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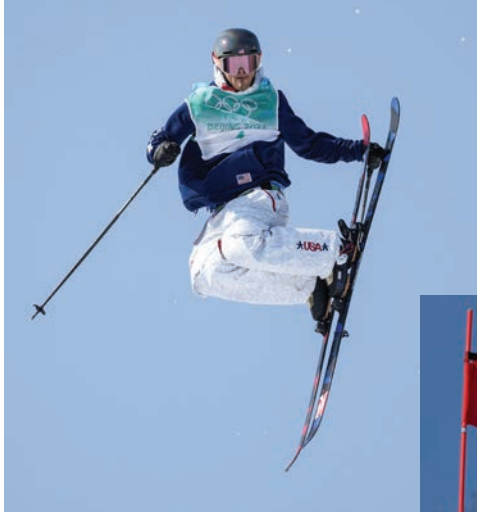
New Exhibit Honors Local 2022 Olympic Games “Heroes”

Museum Showcases Athletes Who Made Us Proud in Beijing

Park City is proud to be home to a record number of athletes who participated in the 2022 Beijing Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games. After saying goodbye to our 2018 PyeongChang Hometown Heroes, we are introducing a new class of Park City athletes. Featured athletes include Colby Stevenson, Danelle Umstead, Casey Dawson, Justin Schoenefeld, Chris Lillis, and Ashley Caldwell.



Freeskier **Colby Stevenson** began skiing when he was two, and his family moved to Park City when he was four. Colby has won several international competitions and proudly took home silver in the Big Air competition at the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics.



Colby Stevenson,
photo by Zhou Mi/Xinhua – Getty Images



Danelle Umstead is a world class para-alpine ski racer who has won three Paralympic bronze medals. With her husband Rob Umstead as her guide, Danelle has competed in four Paralympic Winter Games and was the American flag bearer at the 2022 Beijing Winter Paralympics.



Danelle Umstead with husband and Guide, Rob Umstead,
photo by Maddie Meyer – Getty Images



Born and raised in Park City, **Casey Dawson** is the first Park City native to qualify for an Olympic team in speedskating. He won bronze with teammates Joey Mantia, Emery Lehman, and Ethan Cepuran in the Speedskating Long Track Team Pursuit during the 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics.



Casey Dawson,
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Park City brought **Justin Schoenefeld, Chris Lillis, and Ashley Caldwell** together. While each of these Olympians is an incredible athlete in their own right, as a trio they came together to win gold in the mixed team aerials at the Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics.



Justin Schoenefeld, Chris Lillis, Ashley Caldwell,
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Spencer F. Eccles Ski & Snowboard Collection



Spence Eccles with a Spyder jacket from the collection



Spence Eccles (center), Connie Nelson (right), and Ron Steele (left) surrounded by his skiwear collection

In December 2022, the Alf Engen Ski Museum was delighted to receive a donation from Spencer F. "Spence" Eccles' collection of U.S. Ski and Snowboard winter skiwear spanning more than 30 years. Spence and his daughters, Hope, Lisa, and Katie Eccles, met with Museum Executive Director Connie Nelson and Board Chairman Ron Steele to facilitate the donation, collected during Spence's decades-long tenure as a board member of U.S. Ski & Snowboard. The collection includes vintage team jackets, pants, bibs, and a one-piece ski suit that will be showcased in a new Ski Fashion exhibit as part of the Museum's upcoming entrance remodeling. The Museum has begun researching the history of the pieces in the collection and the U.S. Ski Team members who wore them.

A longtime friend and supporter of the Alf Engen Ski Museum, Spence was inducted into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame in 2014, and he received the Museum's Crystal Award in 2019 in recognition of his generous commitment to the Museum and the Utah Olympic Park. His contagious enthusiasm, as well as his personal time and treasure, have guided an extraordinary amount of support and funding to numerous ski- and Olympic-related endeavors. For more than 40 years, he has served on the boards of numerous winter sports organizations, including not only U.S. Ski and Snowboard, but also Alta Ski Lifts, the Utah Sports Commission, and the Olympic Legacy Foundation, among others. Spence's achievements in ski racing – and his passion for the sport – began as a youth at Ogden's Snowbasin and later at the University of Utah, where he was Ski Team captain, four-year letterman, and All-American. His exceptional service to the Olympic movement and his integral role in the success of Utah's 2002 Olympic Winter Games were recognized by the IOC with its highest honor, the Pierre de Coubertin medal.



