Terry Smith Nomination

Nominated by:
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Jerry Stokely

Years of Service: 2020 - 2022

Jerry Stokely has been a member of the **San Diego Ski Club** for 20 years. He initially joined the San Diego Ski Club during the 2001 – 2002 season; and immediately became involved in the San Diego Ski Club. He served as the **Vice President** in 2002; and as the **President** in 2003 to 2005. He took over as **Race Director** in the Fall of 2005; and has continued to lead the racers through the 2021 – 2022 Race Season. He has always encouraged skiers to participate in skiing and racing; and has been willing to give his opinion on the way he would take the gates on a race course. When asked, he has been able to give important nuggets of information to skiers to assist them in making improvements to their skiing ability. When not skiing, he is a runner, bicycler, paddle boarder and hiker. Among the awards he has won for the San Diego Ski Club:



Bull & Bear Award – 2003, 2022 Stuart Fraser Memorial Race – 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2019. San Diego Open – Most Points Awarded (Gloria Kelly Award) – 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2019. He led the Alpine League on 10 skiers to win the Roma McCoy Trophy 2021 - the award for most points per racer at the Far West Championship.

Jerry spent most of his life in home construction

Even thought his heart, was in giving ski and race instruction

He by nature was always competitive

Yet his guidance never seemed to be repetitive

Jerry's commitment to racing was very well known
If you had questions he'd gladly contact you by phone
And if you needed some time with him on the slopes
He would gladly give of his time, in keeping up your hopes

He became Race director for San Diego Ski Club, more than 15 years ago,
He even taught us about waxing and tuning, for the races wouldn't you know
On the slopes he'd side slip with you, differentiating a hair-pin from a flush
And even though his speed made him an S2, with you, he wouldn't be in a rush

He spent many a year pacesetting, as if to show you how it should be done
He'd always make it a point, that racing was actually fun
Anyone could race he'd say, whether during a storm or under the sun,
I'll show you how in under a day, and I'll look forward to hearing you won.

Jerry even wrote a Ski Racing column, for which he was well suited
His most memorable record is the number of racers he recruited
Even in what appears the dying days of Rokka racing
Jerry continues to promote Masters even given the future we are facing.

Of all the people who should receive the Terry Smith Award vote

There is no doubt that Jerry Stokely be considered, for his unrivaled ability to promote.



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