athlete with the Alberta Ski Team, board member for Calgary Alpine Racing Club (CARC) for 15 years, CARC Board Chair for 10 years, Alberta Alpine board member for five years, the Chair of Alberta Alpine for two years, a race volunteer for 18 years, a Technical Delegate for 4 years, and of course as the Lake Louise North American (NorAm) Cup Chief of Course for 9 years. Bob volunteers with heart, passion, knowledge, and expertise, and we are so incredibly grateful he is a member of our community.

Ethel Lumby – Honoured Official - Like so many in our sport, Ethel and Colin Lumby were motivated to ski to introduce their children – Polly, Wendy and Martin to a great winter sport. It turned into a passion and a life-long commitment first with the Skimeisters Ski Club, then to Alberta Alpine and as one of the first international female FIS TD's in Canada. For over 30 years, Ethel has worked with timing, points, athlete pathways, rules and race organization, from the Nancy Greene Ski League to the 1988 Olympic Winter Games and our annual World Cups in the Rockies.

Jim Read – Honoured Alberta/Canadian Team Alumni - A two-time Olympian (1984 and 1988) and ten year member of the Canadian Alpine Ski Team, Jim Read graduated from the Lake Louise Ski Club, to the Alberta Team, becoming one of Canada's most successful tech skiers. He raced the North American Pro Tour, as the most successful North American athlete. On retirement from competitive sport, Jim joined the Sunshine Ski & Snowboard Club which he led as Head Coach for 22 years, introducing athletes and parents to the excitement of ski racing and skiing, inspiring many to higher Teams in Alberta and Canada.

The 2020 Inductees will be honoured at the Highest Peak Gala, hosted at Markin-McPhail Centre at WinSport on Wednesday, October 29th. This event was first held in 1968, to support ski racing excellence in Alberta and western Canada. The Canadian Rockies Ski Racing Hall of Fame event is a legacy event with the goal to support future champions in the province, with all proceeds invested into Alberta Ski Racing programs.

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