Spence Eccles (right) and Ron Steele (left) review the collection

Wait 'Til You See Our New Museum Entrance

Thanks to the generosity of the Alf Engen Ski Museum's many current and future supporters, the museum looks forward to remodeling the entrance. The remodel will include new displays for the Barbara Alley Simon Ski Fashion exhibit and for the recently donated Spencer F. Eccles Collection of ski jackets, as well as a remodeled Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame.

When visitors enter the museum, they will be impressed by state-of-the-art cases for our iconic ski fashion exhibits and will experience an immersive walk-through of our Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame. Unrivaled, the exhibit designers responsible for our last renovation and the many amazing displays at the museum, is excited to implement new technologies into the space.



Concept plans for the proposed remodel of the museum's ski fashion exhibits and Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame
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A family explores the
interactive touch table
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From the Chairman of the Board



Ron Steele

Greetings,

As the Chairman and on behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation, I want to pass along a sincere THANK YOU for your continued and dedicated support this past year.

If you have not been up to the museums in the past couple of years, you owe yourself a visit. Both the Alf Engen Ski Museum and the Eccles 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum are must-sees. I believe you will find that your experience exceeds your expectations. Our Executive Director, Connie Nelson, and the museum staff give all of those visiting a great experience. The partnership that the museum has with Unrivald provides the Museum with state-of-the-

art exhibits. These exhibits chronicle the history of the sport, provide education to all about the region, and give interactive opportunities to be immersed in history and the museum's artifacts.

The Board of Trustees and museum staff diligently work to fulfill the mission, "To preserve the rich history of skiing in the Intermountain Region." As a donor and member please know that your contributions have assisted in accomplishing this mission. As stated, many times by all of us, none of this would be possible without you.

In closing, I hope to see you at some of the upcoming events we have planned for 2023 and maybe even run into you during one of your visits. Come on up and see us soon.

From the Executive Director



Connie Nelson

Happy spring skiing! What a great snow year our skiers are experiencing this year. The Alf Engen Ski Museum had another banner year with guest numbers close to 500,000 for 2022. Our eight remodeled exhibits installed late 2021 have been a fantastic enhancement for the guest experience and the added interactivity to the Topo Map Resort Profiles this year features real-time data from each of the 15 ski resorts.

None of our upgrades and continued free admission to both the Alf Engen Ski Museum and the George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum could be possible without the generous support of our members, donors, foundations, and grantors. Thank you to each and every one of you for trusting us over these past 20 years to create a world-class ski history museum.

These donations allow us to constantly improve and adapt to new technology, allowing us to be agile and present snow sports history in exhibits such as the interactive touch table.

In keeping with our goal to always be nimble and make improvements to our museum each year, our board, staff, and exhibit design/install company, Unrivald, have been diligently working to update the entrance to the museum and create a new Will and Jean Pickett Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame. We are excited to be able to create an exhibit to better preserve our artifacts, i.e., the Barbara Alley Simon ski fashion through the ages and our newly acquired Spencer F. Eccles Collection including decades of U.S. Ski Team Board member jackets.

Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you this spring!

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Slogan Creator Visits “Greatest Snow” Exhibit

by Mike Korologos

Utah’s wintertime promotional slogan, “The Greatest Snow On Earth,” is renowned not only throughout Utah, but across the country. It also is featured in a state-of-the-art weather exhibit at the Alf Engen Ski Museum. The person responsible for the famous phrase, Salt Lake City native and current resident of Washington D.C., Tom C. Korologos, was among the holiday crowds who toured the museum’s many attractions. The slogan first appeared atop an article about Utah skiing Korologos wrote for *The Salt Lake Tribune* that was published in December, 1960. He was the newspaper’s ski editor at the time.

In 1962 the slogan began appearing in promotional materials distributed worldwide by the then-named Utah Travel Council (now Utah Office of Tourism) and later by Ski Utah, the ski industry’s promotional entity. The famous slogan has been engraved on Utah automobile license plates since 1985. Come see some of those plates in the museum’s weather exhibit!



