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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

When I moved to Utah 30 years ago, I remember the first time I met the legendary Alf Engen. Those of us who have passion for skiing often hold icons like Alf, Stein Eriksen and others in a very special place. When I met Alf, I was struck by his gentleness and kind manner. He was welcoming in every way.

And, my oh my, could he ski! When I think of Alf, I envision him floating effortlessly in the chest deep powder whooping it down off High Rustler.

I'm humbled to be asked to be chair of the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board of Trustees. Every time I walk through the museum I am struck by what it represents. I see the joy in the eyes of the kids on the interactive chairlift ride and the skier poring over the huge map of Utah ski resorts.

To all of you who have supported our efforts of documenting skiing in the Intermountain West, thank you!

I have just one request... Stop by sometime and experience it for yourself. Check out our new weather exhibit. Walk upstairs and relive the 2002 Olympics. This is **your** museum. Come join us. Thank you for your support.

-Tom Kelly



Outgoing chairman, David Vandehei (left) with Tom Kelly at the 2017 Hall of Fame ceremony

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As we welcome Tom Kelly into his new role, it is with countless fond memories that I offer a personal thank you to David Vandehei for his guidance and support during the past seven years of his tenure as Chairman/President of the Foundation.

In 2013 David had an idea for a signature exhibit - the 'Alf Engen Ski Experience' mountain sport simulator. This one-of-a-kind exhibit provides guests a unique chance to experience bobsledding, powder skiing, speed flying, mountain biking and ski jumping. Since opening under David's watchful eye, the exhibit has become one of our most popular museum components.

David is a true visionary with an uncanny eye for detail and a sincere love of skiing, the Olympics and all things snow sport related. We are thrilled he plans to continue on as a Board member and museum docent, and we look forward to his ongoing contributions to our world-class museum.

-Connie Nelson



Welcome Jon Green - Museum Operations Manager

In June 2017, the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation hired Jon Green as the museum's full-time Operations Manager.

Jon brings to the position a solid leadership and customer service background, and a deep respect for the rich history of skiing in our region. He is a Utah native who grew up in Logan and learned to ski at Beaver Mountain.

He wants to thank the museum guide staff for their hard work and support: Matt Anderson, Thalia Barnett, Laurie Brown, Greg DuPratt, Shelley Escoto, Freeman Stevenson and Liz Weller.

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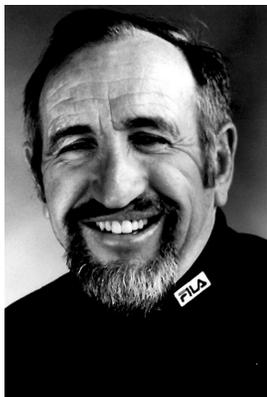
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Inquiries, questions, or submissions of press releases and articles of interest for the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation newsletter are welcome.

Cover photo by Jon Green: Snow graces statues of Alf Engen, left, and Joe Quinney at the entrance to the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center - home to the Alf Engen Ski Museum and 2002 Olympic Winter Games Museum at Utah Olympic Park. These two men played instrumental roles in the establishment of Utah's Ski industry.



IN MEMORIAM



JOHN BOWER (1941 - 2017)

On June 6, 2017, the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation lost one of its original board members and a strong supporter when John Bower passed away suddenly at age 76.

During the early to mid 1960s, John was one of America's finest Nordic skiers. He won four national titles and was a member of the U.S. Olympic Nordic Ski Team, competing in both the 1964 Olympic Winter Games at Innsbruck, Austria and the Olympic Games held at Grenoble, France in 1968. Perhaps his greatest ski jumping accomplishment was winning the prestigious King's Cup on Norway's world famous Holmenkollen Hill in 1968 which earned him a special audience with the King of Norway and the President of the United States.

As a former Olympic ski jumper and former director of ski jumping and Nordic Combined for the U.S. ski team, John was chosen in early 1990 to lead a six-member investigation committee to explore potential sites for development of a winter sports complex... a requirement for bidding for the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. My father, Alf, and I were also part of that group. And after investigating five different sites over a two-year period, we ultimately selected Bear Hollow as the chosen location for construction of the Utah Winter Sports Park. John was named as the Park's first general manager and oversaw the construction of four ski jumping hills, a day lodge, a bobsled and luge track facility, and a 12-foot deep pool for freestyle jump training.



