



COLORADO SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME NOMINATION
DAVE STAPLETON
SPONSORED BY WALT EVANS
CATEGORY SPORT BUILDER
ACHIEVEMENTS 1934 – PRESENT



□ **1980 thru 1989**

Lake Placid winter Olympics: Chief of course Women's Downhill
TD 1st. Speed Skiing sanctioned event in North America – Velocity Peak, Silverton Colorado
Aspen Ski Club - Board Member 2yrs.
Board of Directors Colorado Ski Museum
USSA Board member
Alpine officials committee
Alpine course approval committee / USSA – FIS (3 members only North America)
Contributed to Homologation sanctions
Member FIS TD working group board of directors USSA
Trustee Colorado Ski Education Foundation
Awarded Certificate of “Appreciation” by the USSA for contributions to the sport of skiing
TD for FIS South Pacific / New Zealand (12 races – 14 days)
TD for Men's FIS / Whistler
TD for Women's FIS / Calgary / pre- Olympic
Chief of course and Chief of race / TV coordinator / Aspen
Awarded Honorary Diploma from FIS for Technical Delegate contributions
Produced and hosted a training film for USSA Alpine Officials on Course Setting and Course Safety
Awarded the USSA – Rocky Mtn. Division Halstead Memorial “For Outstanding service to the sport of skiing

□ **1990 thru 1999**

Appointed Aspen Ski Hall of Fame
Awarded “ Certificate of Appreciation” by Rocky Mtn. Ski Race Officials for Ten consecutive years
Awarded The Evelyn and Art Masbruch Award Exceptional “Volunteerism” to alpine skiing in USSA Rocky Mtn. Division
Continued to work with the FIS Alpine course Approval and TD committee
Chief of course and Chief of race for FIS World Cup – Aspen

□ **2000**

□ Retired

□ **2004**

Awarded “Appreciation” By Rocky Mtn. – USSA for the film “Safety of Course”

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Colorado Ski Hall of Fame Nomination
Dave Stapleton, Nominee Sponsor Letter
Sport Builder Category
Respectfully Submitted by Walt Evans, Director of Excellence
Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club

February 8, 2016

To the Selection Committee:

It is an honor and privilege to nominate Dave Stapleton to the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame for his inspirational leadership in evolving alpine skiing in Aspen, in Colorado, in the Rocky Mountains, in the USA and internationally.

I am nominating Dave in the Sport Builder Category, but feel that he could fit into any of the four categories that are recognized by the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame.

As a fifth generation Coloradan who grew up in Aspen, Dave had a passion for ski sport that evolved from his time as an athlete, to his tenure as a coach and his term as an official. He punctuated his work as an important ski industry leader by focusing on producing international competitions at Colorado ski resorts. Dave's motivation with ski competition has been selfless; he was vigilant about athletes and skier safety and was determined to make competition fair and equitable for all athletes.

This nomination is based on the category of Sport Builder because I think one of many legacy markers that Dave has accomplished has to do with skier safety and standardization of alpine competition courses. Dave, along with three other key leaders in the United States, developed and launched a landmark initiative with the United States Ski Association and with the International Ski Federation (FIS) that mandated specific standards for alpine course design. Dave was responsible for developing, inspecting and certifying racing courses throughout the Rocky Mountain Region, but with a focus on Colorado resorts.