Tom Korologos visits the museum’s weather exhibit

Updated Topo Map Highlights Utah Ski Areas

Our popular Topographical Map is going high tech! Each year, 500,000 visitors interact with this 13’ wide x 10’ tall scale model of Wasatch Mountains ski resorts. During the exhibit’s first iteration, visitors used buttons to select a ski resort and a light indicated where that resort is located. New technology now allows visitors to see the selected ski resort’s boundaries as well.

We recently modernized the Topographical Map with an interactive touchscreen where visitors can select a resort and engage with the resort’s profile. This feature will not be limited to the Wasatch Front and will include resort profiles for all 15 Utah ski resorts.

These interactive resort profiles feature winter trail maps, photographs, resort stats, and activity descriptions. Resorts elected to provide a video, historical timeline, summer trail maps, photographs, and activity descriptions. During the ski season, visitors may view the current conditions for each resort with real-time data as provided by the Ski Utah API (application programming interface). The Alf Engen Ski Museum has been collecting required information from Utah’s ski resorts, and Unrivald integrated this information into the interactive exhibit technology. The exhibit opened in November, and we hope you will come check it out!



The new Topo Map Resort Profiles upgrade includes an interactive exploration of Utah’s ski resorts and projected map boundaries

Thank you to the donors who helped make the Topo Map possible!

These amazing updates were made possible thanks to the support of our incredibly generous donors, including individuals and Foundations. A special thank you to major donors who helped make this exhibit possible:

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Celebrating Our 2022 Crystal Award Winners

During the 2022 Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame induction ceremony, the museum honored three community members who have dedicated their time and talents to the Alf Engen Ski Museum, the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame, and the winter sports community.

Robert “Dobber” Price started Alta Photo and Video in 1989. After creating thousands of photos for his clients, he retired last spring after 32 years at Peak Photo. Price has generously dedicated his service to document and record the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame induction ceremonies over the last 20 years.

Neil Rossmiller moved to the Park City area in 1980 and soon became a ski photographer at Park City Ski Area. In 1983, Rossmiller started Park City Black and White, with the US Ski Team as his primary client. Rossmiller spent time at Park West doing mountain photography and operated Rossmiller Photography at Park City Ski Area for 23 years with his wife Connie until he retired in 2011.

Through print and video media, Larry Warren has told the story of Utah and Intermountain skiing for over four decades. Warren has generously volunteered his time and talent to produce banquet programs and over a hundred video profiles of award winners for the Alf Engen Ski Museum and the J. Willard Marriott Library Ski & Snow Sports Archives at the University of Utah.



Dobber Price, Neil Rossmiller, and Larry Warren

2022 Intermountain Ski Hall Of Fame

On August 24th the Alf Engen Ski Museum inducted two skiing legacies into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame. For over 20 years, the Alf Engen Ski Museum, in conjunction with the J. Willard Marriott Library Ski & Snow Sports Archives at the University of Utah, has commemorated individuals who have demonstrated exemplary achievement in skiing/snowboard competition, innovation, and development, and/or made significant contributions to the overall promotion of snow sports in the Intermountain Region (Utah, Idaho, and Wyoming).



Luke Bodensteiner receiving his Hall of Fame plaque from Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board Secretary and Ski and Snowsports Archive Chair, Barbara Yamada

This year's 2022 Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame induction ceremony was attended by ski supporters and legends from across the Intermountain Region.

After announcing our 2022 Crystal Award Winners, honorees Luke Bodensteiner and John Simms were officially inducted into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame. Luke Bodensteiner inspired the audience with his words of passion and motivation. John Simms entertained with stories of his successful and adventurous career.

Nominations for the 2024 Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame are due by March 1, 2024. The nomination form can be found on the Alf Engen Ski Museum's website:

engenmuseum.org/intermountain-ski-hall-of-fame



John Simms receiving his Hall of Fame plaque from Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board Secretary and Ski and Snowsports Archive Chair, Barbara Yamada

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INTERMOUNTAIN SKI HALL OF FAME

2022 INDUCTEES



Luke Bodensteiner

The athletic, voluntary, and professional accomplishments and contributions of Luke Bodensteiner to cross-country skiing put him in the elite of the sport. A native of West Bend, Wisconsin, Bodensteiner was an NCAA champion in classic cross-country skiing in 1990 and 1993 while skiing for the University of Utah, the same years he skied under the banner of the U.S. Olympic Ski Team. In 1994 and 1995, he was the U.S. National Champion in that discipline.

