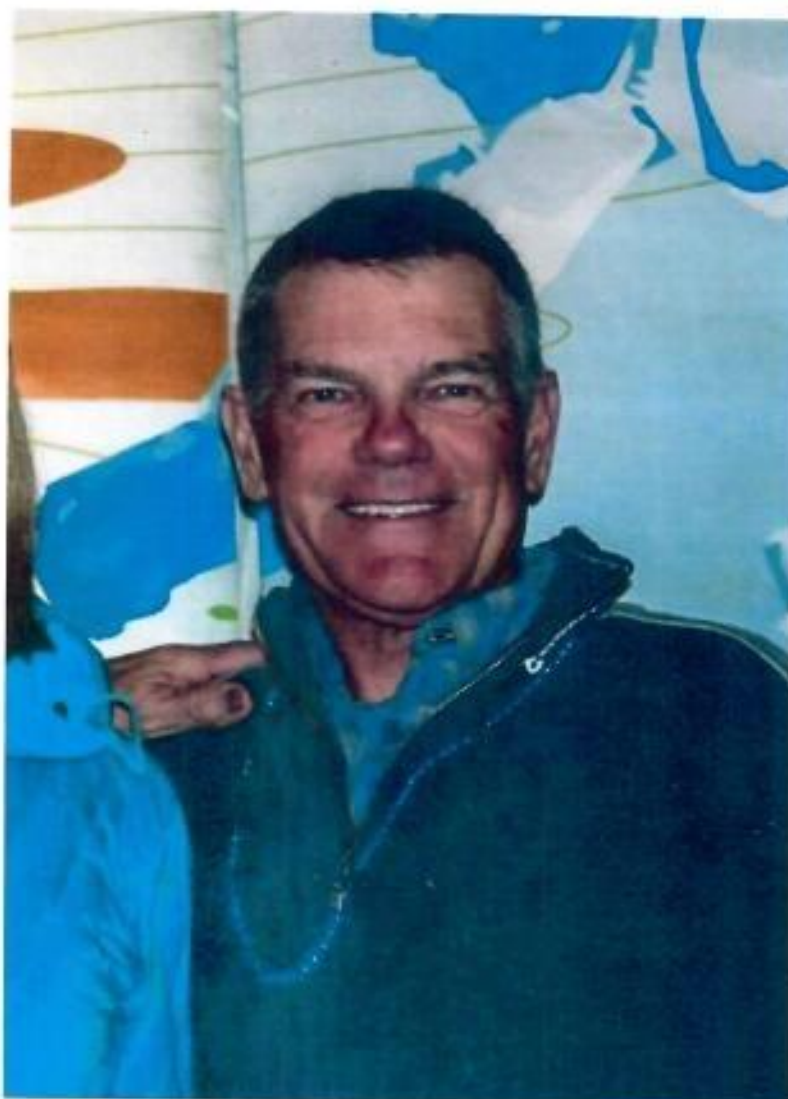




COLORADO SNOWSPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION
BRAD GHENT

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February 10, 2018

To: Colorado Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame Selection Committee

From: Kent Myers

Re: Nomination of Bradley Frank Ghent, Sport Builder

Dear Selection Committee,

Please find our nomination packet for Brad Ghent for the 2018 Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

It is a pleasure and an honor to nominate Brad. Letters are attached from myself, Bill Marolt, former chief executive officer for the USSA and John Garnsey, former chief executive for Vail Resorts.

We wish you the very best in your selection process and are available should you have any questions.