Bower at Holmenkollen - 1968

During that time period (early 1990s), the idea of constructing a regional ski museum at the Bear Hollow location was proposed. John played a significant role in achieving approval for the museum from the Salt Lake Organizing Committee, and the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation was formally created in August 1993.

Those of us who had the opportunity to work with John during the early years of the Park's development will remember the dedicated, gracious, and professional way he carried out his myriad managerial responsibilities. He was a true friend, and all of us on the Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation Board of Directors owe a genuine thank you to John and his wife, Bonnie, for their support and help in making the Joe Quinney Winter Sports Center / Alf Engen Ski Museum into a world-class facility.

It is an understatement to say that John Bower will be sincerely missed.

by Alan K. Engen



TED JOHNSON (1927 - 2018)

Ted Johnson, a 2007 inductee to the Intermountain Ski Hall of fame, died January 29, 2017 at age 91 in Santa Barbara, California.

Ted, a one-time California surfer and Alta bartender catapulted Utah's winter sports image to world-class status when he founded Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort in Utah's Little Cottonwood Canyon on Dec. 23, 1971.

His Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame plaque reads in part: "Snowbird stands as a legacy to the wily 'Silver Fox' whose quest was not to be denied."

A celebration of Ted's life is being planned for this spring.

'TAKE FLIGHT' SKI JUMP SIMULATOR SOARS TO RECORD YEAR

After opening to the public several years ago, Alf Engen's Take Flight ski jump simulator continues to be one of our most popular exhibits. In 2017, over 27,000 guests tried the simulator; testing their nerve and ability to "take flight."

User-friendly and wholly interactive, the simulator is a wonderful addition to our Museum in that it allows visitors of all ages to safely experience the thrill of victory and agony of defeat inherent to the oldest form of ski competition.

NOTE: Despite impressive user numbers, no one has come close to the simulator's all-time high score of 303 points; a record appropriately held by Alf himself.



Jack McFawn takes flight



EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIP PROGRAM UPDATE

The Alf Engen Ski Museum's 4th grade Educational Field Trip program is in full swing, enlightening and entertaining children, teachers and parent volunteers from elementary schools around the state. The free field trip program is in its 16th year of operations and is stronger than ever thanks to new exhibits, updated teacher resources, and an incredible team of docents.



Docent, Fred Rubinfeld, welcomes students to the Museum

"Thank you for your efforts in engaging the students. The Docents are very well informed and we are so grateful for the opportunity to attend this field trip. Can't wait to participate again next year."

-Lisa Reed, Teacher, Muir Elementary (Bountiful, UT)

Designed to meet Utah State Core Curriculum requirements for social studies, math, language arts and science, the field trip program engages children by highlighting several key themes: the history of skiing in Utah, the economy of a mining camp turned ski town, the water cycle's effect on our winter weather, avalanche safety, and the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Additionally, pre-visit and post-visit lesson plans are available on our website to guide classroom discussions and further reinforce the themes presented on the field trip.

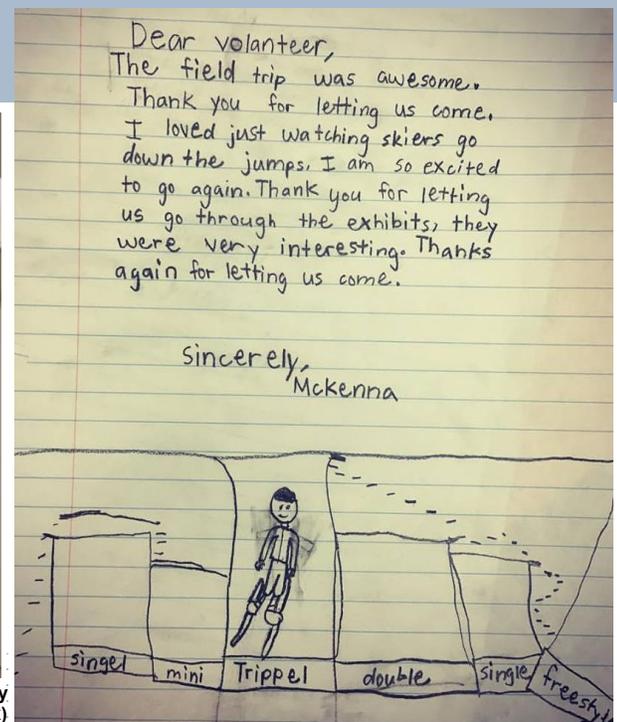
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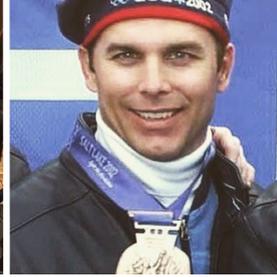
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Thank you notes from students at Muir Elementary (Bountiful) and Larsen Elementary (Spanish Fork)