Later, his unparalleled commitment to excellence served the sport well when Bodensteiner became a coach, team director, and administrator. His passion for the sport led him to become the U.S. Ski Team's Vice President of Athletics and later Chief of Sport, a trustee of the Salt Lake Olympic Organizing Committee for the 2002 Olympic Winter Games, a key member in the establishing of Utah's Soldier Hollow Legacy Foundation, chairman of the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation in 2009, and Chief of Sports Development and General Manager of Soldier Hollow. His countless unexcelled, positive, and dynamic contributions leave little doubt that if cross-country skiing had a patron saint, it would be Bodensteiner.



John Simms

Skiing since he was a toddler in western New York, John Simms migrated West in 1959. A professional ski patrolman at Arapahoe Basin and Vail, John moved to Jackson Hole in 1966, the first year the Aerial Tram opened, where he subsequently served as a snow ranger responsible for avalanche forecasting.

A powerful avalanche at A-Basin resulting in a fatality his first day skiing in the area established John's early interest in avalanches. He founded Snow Research Associates (SRA) and began designing and developing tools and techniques to determine the mechanical properties of snow for avalanche forecast and rescue. SRA became Life Link International, named for ski poles John invented that link together to form a probe pole. Life Link poles and John's patented lightweight, collapsible fanny pack shovel allow rescuers to locate and extricate avalanche victims more quickly, thus increasing chances for survival. John, in collaboration with other original members of the Jackson Hole ski patrol, developed avalanche control programs between 1966 and 1975 that became today's industry standards worldwide. His inventions continue to save lives around the globe.

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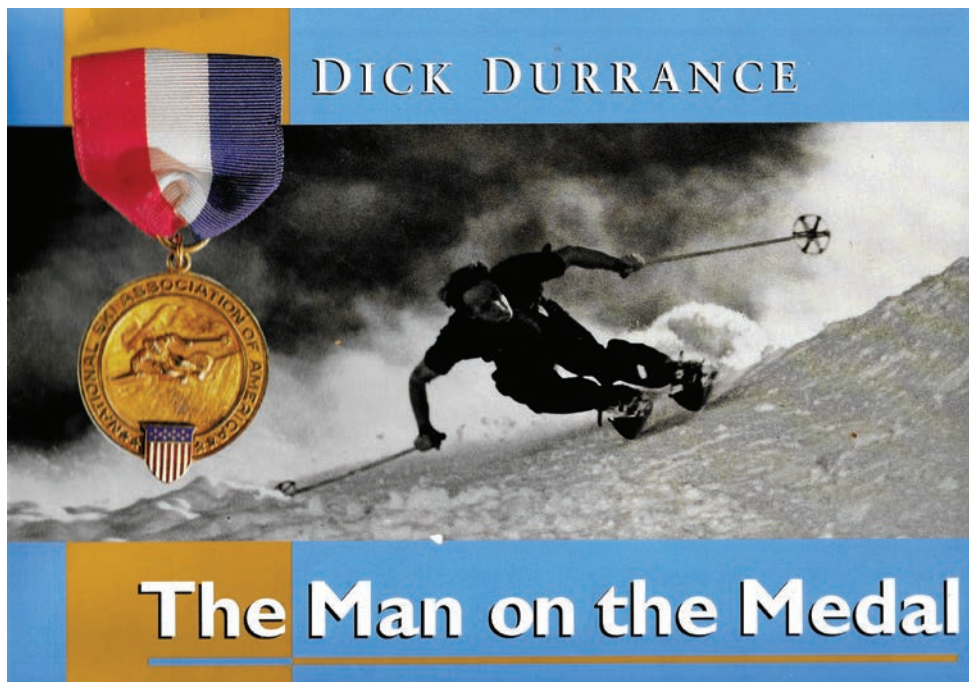


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Men On Medals

A Story Steeped in History

by Alan Engen

In the mid-1990s, a book was published about one of America's legendary skiers, Dick Durrance. Dick and his wife, Miggs, played an early role in Alta's development during the early 1940s. The cover of the book, entitled *The Man on the Medal*, by John Jerome, showed a photo of Dick and an image of a national ski racing medal featuring an imprint of the same image of Dick.

