

The Olympic Gallery...



has some new tenants!

SKI MEISTER

THE ALF ENGEN SKI MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Summer 2003

www.engenmuseum.org

Chairman's Letter

by Alan k. Engen



I am pleased to report that so far, this year has been very exciting and active for the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center/Alf Engen Ski Museum. For example, over 2,000 school children have been bussed to the Museum to participate in our new specially created Educational Program. The feedback received by teachers, and the children themselves, have exceeded all expectations as to the value of the program. To witness firsthand the smiles on all these young students' faces as they go through the Museum facility, including specially created interactive carts highlighting various aspects of winter sports tied directly to the Utah Educational System core curriculum, is indeed a very rewarding experience. And our docents, who have virtually taken over the management of the Educational Program, are absolutely fantastic. There are about thirty docents now who provide active assistance to the program. The program's success so far, to a large degree, is due to their enthusiastic and dedicated support and is very much appreciated by all of us on the Engen Foundation Board.

Secondly, I wish to acknowledge the wonderful evening held on April 2, 2003 to over 90 members of the International Skiing History Association (ISHA). I personally felt it a privilege to showcase the building to this prestigious group of skiing pioneers and ski legends. One of the highlights of the evening was listening to comments from Stein Eriksen concerning some of his early recollections of skiing back in his youth.

Last, but certainly not least, is to formally acknowledge the beginning stages to our second major Quinney Center effort...namely, the creation of the new 2002 Olympic Gallery which will be housed on the second floor of the building complex. This year's efforts will only constitute a start towards the plan which will cost in excess of \$700 K when completed. This gallery will showcase many of the artifacts associated with the successful 2002 Olympic Winter Games, some of the events which were held only a stone's throw away from the Museum building.

So, as this issue of the *Ski Meister* goes to press, I want to invite everyone who reads this to come up to the Utah Olympic Park, enjoy the many exciting activities it has to offer and, selfishly, I do hope you plan to spend some quality time in the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center/Alf Engen Ski Museum. I don't think you will be disappointed!

2

Cover

Bison head, horse and beaver puppets used in the 2002 Opening Ceremonies.

SKI MEISTER

A publication of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation

David Amidon, *Executive Director*

Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation

2990 Bear Hollow Drive

P.O. Box 980187

Park City, Utah 84098

david.amidon@utaholympicpark.org

www.engenmuseum.org

(435) 658-4228 Tel

(435) 658-4258 Fax

Inquiries, questions, or submissions of press releases and articles of interest for the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation newsletter are welcome. Send correspondence and newsletter submissions to the Foundation office.

Board of Trustees

Alan K. Engen
CHAIRMAN/PRESIDENT

Mike Korologos
VICE PRESIDENT

Barbara Amidon
SECRETARY

Michael R. Maughan
TREASURER

David Amidon
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. A. Joseph Arave

Spencer P. Eccles

Jon S. Engen

James Gaddis

Don Hague

Craig Lehto

Herbert C. Livsey

Barbara McConville

David C. Pickett

David Quinney

Chris Sullivan

Dr. Greg Thompson

Scott C. Ulbrich

Ted Wilson

Honorary Board Members

Ruth Rogers Altmann
NEW YORK CITY, NY

George Ator
PITTSBURGH, PA

John Bower
ST. LOUIS, MO

Stein Eriksen
PARK CITY, UT

G.S. Beckwith Gilbert
GREENWICH, CT

Dennis Keller
OAKBROOK TERRACE, IL

Bill Lash
SEATTLE, WA

Janet Q. Lawson
SALT LAKE CITY, UT

Lou Lorenz
SALT LAKE CITY, UT

William W. Miller, M.D.
PARK CITY, UT

Donn G. Mosser, M.D.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Paul C. Olfelt, M.D.
MINNEAPOLIS, MN

Jan Peterson
MIDWAY, UT

Gray F. Reynolds
DAVIDSONVILLE, MD

Richard S. Sackler, M.D.
NORWALK, CT

Robert Settineri
IRVINE, CA

From the Executive Director's Chair...

by David Amidon

Greetings from the Quinney Center staff. At this writing, the Quinney Center/Alf Engen Ski Museum is approaching our one year anniversary. Can you believe it? Our first official day of business was May 19, 2002 and we are certainly grateful to have this year behind us. While our challenges are far from over, we now find ourselves more confident and better prepared to face the next chapter in the Museum's history.

In reviewing the events of the past year we are encouraged by what we experienced and especially by the early signs of what should be coming this year. For example, we had over 67,000 visitors to the Center during our first 12 months and projections for this year are for an 11% increase. This past year we managed to rent out the facility to 57 outside events and already have 29 future bookings after just 1 month into our peak season! We are hoping to develop

new interest with our improved 2002 Olympic Museum as we begin transitioning our 3-dimensional artifacts into our current display space.