Teachers or schools interested in our field trip program should contact Connie Nelson at cnelson@uolf.org or (435) 658-4240.



'THE GREATEST SNOW ON EARTH' at the Alf Engen Ski Museum



In September 2017, we opened our new weather exhibit called *The Greatest Snow on Earth*. With six different components, this state-of-the-art interactive exhibit highlights Utah's storm cycles, annual snowfall averages, snow water content, snowflake science and lake effect patterns. Thus far, response to the new exhibit has been extremely positive and we're excited to announce an official unveiling ceremony sometime in the next few months.

One of our goals with this exhibit was to create an interactive connection between the school children who attend our Educational Field Trip Program and their 4th grade science curriculum requirements. During a recent field trip, Nancy Berry, a teacher from Jeremy Ranch Elementary, confirmed our hopes, when she had this to say:



"This exhibit fits perfectly into one of the five science topics taught to 4th graders in Utah. Thanks for making it fun, enjoyable, and easy to understand for our students!"

-Nancy Berry, Teacher, Jeremy Ranch (Park City, UT)

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SNEAK PEAK AT OUR NEXT EXHIBIT UPGRADE...

The Alf Engen Ski Museum and Unrivaled, an Ogden, Utah exhibit design company, are currently working on the next phase of technology-driven exhibits, featuring interactive displays that engage and educate visitors on the history and evolution of snow sports. This proposed project is our biggest undertaking since opening in 2002, and will completely transform half of our museum.

Some key features to include:

Multi-Touch Table: This interactive table allows several visitors to command and engage with multimedia content at the same time.

Topographical Map: Projection mapping to overlay the Wasatch map.

Interactive Avalanche Stories & Game: Gives visitors a hands-on examination of avalanche conditions and variables that lead to dangerous situations.

Photo Booth: With several background options, this exhibit enables visitors to take a photo of themselves and share to their device or social media.

Snow Sport Linear History: Featuring artefacts and information on alpine skiing, freestyle skiing, cross country skiing, and snowboarding.

Upgrades will also include new Stein Eriksen and 10th Mountain Division exhibits.



Computer-generated rendering of proposed upgrades

We welcome inquiries about naming rights and other sponsorship packages. Please contact Connie Nelson at cnelson@uolf.org or (435) 658-4240.



INTERMOUNTAIN SKI HALL OF FAME - Class of 2017

September 20, 2017 - Four new members were inducted into the Hall of Fame, housed at the Alf Engen Ski Museum.



HARRY BAXTER (1929 -)

Harry Baxter always did things with flair - and the skiing industry is the better for it.

Hailing from New Hampshire, Harry dedicated his life to the advancement of his wintry passion with exceptional marketing prowess, tireless instruction, deft administrative skills and lots of hard work. As a testament to those efforts, Harry received numerous honors and accolades, including the prestigious

U.S. Recreation Ski Sport Pioneer Award.

A onetime member of the U.S. Professional Demonstration Team, Harry promoted skiing as ski school director at Mt. Whittier Ski Area in New Hampshire and at Sugarloaf Mountain, Maine - where he also served as general manager.

In 1974 Harry became Director of Marketing and Vice President of Public Relations at the fledgling Jackson Hole Resort in Teton Village, Wyoming. During his 21 years at that the marketing helm, Jackson Hole thrived, becoming a world class resort.

Harry Baxter had a passion for skiing and wanted to instill that passion into others worldwide. Mission accomplished.



DICK MITCHELL (1929 - 2015)

"When in doubt, full speed ahead" was Dick Mitchell's personal motto.