Fast forward to the mid to late 1960s/early 1970s when Alta Ski Area was among the first to host gelande competitions on a national scale. Well-known ski competitors from all over the country would gather in the spring to compete in this annual spectacular event.

Some of those who participated included former Olympic champion, Pepi Stiegler, Junior Bounous, and a young man named Jon Engen. Jon was the younger son of Alta legend, Alf Engen. During

the early Alta gelande competitions, Jon was considered by judges to be the most significant "stylist" of the jumpers. He received special recognition for overall grace and beauty during flight.

In 1989, Alta Ski Area hosted one last major gelande tournament, as part of Alta's 50th Year Celebration. In preparation for the event, a special "limited edition gelande medal" was created for winners of the gelande competition. Many outstanding photo images, taken of gelande jumpers during earlier Alta gelande competitions, were submitted for consideration. In the end, a photo of Jon Engen in flight was selected for medal creation. Those who were lucky enough to be awarded one of these medals hold them in very high significance and importance.

In the overall history of Alta as a ski area, two skiers, Dick Durrance and Jon Engen, who at some point in their athletic ski years called Alta their temporary ski home, have had a special medal created in their image as a tribute to their skiing accomplishments.



1989 Alta Gelande competition medal. Image courtesy of Alan Engen.



Jon Engen receiving an award circa 1970s. Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library, The University of Utah.

IN MEMORIAM

SUZY HARRIS-RYTTING

(1930-2022)

Beloved ski pioneer, ski competitor, and Alf Engen Ski Museum docent, Suzy Harris Rytting, passed away on February 28, 2022. Suzy was an incredible and influential skier in regional and national competitive skiing during the 1940s and beyond.

After a career of ski racing triumphs, including being a member of the US Olympic Ski Team in 1952, Suzy continued to support skiing through her work and volunteer efforts. She was elected to the US National Ski Hall of Fame in

1988, the Utah Sports Hall of Fame in 1988, the University of Utah Athletes Crimson Club Hall of Fame in 1991, was named one of Utah's "50 Greatest Athletes of the 20th Century" in 1999, received the S. J. Quinney Award for "enhancing the image and popularity of skiing in the region" from the J. Willard Marriott Library Ski & Snow Sports Archives in 2004, and was inducted into the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame in 2004. We are grateful for the hundreds of hours that Suzy donated to skiing and the Museum.



Suzy Harris Rytting circa 1940s. Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library, The University of Utah.



Suzy racing circa 1940s/1950s. Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library, The University of Utah.



Corey Engen, Suzy Harris Rytting, and Jack Walker in 1999. Special Collections, J. Willard Marriott Library, The University of Utah

Can't-Miss Exhibits For Your Next Visit

Looking for the perfect place to spend a fun spring day? Be sure to check out these exhibits during your next visit to the Alf Engen Ski Museum!



The interactive touch table exhibit with over 1,500 photos and videos is located on the first floor of the Alf Engen Ski Museum

Interactive Touch Table

Take a deep dive into history with the museum's interactive touch table. The touch table includes over 1,500 photos and videos for visitors to explore. This exciting exhibit is a collaboration between the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library Ski & Snow Sports Archives and the Alf Engen Ski Museum. Since its installation in 2021, the table continues to be updated with more photos and videos from the archives. Be sure to check it out on your next visit to the museum!

Immersive Photo Booth

Say cheese! Located just behind the interactive touch table is the museum's photo booth. Strike a pose with a bobsledder, jump in the ski jump pool, or even look out over the mountains. Our crowd-pleasing photo booth is always FREE and makes for a great memento.



The photo booth is located on the first floor of the Alf Engen Ski Museum

Olympic Curling Stone

Test your strength with an Olympic curling stone! Olympic curling stones weigh 44lbs and are mined from Ailsa Craig in Scotland. This fun interactive is located on the second floor of the S. J. (Joe) Quinney Winter Sports Center and in the Eccles 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum.

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Come See Us!

This Orlando, Florida family was among the first visitors to see the Hometown Heroes exhibit when it opened in November