As we are - and always will be - in a fund raising mode, we are grateful to have been the beneficiary of 1,300 copies of the official commemorative book for the 2002 Games as well as copies of the very limited edition of the Official Report. These have been on sale and very popular, especially with many private collectors. We continue to seek out new and unique methods to help us meet our substantial operating expenses and of course, always welcome your personal contributions. So until next time...



3

Foundation News

Meet a member of the Board

Barbara Amidon

Barbara Amidon is a Customer Relationship Representative for the Mountain States for the IBM Corporation and has been with IBM since 1976. Barbara grew up in Pocatello, Idaho, learning to ski at a very young age. She's been a competitor, coach, ski instructor and member of the U.S. Alpine Citizen Ski Team. Her volunteer services include the Board of Directors for the Intermountain Division of the U.S. Ski Association, Salt Lake Area Chamber of Commerce Winter Sports Committee, Alpine Ski Race Official and the 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.



Barbara Amidon

Barbara is also a member of the University of Utah Ski Archives and has served on the Board of Trustees for the Alf Engen Ski Museum since it's inception.

New Staff

Mike ReMillard

Building Superintendent



New Board Members

Barbara McConvill,

Barbara is the Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the Ogden/Weber Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) and is responsible for promoting tourism in Weber County with an emphasis on group business. Barbara married her college ski instructor, Mike McConvill, and together they have two children, two dogs and a cat!

David Pickett

David Pickett, Senior Vice President for Morgan Stanley, is a new member of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board of Trustees. David has been associated with the Foundation for many years and is a long time Alta and Utah skier.

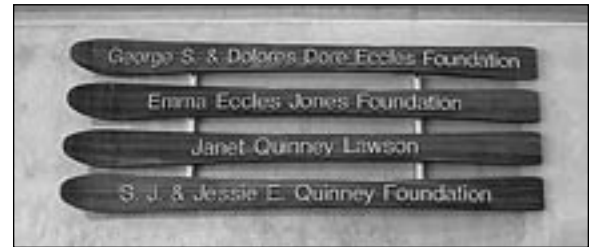
Donors 2003

The Donor Recognition Wall is now complete and installed at the entrance to the Museum! Our Benefactors are acknowledged with their own individual ski and our other level donors have their own individual gold, silver or bronze medallion mounted on a larger ski with donors of the same giving level.

Thank you for your generosity!

Benefactors

George S. & Dolores Doré
Eccles Foundation
Emma Eccles Jones Foundation
Lawson, Janet Q.
S. J. & Jessie E. Quinney
Foundation



Gold Medal Donors

Dr. Ezekial & Edna Wattis Dumke
Foundation
Katherine & Ezekial Dumke Jr.
Foundation
Marriner S. Eccles Foundation
Engen, Evelyn
Lawson, Frederick Q.
Quinney, David & Shari
Swartz Foundation



Silver Medal Donors

Alta Ski Lifts Company
Dean Witter
Dreyfous, James & Geralyn
Duncan, Paul & Marilyn
Engen, Alan & Barbara
Fidelity Foundation
Gilbert, G.S. Beckwith
Korologos, Tom C.
Lawson, Peter
Richard E. and Nancy P. Marriott
Foundation
Miller Ski Company
Mosser, Donn G. & Janet
Pickett, David and Nancie
Ray Quinney Nebeker
Sackler, Dr. & Mrs. Richard
Shrontz, Jody
Summit County
U.S. Forest Service
Wallace, M.W.
Williams, Larry

Bronze Medal Donors

Academy Studios
Altmann, Ruth Rogers
Amidon, David & Barbara
Bamberger Foundation
Richard D. Bass Foundation
Beekley, W. Mason
Bounous, Junior & Maxine
Bower, John & Elizabeth
Briggs, William
Burt, Chad
Cartwright Family, George
Cocoran, John
Duncan, David R.L., M.D. & Irma W.
Durham, John & Shirley
Durham, Wilby & Betty
Fletcher, Mel
Fox, Leo W.
Fuegi, Hans & Sally
Gaddis, Jim & Barbara
Goldminer's Daughter
IBM Corporation
International Skiing History
Association
Johnson, Ted & Shirley
Keller Family Foundation
Kessler, Alfred E.
Kogstad, Rolf
Kunau, Lex & Celia
Langford, Kirk
Lawrence Goodman Fund
Meldrum, Daniel & Patricia
Merriman, Charles
Michaels, H.C. & B.A.
Miller, Earl A.
Nebeker, Mr. & Mrs. Richard H.
Newman, Frank
Pineridge Winery
Professional Ski Instructors of
America
Prosek, Tom
Roberts, Linda
Rowan, Chuck & Suzanne
Royal Street Corporation
Shaffer, Richard & Kay (Nagel)
Spedden, Rush & Betty
The Summit Institute
Sweeney, Ed
Taylor, Larry
Thomas, Richard S. & Susan G.
Thompson, Karen S. and
Gregory C. Family
Ulbrich, Scott & Susanne
Webber, Richard
Weisel, Thomas
Wild Old Bunch
Yerman, Bob