Regards,

Sincerely, Yours

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February 5, 2018

To the Colorado Ski and Snowboard HOF Nominating Committee

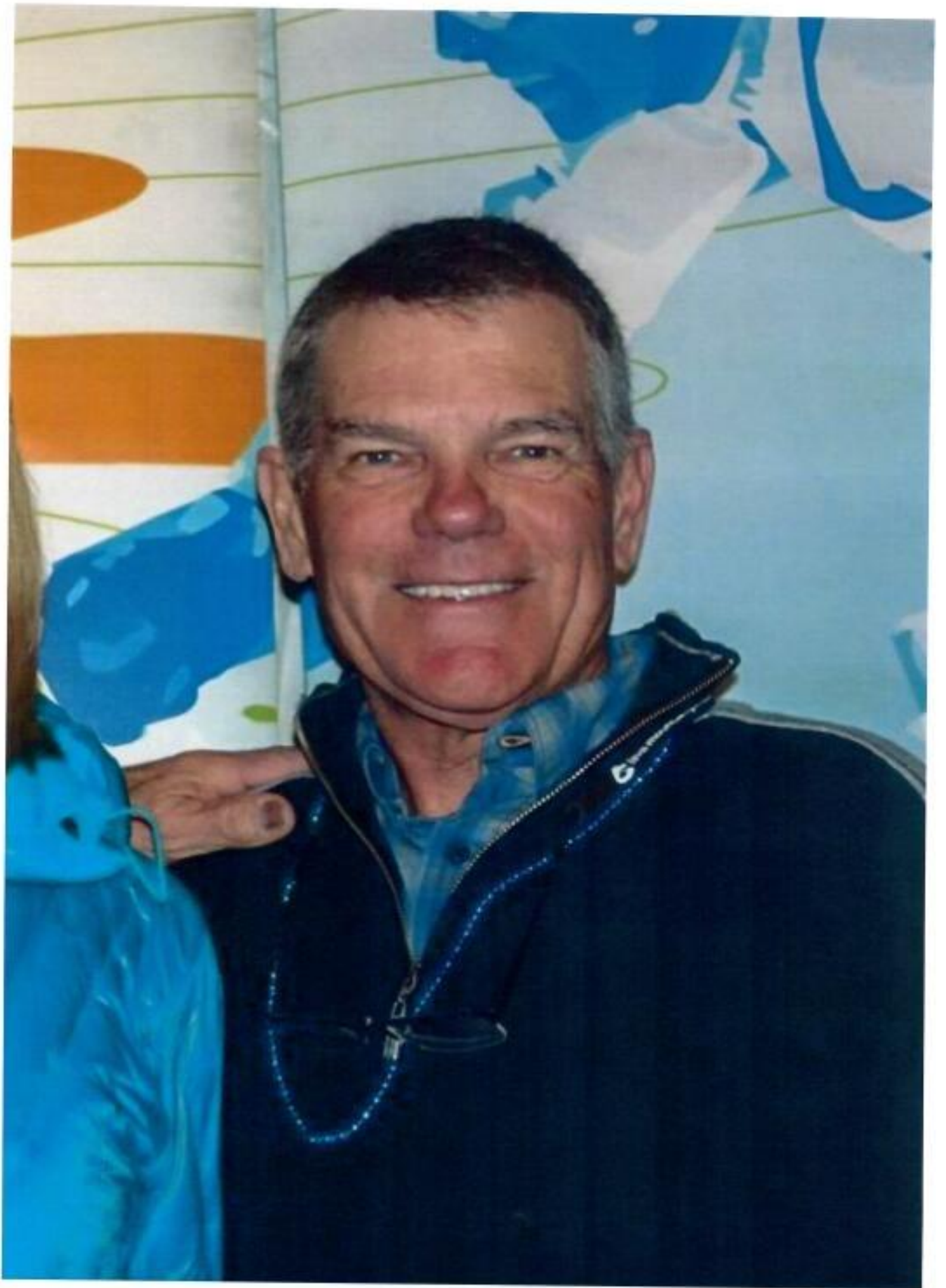
I am submitting the required forms and background information for the HOF nomination of Brad Ghent in the Sport Builder category. Brad's commitment to the sport of skiing in Colorado started as a successful junior racer and remains engaged as a FIS Technical Delegate for World Cup level events. Along the way Brad has been part of the Colorado University NCAA Championship Ski Team, director of rocky mountain regional race series, US Women's Ski Team coach, officiated at countless ski races from junior ages through World Cup, World Championship, Olympics and he has been BOD Member of the Rocky Mt. Ski Race Officials and Board of Trustees for Ski and Snowboard Club Vail.

Brad is unselfish loyalty and enthusiasm for skiing is helping to ensure an excitement for the sport for years to come. He is a quiet and effective leader never seeking notoriety for himself but quietly working behind the scenes to improve the athletic environment for the Alpine Skiing community and the sport of ski racing. He is sports builder, leader, and an inspiration to everyone he meets.

Sincerely Yours



Kent Myers



Brad Ghent Biography

Brad was not born in the mountains of Colorado but he was drawn to them at an early age. As a youngster, the Ghent clan made the long drive from Ft. Collins to Winter Park every weekend to train and race with the Winter Park Alpine team. Brad's commitment and work ethic led him to become a successful junior ski racer who walked onto the CU Ski Team. He earned a spot on the NCAA Championship team all four years and landed on the podium as the NCAA DH bronze medalist in 1974, earning an Honorable Mention All American status. He coached multiple summer camps during his time as a Buffalo, passing on his knowledge and inspiration to young aspiring ski racers.