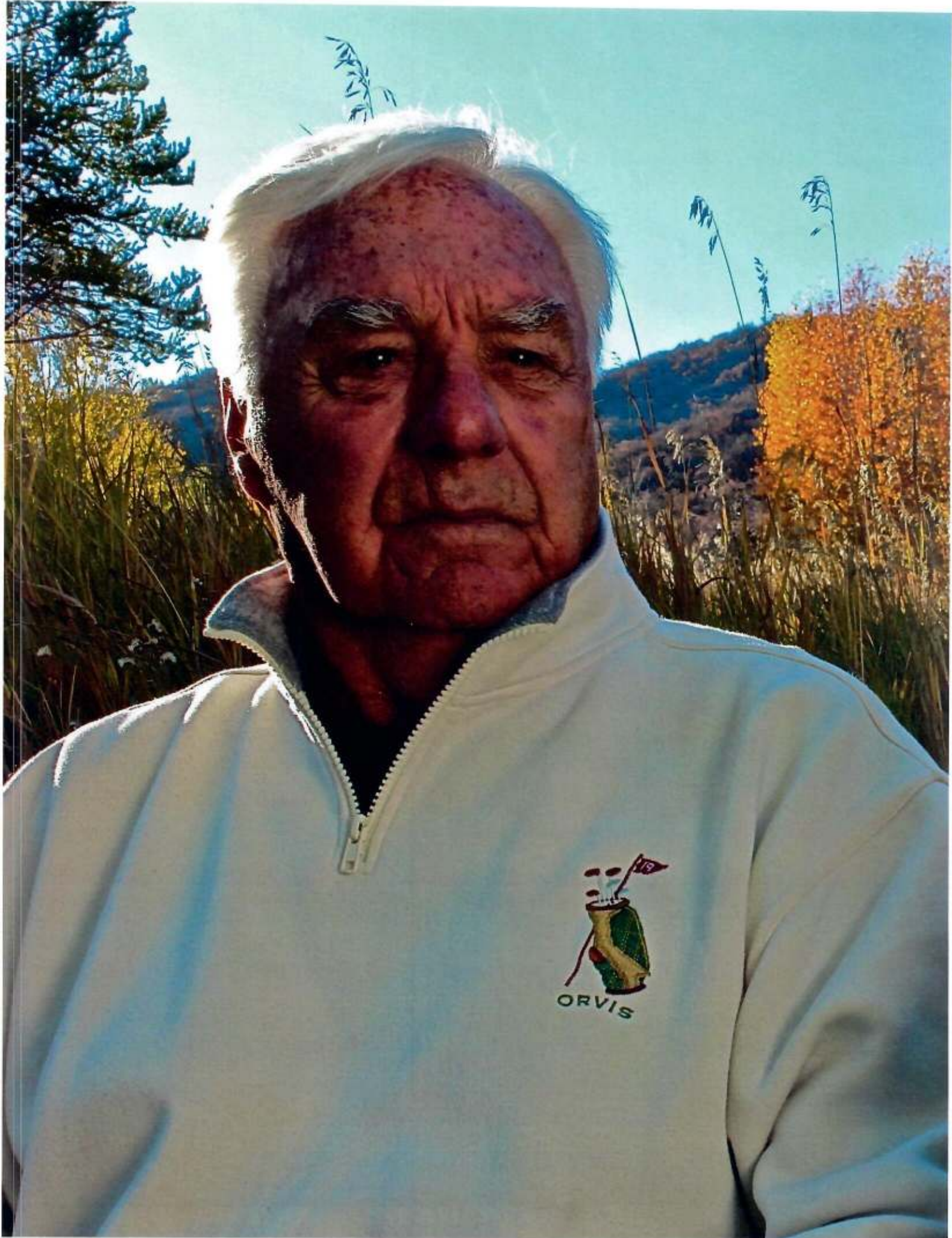
The project is referred to as FIS Course Homologation. The purpose of the project, which is still mandated by the FIS, is to have ski trails and racecourses meet specific standards for all of the alpine skiing events that include vertical drop standards, width of course standards, specific gradients and most importantly, mandated safety requirements specific to each of the courses. Dave identified and inventoried the ski trails at Colorado resorts that he felt would provide challenging but safe venues for competition. He then worked with local clubs and resorts to refine the trails so they would meet standards and become certified or homologated for alpine competition.

Dave's work in the area of racer safety helped to form many of the practices that are in place with the ski industry regarding risk management. This is just one example of where he has shown leadership throughout the years. Both on and off the hill, Dave could drive his ideas and high standards with

coaches, officials and athletes because of the level of respect he commanded. It was understood there was never a personal agenda but that his motivation was always about safety and fairness.

Dave was a mentor, advisor and teacher for me in my professional ski career that has included 15 years at the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club, 29 years with the United States Ski and Snowboard Association and US Ski Team and four years with the Aspen Valley Ski and Snowboard Club, where I am currently the Director of Excellence.