Museum News

Education Field Trips- 2002/2003 School Year

What an amazing inaugural year for the Alf Engen Ski Museum Education Field Trip Program! The Museum was designed to provide an educational, interactive, and fun experience for visitors of all ages and the field trips proved to be outstanding in achieving this objective.

The program saw over 2,000 students from 22 school groups participate. We trained and used over 23 docents to help out with the 'hands on' station portion of the inside tour.

The success of this program has been verified

by the number of bookings from schools for next school year. Comments from participating teachers and schools include, "This is the best field trip ever...well organized...great curriculum...helpful docents."

Thanks to all - Barbara Engen, for initiating and being persistent with quality control; the Museum Education Committee, for making sure the project was completed; Uintah Education, for developing the teacher's curriculum and computer stations, and the docents for implementing the program! A great team effort! Thanks to all.



Docents 2002/2003



Ute Fowler with cart instruction



DeAnne Jorgensen explaining the Trophy Case

Museum News

2002 Olympic Gallery UPDATE

New additions...artifacts from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games currently being installed...there will be more to come.



Bobsled Banner



Official Medals Plaza Podium



Freestyle Banner



Horse puppet



Beaver Puppet



Mascot Installation

6

The Quinney Center Events

International Skiing History Association Returns to Utah

By Joseph Arave

Yes, the ISHA gathering the week of March 31-April 5, was the second time the group has held its annual event in Utah. But much has changed since the Park City gathering nearly a decade ago. In 1994 the International Skiing History Association was newly-formed and the beautiful Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center and Alf Engen Ski Museum were little more than hopes and dreams of Alan Engen and the also young Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation. This year on the evening of April 2nd, the Museum Foundation in conjunction with the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library Ski Archives, hosted the now well-established ISHA in a facility that has exceeded what was only imagined ten years ago.

The week opened Monday evening with a reception at Deer Valley's Chateaux at Silver Lake. After skiing Tuesday and Wednesday at Deer Valley, ISHA associates and guests were greeted in the main lobby of the Quinney Center by Museum staff and Foundation board members. They were then directed to the Museum entrance where docents introduced the visitors to educational carts with monitors featuring animated presentations. Next, after a tour of the Museum and a delightful reception in the Quinney Conference Room, the Museum hosted the group of approximately 100 guests to an evening of fine dining and ski history story-telling. The guest of honor that evening was legendary skier Stein Eriksen. He captivated the audience and

transported each eager listener back to the Eriksen family in Norway as he described his home, the origins of his skiing career, and the influences of his parents and others on the making of a skiing champion.

Doug Pfeiffer then took the podium and conducted his now famous movers and shakers segment of the gathering which was a fun way to introduce new members to the ISHA group and visa versa. This year's installation of movers and shakers brought to the podium racer Tom Corcoran and beloved ski show promoters Harry Leonard and Jerry and Barbara Alley Simon. The evening also included remarks from ballet skier Alan Schoenberger and powder skiing legend and author Delores LaChapelle.

The evening of ski legends was followed by a near legendary day of skiing at Alta and Snowbird on Thursday with an accumulation of nearly two feet of fresh snow. Another enjoyable evening of dining at the Cliff Lodge was capped by a viewing of Larry Warren's film *Ski Riders of the Wasatch*. The feature of the evening was the delivery of the first Mason Beckley Lecture by Ski Archives co-founder and Museum Board member, Dr. Greg Thompson.

The week was brought to a memorable conclusion on Saturday April 5th by an awards banquet held at the Alta Club in downtown Salt Lake City. Among those receiving awards that evening were Museum Board members Mike Korologos, who was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award in Journalism, Greg Thompson and Board Chair Alan Engen who received ULLR awards for their book *First Tracks: A Century of Skiing in Utah*.

The success and growth of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation, The Utah Ski Archives, and ISHA all represent a maturity and acceptance of their ski-history preserving missions. This year's gathering was a week to celebrate those successes and enjoy the company of others who support the mission of preserving Ski History.

7

photo by Judy Magid, Salt Lake Tribune.