After graduating from CU's Business school in 1975, he chose to pass up an opportunity to join the family automobile business to stay in the sport, first working as the director of the regional elite race series (the Elbert Series), which saw him travelling to the Colorado ski resorts, organizing all aspects of the races, seeking sponsorships to fund his position and race series expenses, and promoting the sport. He became the Head Coach for the Winter Park Race team in 1977 and was the first employee and Director of the Winter Park Competition Center.

Armed with extensive knowledge and experience, he was hired in 1980 to join the United States Ski Team staff as the Women's Development Team Coach, responsible for identifying talent, planning the training program for and travelling to races around the world with the Development Team and staff. He worked his way up to Head Women's Alpine Coach, where he remained through 1986. He led the team to 4 World Championship podium performances in 1985. During his tenure on the U.S. Ski Team staff, he inspired many young women who went on to dominate the World Cup, World Championships and Olympics, and many who remain involved in the sport of skiing over the years. Notable athletes he worked with include Diann Roffe (Olympic Gold Medalist SG 1994; World Championship silver medalist GS 1992, age 17), Deb Armstrong (Olympic Gold medalist GS 1994; PSIA Demo Team; still involved coaching junior racers); Eva Twardokens (USST 1983-1992; 3 world cup podiums), Kristi Terzian (USST 1985-95).

In 1991, having built a rental car business in Ft. Collins, the mountains called him back, so he brought his young family up to Vail where they started a rental car location at the newly established Eagle - Vail airport.

With ski racing in his blood and a strong desire to continue supporting the sport that brought so much to him, he was happy to be back in the mountains where the action was. When his three young daughters began ski racing for the local club, he once again put his expertise to use volunteering as an official at the races in the Rocky Mt. Division. He became a USSA Technical Delegate in 2000 and went on to become a certified FIS Technical Delegate in 2001. He has officiated at countless ski races from junior ages through World Cup and World Championship level.

Brad served on the Board of Trustees for Ski and Snowboard Club Vail, during its rise under Aldo Radamus' direction to becoming one of the most influential clubs in the country. He saw a need to provide his expertise at the Birds of Prey World Cup on-hill volunteer crew, so he took the reins volunteering as the Talon Crew Coordinator, bringing direction to the large contingent of on-hill volunteer staff and working closely with the FIS professionals and paid staff. He continued to share his passion and expertise in that position through the 2015 World Championships, proving to be an important and invaluable part of the success of those events. Following the World Championships he was chosen as the Vail Valley Foundation Volunteer of the Year. At that time he also became a member of the Board of the Rocky Mt. Ski Race Officials, where he remains involved promoting, supporting, teaching and officiating. Ever the coach, he continues to teach, inspire and certify young coaches to become referees and mentors the Rocky Mountain officials of all levels. He is also an Alpine Course Inspector, which takes him to the many resorts around the region to certify them as race courses.

Because of Brad's dedication, the sport of skiing benefits. His unselfish loyalty and enthusiasm for skiing is helping to ensure an excitement for the sport for years to come. He is a quiet and effective leader never seeking notoriety for himself but quietly working behind the scenes to improve the athletic environment for the Alpine community and the sport of ski racing. We thank him for his unending devotion to building a legacy of commitment and success.

From: John Garnsey

Re: Seconding Letter for Brad Ghent's Hall of Fame Nomination Application

Dear Members of the Hall of Fame Nomination Committee,

It is indeed an honor for me to write this letter in support of Brad Ghent's nomination application for consideration of inclusion on the 2018 Colorado Snowsports Hall of Fame ballot. Having known Brad since he first moved to the Vail Valley, I truly believe that he is an outstanding Hall of Fame candidate, and I hope that the committee will give him serious consideration.

Brad has literally seen skiing and ski racing in Colorado from the inside out during the course of his career. As a walk-on competitor on the University of Colorado's NCAA Champion ski teams of the 1970's, Brad helped the Buffs compile their string of eight consecutive national championship titles, earning Honorable Mention All-American status in 1974.

Following his graduation the following year, he transferred his talents to the administrative and coaching side of the sport, serving as director of the Elbert Series and being named as the head coach for the Winter Park Race Team. That experience would translate to an offer from the U.S. Ski Team in 1980 as Women's Development Coach, a role that concluded in 1986 as Head Women's Alpine Coach and included a trio of World Championships medals in 1985, courtesy of Diann Roffe, Eva Twardokens and Tamara McKinney.

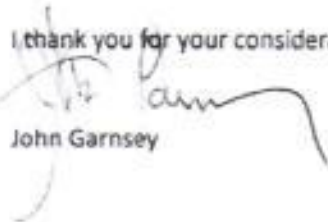
Since moving to the Vail Valley in 1991, Brad has immersed himself in both the community and its ski racing culture. As the owner of Dollar Rental Car agency, he has whole heartedly embraced Vail and Beaver Creek's ski racing efforts, becoming a sponsor of the Vail Valley Foundation's annual Birds of Prey World Cup races.