Please consider Dave Stapleton as a worthy and deserving candidate for induction into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame.



Jeffrey Gorsuch

Dear Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame and Nominating Committee:

I write this letter in support of David Stapleton Sr. of Aspen Colorado for your consideration for nomination to the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

I submit for your consideration of David's nomination the following in the category of "Sport Builder" or "Inspirational Leader."

I have had the privilege of knowing David for more than 40 years. David is a champion of our sport on every level. He is an Aspen Pioneer and was a member of the Aspen Ski Club from the early 40's. David is one of those exceptional personalities who has lead by example. He led our Rocky Mountain Division Board, and as Chairman was certified in all departments and capacities. David spent years providing the leadership and organization to make official World Class Alpine Ski events in Colorado the finest in the world and he was responsible for the officiating and successful production of the Aspen World Cup events for decades. David has been recognized by the USSA and the Rocky Mountain Divisions as one of the exceptional individuals who exhibits leadership and one who has shown exceptional volunteerism.

David has given of himself for the community of skiing; he has done this for his entire life. As an athlete and as a community leader he was very active in the Aspen Ski Club. David served on the board for more than twenty years, three as president. As one of those authentic and inspired persons who recognized the values of the sport of skiing and someone who has worked tirelessly to perpetuate and give these values to others to ensure that our sport can flourish, grow and become the very best in all aspects, with respect to safety in competition as well as excellence. David was named the first World Cup ski race official from Aspen, and served as Chief of Race, Chief of Course, Race Chairman, TV Coordinator, Starter, Timer, Finish and Start Referee on every race—either regional F.I.S., Can-Am, Nor-Am, or World Cup—from 1968 until 1991.

David inspired me in many aspects. He led the way as one who built the legacy of our sport in Aspen. At Aspen Ski Club he kindly mentored me as President of the board of AVSC which is now a club that boasts more than 2300 participants.

David is that someone who just plain never stepped away from the love of the sport of skiing. David deserves this prestigious recognition as someone who has given to Colorado and the sport of skiing for more than half a century. David is literally someone who has defined our sport on every level and who most genuinely gives meaning to one who is considered a "Sport Builder" and one who has inspired the perpetuation of Skiing in Colorado and beyond. Because of the vision and hard work that David has brought over the last many decades he stands in a rare and storied circle of those who continue to reach and to dream and to build our sport.

For more than 50 years David has been an inspiration and a leader. David has helped further our sport in the Alpine realm, in governance, officiating and in work to establish Colorado as the pinnacle destination for the finest race venues in the world in the sport of skiing. David is one of those souls who has never stopped giving to the sport of skiing and the building of our sport and culture of skiing. Please consider these comments in support of his candidacy for Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall Of Fame,

Sincerely Yours,

Jeffrey Gorsuch

Colorado Ski Hall of Fame Nomination Second

Dave Stapleton

Sport Builder Category

Respectfully Submitted by William Slattery, Chairman, USSA Awards Committee

February 12, 2016

To the Selection Committee:

It is a privilege to second nominations by Walt Evans and Jeffrey Gorsuch of Dave Stapleton to the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame in the Sport Builder Category.

I skied for the Central Division and met Dave who was skiing for Rocky Mountain Division at the Junior National Championship. Thus began 60+ years of friendship, mutual involvement in skiing and witnessing Dave's commitment to improve his sport.

Dave's passion for ski sport is demonstrated by his work in FIS Homologation, Racer Safety, Promotion of International Competition at ski resorts, Officiating and Coaching.

Dave's background as competitor, coach and official render his work promoting skier safety increasingly significant as dangers inherent in sport are gaining public awareness.

Please consider Dave Stapleton—an exceptional and well respected man who is most deserving of recognition through induction into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame.

February 15, 2016

Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall Of Fame Nomination Committee

Dear Committee,

My name is Dean Stapleton and I am one of 5 kids that thank you for your consideration of our father David.

You ask for a summary statement part 6.

Other than the above parts 2, 4 and 5. One element that jumps out at me is this, which is very simple.

David's body of work in the ski industry is 53 years.

Which means 53 years of 100% volunteer to which he is grateful and honored.

Again, Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Dean Stapleton