Dr. Greg Thompson, Mike Korologos, Alan Engen

International Skiing History Association

Wednesday, April 2, 2003

Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center Gathering



Lobby of Quinney Center - Education Program Carts

8



Alf Engen Ski Museum - Interactive Ski History of Utah



Cocktails and Reception - 3rd Floor Quinney Conference Room

International Skiing History Association

Dinner is served in the Theatre...



John Fry addresses the guests



Stein Eriksen - Guest Speaker

9



Doug Pfeiffer and Harry Leonard



Dinner guests



Dinner guests



Dinner guests

Skiing News

A Labor of Love

Bob Yerman has been skiing and collecting antique skis for 35 years. He has managed to collect over 140 pairs at garage sales and antique stores and has restored almost all of them. The Museum contacted Bob a few years ago to do some ski restoration. He donated his labor and the Museum supplied the materials.

Bob loves working with wood and especially old wooden skis but his attempts to find an antique pair of Longboards (long skis the gold miners skied on in Northern California in the late 1800's) were unsuccessful, so he decided to build his own in his woodworking shop at home in Ohio. After researching the history and construction of the skis, he built a pair and had so much fun he ended up building 12 pair of them sixteen feet long!

10



Bob Yerman with his restored skis

The Longboards start out as a plank board 18" wide, 1 ¼ " thick and 18 feet long (one pair of skis comes out of the same board) which is planed, routed, sanded, bent, stained, grooved, pine tarred, bottom waxed and then fitted with a leather bindings. Bob hopes to develop a Longboard Ski Racing Association here in Utah which would be able to compete against the Plumas Ski Club of Northern California.

Bob was able to visit the museum recently and it gave him great satisfaction to see his restored skis on exhibit in the Alf Engen Ski Museum, but we think he is most proud of seeing his 16 foot "Wasatch Lightning Longboard" skis displayed in the foyer.

Thank you Bob!!



"Wasatch Lightning Longboards" skis displayed in the Quinney Center foyer

Skiing News

Shea Family Foundation – Extreme Challenge for Youth

The Shea family recently launched the Shea Family Foundation. This foundation's primary focus is to provide Extreme kids with Extreme sports. The foundation has worked closely with the Alf Engen Museum and the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center in developing the education curriculum for the Extreme Challenge for Youth Sport Camps.

To date, the foundation and its sponsor, Zions Bank, has underwritten two Extreme Challenges for Youth Sport Camps, benefiting twelve boys from the Utah Boy's Ranch, six children from the Boys & Girls Club of the Greater Salt Lake and six children from YouthCity.

These children participated in a 30-hour sports camp that included the following curriculum:

two-hours at the Alf Engen Museum, one-hour tour of the Utah Olympic Park, a three-hour sport nutrition class, one-hour sport safety class and 23 hours of extreme sporting activities. In addition, each child fulfilled their commitment to complete four-hours of community service. That is a total of 96 community service hours invested in our local community!

"Thank" you to the museum and its staff by accommodating our sport camps and educating the children on the history of winter sports in Utah. This memorable experience had a great impact on all!

Sarah Selznick, *Executive Director*,
Shea Family Foundation

11



'The Fire Within'... Remember Forever

The Foundation has received an inventory of official commemorative books from the 2002 Olympic Winter Games. These are for sale from the Foundation at \$50.00 per copy. We also have a very limited number of copies of the official Final Report at \$250.00 per copy. Please call Kathy at 1-435 658-4236 or email kathy.dinsmoor@olymparks.com to order.

Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation
www.engenmuseum.org
2990 Bear Hollow Drive
P.O.Box 980187
Park City, Utah 84098

In Memoriam

Museum Foundation Board member **Jody Shrontz** passed away on January 26, 2003 at the age of 55. Jody was the granddaughter of Alta founder Joe Quinney and the daughter of Museum Foundation Honorary Board member Janet Q. Lawson.

Mikel Carhart passed away on May 15, 2003 at the age of 49. Mikel was well respected throughout the ski industry for building, installing and servicing ski lifts around the country. He is survived by his wife, Annette, a long time Alta Ski School employee, his daughter, Sadie and son, Will.

Notes

We would like to acknowledge **Don Hague** for his photo of the Bronze Statues used on the front page of the Winter 2002 Ski Meister.

IBM Donation to Alf Engen Ski Museum

The IBM Fund for Community Service recognizes and encourages the involvement of their employees and retirees who generously volunteer their time and talents in their local communities.

This past September, through the fund, IBM donated a Thinkpad and associated software (a \$1,500 value) thanks to the volunteer efforts of **Dave** and **Barbara Amidon**.

The Museum qualified because it is a non-profit organization but mostly for the implementation of the 4th grade core curriculum of Utah history. It was noted that this is possibly the only ski museum in the country emphasizing education to our young people.