

# U.S. SKI AND SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME INDUCTION • April 9, 2016 CLASS OF 2015 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

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- 1. Genia Fuller Crews (CA)**, considered one of the legends of Freestyle Skiing, this high flyer was an ambassador to the early years of "Hot Dog" freestyle. In 1974 and 1975, she won the overall Women's Grand Prix freestyle and aerial titles! She became an innovator in pole-free ballet and was named *Skiing Magazine's* Skier of the Year. At the height of her career she signed a contract with ABC TV that earned unprecedented recognition for freestyle. She did this by competing in TV programs such as: "Women's Superstars," "Battle of the Sexes" and an ABC special "The Lady is a Champ."
- 2. David Ingemie (VA)**, a lifelong, on-snow enthusiast, he played a central role in promoting our sport for nearly 50 years. In 1969, he got his start as marketing director at Wachusett Mountain Ski Area, MA where he turned countless participants onto skiing. As president of the Snowsports Industries of America (SIA) he truly made his mark. He joined as marketing director in '76 and was promoted to president 5 years later. He was known to embrace radical ideas like snowboarding when it was still considered a fringe activity and described as the glue that held the moving parts of the industry together for nearly 40 years. With his boundless energy, keen intellect and the ability to work with people, he built a healthy and sustainable national trade association.
- 3. Henry Kaiser (NY)**, was a forerunner in the ski industry for over 35 years, as publisher and president of the publication *Skiing Magazine*. He advanced the freestyle movement by acquiring sponsorships from Chevrolet, Midas and was instrumental in securing Subaru as a sponsor to the U.S. Ski Team. He and his wife Carolyn, helped raise over a million dollars for USSA during their reign on the New York Ski Ball Committee. The family has been referred to as the "First Family of Skiing" throughout his tenure at *Skiing Magazine*.
- 4. Chris Klug (CO)**, competed in 3 Olympic games, '98, '02 and '06. In the middle of this 12-year reign he underwent a successful liver transplant after 6 years on the waiting list. Only 18 months later he brought home a Bronze medal in the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. A year later he founded the Chris Klug Foundation an organization that promotes organ and tissue donation to help save lives and help support an active life post transplant and tissue donation. He authored the book *To the Edge and Back*, based on his experience in snowboarding and his organ transplant.
- 5. Jim Martinson (WA)**, grew up in Washington with dreams of ski racing but at the age of 21 when he lost his legs from a land mine explosion in Vietnam, he turned his athletic passions to wheelchair racing. He designed and produced race model wheelchairs to be lighter and more aerodynamic. In 1985 he developed the "Shadow" and adaptive skiing was forever changed. He boasts a gold medal at the 1992 Winter Paralympics in Albertville, France and competed in Monoskier-X at the 2009 Winter X-Games.
- 6. Bob Salerno (CA)**, grew up in the 70's and first arrived on the Pro Freestyle Circuit when freestyle skiing was born. *Ski Magazine* named him "Hotdogger of The Year" and chronicled him in the movie "Winter Equinox". He earned international acclaim as World Super Hotdog, Aerial, and Professional Freestyle Champion as well as two-time Mogul Enduro World Champion. He appeared in iconic national ads including Bogner, McDonalds and Right Guard. When inverted jumps were banned he developed a water ramp and an on-snow jump, an innovation that resulted in the first triple twisting triples ever performed. The founder of "Virtual Snow" in LA, a video system for ski training on simulators, he now has locations nation-wide.
- 7. Edgar Stern\* (UT)**, an accomplished hotelier, he pioneered a new approach to serving skiers as guests. The benchmarks he established over 30 years ago remain norms for today's leading resorts. He made his way to Aspen in 1968 and elevated its resort stature with the development of Starwood. In 1970, he moved to Park City, UT to focus on his dream, Deer Valley Resort. In '74 he helped lure the U.S. Ski Team to Park City where it remains today. With the opening of Deer Valley in 1981, he introduced an elevated level of guest services including, parking lot shuttles, valet ski service, immaculately groomed ski trails and the finest on-mountain cuisine. The resort was quickly ranked number one in North America in the highly regarded *Ski Magazine* survey. He passed away in 2008 leaving a legacy for the chasing.

\* Deceased

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