



COLORADO SNOWSPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION
RIK HEID

SPONSORED BY DIANE BOYER
CATEGORY ATHLETE
ACHIEVEMENTS 1987 – 1994



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Nomination for Colorado Ski HOF 2018

Rik Heid, athlete

Nominator: Diane Boyer HOF class of 2017

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please accept this letter as my nomination of Rik Heid for membership in the Colorado Ski HOF in the athlete category.

Rik was an excellent ski racer, excelling in the World Pro Ski Tour.

Rik suffered a life changing injury when he fell of the mid Vail roof while replacing the roof. Ultimately he lost his leg due to that injury.

Rik never gave up skiing. He went right back to it with a prosthesis and started racing again, gaining a spot on the US Paralympic team. He then proceeded to win 10 medals as a paralympian ski racer during 3 olympics. Rik has always been a resident of Vail, competing as a racer and a para-racer here for many years.

(see bio for specific dates)

Rik's successes did not end there. Now he volunteers for the Vail Veterans Program helping disabled veterans get back to life through skiing with their disabilities. In addition to amputees, Rik helps all veterans—from those suffering with PTSD to other disabilities.

Riks' accomplishments both as a Colorado athlete and as a volunteer to help veterans in Colorado are an inspiration to all.

Rik deserves to be inducted into the CSSM HOF 2018 class.

Sincerely,

Diane Boyer

President SKEA Ltd.

Colorado Ski HOF 2017

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Disability

Left leg amputated below the knee – August 11, 1986

Background

- Former professional ski racer
- U.S. Disabled Ski Team Member – 1987 through 1994
Classification: LW-4
- Won 10 medals in 3 Paralympics out of 11 events
- Won 4 medals in 1990 World Championships ((Para)
- Organized Ski Training Center in Vail, CO

Athletic Achievements

- Recognition

US Disabled Ski Team, Alpine 'A' Team
1991 Athlete of the Year, US Ski Team
1990 Athlete of the Year, National Handicapped Sports

- Major Alpine Skiing Competitions

1994 Paralympics
Lillehammer, Norway/March 10 – 19, 1994
**Gold Medals: Downhill, Giant Slalom*
**Silver Medals: Super-G, Slalom*

1993 US Disabled Championships
Beaver Creek, CO/March 21-27, 1993
**Gold Medals: Downhill, Super-G, Giant Slalom, Slalom*

1993 Pre-Olympics World Cup
Lillehammer, Norway/February 23-March 1, 1993
**Gold Medals: Super-G, Giant Slalom*
**Silver Medal: Slalom*

1990 World Disabled Ski Championships

Winter Park, CO/March 15-28, 1990

**Silver Medals: Downhill, Giant Slalom, Overall*

**Bronze Medal: Super-G, Slalom*

1988 Paralympics

Innsbruck, Austria/March 5-19, 1998

**Bronze Medals: Downhill, Slalom*

Other Sports & Athletic Interests

Water Skiing

Mountain and Road Biking

Scuba Diving

Back-Country Skiing

Support and Participation in Vail Veterans Winter Athletic Programs

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To: Diane Boyer
c/o Colorado Ski Hall of Fame Nominating Committee

From: Henderson Colley
Former VP Marketing/Sales for Lange Ski Boots

Re: Rik Heid / Paralympic Ski Racer

I am hereby heartily endorsing Rik Heid for election into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. He is an outstanding example of the type of individual the Hall should seek.

First, one has to admire his ski racing credentials where he proudly represented Colorado in the Paralympic Games amassing a total of ten medals as an Alpine ski racer.

Second, his work with the Vail Veterans' Program is exemplary. He has generously and tirelessly donated both his time and money toward this most worthy endeavor. The project is truly gaining momentum

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through his extraordinary efforts.

Third, since his unfortunate accident over thirty years ago, Rik has worked assiduously in promoting assistance and programs to benefit ~~handicapped~~ handicapped skiers.

I have known Rik for a long time, and I speak empirically when I say that he is an exceptional person and one who richly deserves to be part of the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame.

Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame

RE: Rik Heid Ski Hall of Fame Candidate

Feb. 14, 2018

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this letter as a seconding letter for Rik Heid for the Colorado Ski and Snowboard HOF. I have known Rik for upwards of 30+ years.

Not only is Rik an extremely accomplished ski racer and a highly decorated Para Olympic champion from Colorado, he has done much to help handicapped veterans who are participating in the Vail Veterans program. Rik works tirelessly to help disabled veterans get back to normalcy through winter sport and recreation.

So, 3 reasons Rik Heid should be in the Colorado Ski HOF:

- 1.) Many US PRO TOUR medals through the 1970's, 80's (see bio)
- 2.) At least 10 Paralympic medals - (see bio)
- 3.) Volunteer at Vail Veterans program to help amputees and other disabled veterans (PSD, etc.) get back to normal life and health through skiing and winter sports.

I am thrilled to endorse Rik Heid as a candidate for the CSSM HOF.

He has done so much for Colorado disabled athletes in Colorado. Rik deserves to be inducted into the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame.

Thank you for your consideration.

John Garnsey

Vail and Eagle, Colorado