He saw an opportunity to further lend his expertise to the Birds of Prey effort, taking over the reins of coordinating the Talon Crew, the large group of course volunteers that help prepare the track for the races. He continued to share his passion for ski racing in that capacity through the 2015 FIS Alpine World Ski Championships and was selected as the Foundation's Volunteer of the Year for his efforts.

Brad also served on the board of trustees for Ski and Snowboard Club Vail during the organization's rise to prominence as one of the influential clubs in the nation, while also donating additional time and effort as a board member of the Rocky Mountain Ski Race Officials. He earned his FIS Technical Delegates certification in 2001 and has officiated at countless competitions, from junior through World Cup and World Championships levels.

I hope this brief description of Brad Ghent's career will provide the committee with a good overview of his numerous accomplishments and contributions to skiing and ski racing in Colorado. He is a truly effective leader, working behind the scenes to ensure the best possible environment for our sport and our state on all levels.

I thank you for your consideration in this matter.



John Garnsey

February 5, 2018

Colorado Snowsports Hall of Fame
Vail, Colorado

Dear Committee Members,

In ones life experiences, we are blessed to meet certain individuals that make a difference to those who know them. Brad Ghent is one of those people who is a difference maker, and because of his passion and commitment to skiing from his childhood to today he deserves the to be recognized by the Colorado Snowsports Hall of Fame.

A look at Brad's career will certainly reflect what he has done to make our sport better. As a youngster his family enrolled him in the racing program at Winter Park and that began a life long involvement in ski racing.

I first met Brad when I was the ski coach at the University of Colorado. In our meeting he wanted to know if there was a spot for him on the team. We had a good conversation and I explained to him that we were loaded with talent and that it was going to be a real challenge for him to qualify to become a member of the team. I asked him to think about it overnight and to call me back the next day with his decision. He did call, and told me straight out, he didn't care that it was going to be tough, he wanted to become a Buffalo. I tell you this story because it says a lot about him. There was no challenge too big for him to take on, and find a way to get it done.

Brad did find a way to get it done. As a member of the CU Team, he finished third in the NCAA downhill and was named an honorable mention all American for his result. He combined his athletic achievements with his academic endeavors and graduated with a degree in finance from the CU School of Business.

After graduation his passion for skiing led him to a long and distinguished career as a coach and volunteer. His coaching career started at Winter Park as the Head Coach for the race program, after which he became the woman's development coach for the US Ski Team and ultimately the head woman's coach. The athletes he worked with include Eva Twrdokens, Diann Roffe, and Kristi Terzian. They were all very successful including medal winning performances in the Winter Olympics and Alpine World Championships.

As a volunteer his amazing work continues. He became a member of the board of directors of Ski Club Vail and provided leadership and support in making Ski Club the best in the US and equal to any internationally. At the same time he worked with the Rocky Mountain Division of USSA as well as becoming

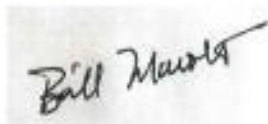
a certified FIS Technical Delegate. He worked to homologate trails and as an official at many local RMD races.

Brad volunteered with the Vail Valley Foundation and became the leader of the Talon Crew, the on hill personnel responsible for the preparation and maintenance of the "Birds of Prey World Cup" courses the favorite of all of the international competitors and coaches. For that work he was chosen as the Vail Valley Foundation Volunteer of the Year.

Finally, he and Karen are now in PyeongChang working as officials at the 2018 Winter Olympics Games. Brad could not have been selected for this work without having amazing credentials and the background necessary to be an official at the Olympics.

For all of the reasons I have provided in this letter I can't imagine a more deserving individual to be nominated and elected into the Colorado Snowsports Hall of Fame than Brad Ghent, and I wholeheartedly support his nomination.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill Marolt". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the printed name.

Bill Marolt

Brad Ghent's Most Important Accomplishments

Brad help build the sport of skiing with his ability to get the most out of young racers and inspire them to perform at the highest level of their individual ability. His racing career at CU, directing the Elbert Trophy Series, coaching at Winter Park, coaching the US Ski Team, officiating all levels of races, President and BOD of the Vail Ski and Snowboard Club are just some of his many accomplishments. Brad made it fun for everyone to enjoy the sport and camaraderie of ski racing. Along the way, he was always the humble coach, official and technical delegate for people to look up to and respect.