While on the U of U Ski Team, Dick won the 1953 NCAA Downhill Championship and finished third in the slalom. After joining the U.S. Air Force he became a member of the U.S. Ski Team, competing on the European FIS circuit. His skiing career culminated in Olympic competition at the 1956 Games in

Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy. A native of Ogden, Utah, Dick Mitchell was that city's first ever Olympian.

Off the slopes - as a USAF combat fighter pilot - Dick flew 149 missions during the Vietnam War. His courage and prowess earned him the Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying crosses, 10 Air Medals, two Bronze Stars, a Commendation Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal and the Purple Heart. Later in the war, while working as an embassy attaché, Dick supervised the 1975 evacuation from Saigon's Tan Son Nhut Airport before it fell to the North Vietnamese. Sleepless and exhausted, he was on the last helicopter out.

There is no doubt that Dick Mitchell's personal motto served him well, as his extraordinary achievements are solidly etched in the annals of U.S. skiing and military history.



DEAN ROBERTS (1931 - 2015)

As a child, Dean Roberts carried his skis to school so he could "fly" off jumps he built along the way. He held a natural passion for the sport and by the eighth grade, he was a regular at Snowbasin, learning the art of alpine skiing.

At age 17 Dean was a competitive ski jumper and member of both the Weber State and U of U alpine ski teams.

In 1959, Dean certified with the Intermountain Ski Instructors Association. Five years later he became the owner and director of the ski school at Solitude - the mountain he loved more than any other. In 1994 he became Solitude's Director of Skiing.

Dean is an Honorary Lifetime member of the PSIA-Intermountain Division, and in 2006 was selected to the PSIA-AASI-Intermountain Ski Instructors Hall of Fame. In 2011 he received his 50-year pin - along with a letter which encapsulates the essence of his remarkable career and echoes the sentiments of a grateful ski industry.

The letter reads: "Thank you for introducing thousands to the wonders of sliding on snow."



PICABO STREET (1971 -)

When Picabo Street was born, her family lived on *Victor Road in Triumph, Idaho*. With such an address, it would seem her penchant for winning was predestined.

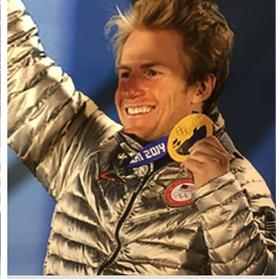
Skiing since the age of five, Picabo's first major win was the Junior Olympic downhill championship in Alyeska, Alaska; she was just 14 years old. During the 1990's Picabo became a fearless and flamboyant presence

on the world's premier ski racing circuit. Her all-out style earned her three World Championship medals (one gold), two Olympic medals (one gold) and nine World Cup wins. She also won World Cup downhill season titles in 1995 and 1996, making her the first North American skier to do so.

Twice during her career (1996 and 2000) Picabo accomplished the near impossible by returning to racing after suffering debilitating injuries. Her comeback performance in the 1998 Olympics resulted in a Super G gold medal. Her final elite level race was the Downhill at the 2002 Games, where she finished in 16th place. She was inducted into the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association Hall of Fame in 2005.

Now retired, Picabo continues to inspire kids to follow their dreams through her "Street of Dreams Foundation" and the "Picabo Street Academy."

For Hall of Fame nomination information, please contact Connie Nelson at (435) 658-4240 or Judy Jarrow at (801) 581-3421.



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2002 Olympic Games Legacy Yields Hometown Heroes

by Tom Kelly

One of the hallmarks of the 2002 Olympic Winter Games was the legacy it built for our youth.

It's now been 16 years since those wonderful Games provided the inspirational platform for current US Team athletes like ski jumpers Sarah Hendrickson and Abby Ringquist, Olympic champion Ted Ligety, three-time Olympian Megan McJames and cross country skier Rosie Brennan.

All total, over 50 Olympians at the 2018 Olympic Winter Games in PyeongChang either grew up in Park City or moved to the community for training. Numbers like that prove that the future is bright for our hometown heroes.

Like all of us, I look forward to the return of the Olympics here in Utah and the chance to show the world once again that Park City is a notable force in the larger Olympic picture. Go Team USA!

About the Emblem: The first character in the 2018 Olympic Games emblem represents a gathering place where heaven, earth and human exist in harmony. The second character symbolizes snow and ice, as well as the stellar performances of the athletes.



The Alf Engen Ski Museum Foundation

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