COLORADO SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME
2014 CANDIDATES
FOUR WILL BE ELECTED

Jeremy Bloom
Athlete, sponsored by Carl Peterson.

Hall of Fame Consideration: Jeremy Bloom is a three-time Mogul Skiing-World Champion, two-time Olympian, eleven-time World Cup gold medalist and a member of the US Skiing Hall of Fame. In 2005, he won a record six straight World Cup events, the most in a single season in the sport's history. In 2008, Bloom founded the Jeremy Bloom Wish of a Lifetime Foundation, which grants lifelong wishes to seniors. Bloom is a College Football and Olympic Sports Television Analyst and has worked for ESPN, Fox, NBC and The Pac12 Network. Forbes Magazine called Bloom one of the 30 most influential people in technology under the age of 30 in 2013.

Mike Brown
Athlete, sponsored by Hartman Axley

Hall of Fame Consideration: Mike succeeded at the top level of skiing as a junior racer and during his 10-year career on the U.S. ski team placing in the top 15 in World Cup events and top 100 in the FIS world ranking. Next, during his 7-year career as coach for the US Disabled Ski Team, he guided the team to become the strongest disabled team in the world. Mike coached two of the most decorated Paralympic athletes, Chris Waddell Sarah Will. Mike is also credited with developing a disabled factoring system, still used today, that allowed disabled athletes from different disciplines to compete against one another for medals.

Pam Conklin
Sport Builder, sponsored by Larry Zimmer

Hall of Fame Consideration: Conklin joined Vail Associates in 1973 as the Publicity Director. She was the primary contact for the White House press corps and national media during President Gerald Ford's ski and golf vacations in Vail. She masterfully handled the press and television coverage of the tragic 1976 gondola accident on Vail. Her consulting firm’s client list was vast, including United Airlines, Descente, SIA, NSAA, Vail, Steamboat and Ski the Rockies. She worked for CSCUSA, as the Director of Public Affairs and was a registered lobbyist for the ski industry at the Capitol. Her articles were published in Skiing Magazine, Ski Area Management, United, Continental, Frontier, Chicago Tribune, Denver Post, Kansas City Star, Rocky Mountain Skiing, Snow Country and Black Enterprises. She ended her P.R. career as Marketing Director at Telluride.
Frederick (Jack) Eck M.D.  
Sport Builder, sponsored by Paul Testwuide

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Since 1971 Jack has been on the ground floor of many of the life-saving techniques used on-hill to treat injured skiers. He applied his experience as a Vietnam medic to shape advanced orthopedic and medical first responder techniques used by the Ski Patrol. His practices influenced the U.S. Ski Team and, were adopted by resorts nationwide. He played a lead role in gaining acceptance of ski brakes to replace injury prone safety straps. He established an Emergency Medical Services System into place; the Professional Ski Patrol basic qualification requirements, and did annual training for new patrollers. He was the course Medical Director for the 1989 and 1999 FIS Alpine World Championships and is the Medical Committee Chairman for the 2015 FIS Alpine World Championships.

Cheryl Jensen  
Inspiration, sponsored David Rozelle

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Cheryl’s 10-years of ski and snowboard related humanitarian work has transformed lives. In 2002 she started the Sharing Warmth Around the World program, which distributes retired ski resort uniforms to those in need in cold weather countries. The Secretary of Defense with the Civilian Service Medal recognized her work. In 2004 she started a local chapter of Wounded Warriors, now the Vail Veterans Program, which transforms military injured and their families through individualized world-class outdoor recreation programs building confidence and creating life-long relationships. The program has assisted over 1000 vets and hundreds of family members.

Scott Kennett  
Inspiration, sponsored by Johnnie Stevens

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Scott helped put Colorado and especially Telluride Ski Resort in the spotlight on the world map with the help of Zudnik his wonder dog. Scott parlayed his successes as a freestyle skiing champion, then coach, Pro Mogul Tour winner and as an extreme skiing competitor to become a promotional and entertainment film star. He and Zudnik had a long career as Warren Miller film athletes and appeared in countless print ads and TV commercials touting the amazing ski terrain in Telluride. Zudnik was featured in Powder Magazine, as the most famous dog in skiing.
**Barry Mink M.D.**  
*Sport Builder, sponsored by Tage Pedersen*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Dr. Mink designed successful training programs for the U.S. Nordic & Biathlon ski teams and has acted as the US Nordic Ski Team doctor for over 20-years. He served as the Chief Medical Officer for the Biathlon Team in both the 1980 & 1994 Winter Olympics. Dr. Mink arrived in Aspen in the mid-70’s and was the only Sports Medicine doctor in Colorado at the time. As a practicing physician he was responsible for training the Aspen Ski Patrol members to use defibrillators and other advanced CPR methods providing on-hill lifesaving cardiac care.

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**Paul Major**  
*Sport Builder, sponsored by Ron Allred*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Paul was with the U.S. Ski Team 1984-97. He started on the women's team staff in 1984 and in 1988 became head women's coach. He coached such skiing greats as Picabo Street, Hilary Lindh, Diann Roffe-Steinrooter, Tamara McKinney and Julie Parisien. He served as the US team’s alpine director staring in 1994 before becoming the Vice President of Athletics and Alpine ski coach, directing and managing all aspects of 6 Olympic sports, including 200 athletes, 60 staff and 50,000 members. Paul has served as CEO of the Telluride Foundation since 2000 where he leads the Foundation’s multi-million dollar development, grant making and capacity building.

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**Steve & Mike Marolt**  
*Athlete, sponsored by Richard Neustedter*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** In May 2000, after a childhood growing up in Aspen and climbing and skiing in Colorado’s Elk Mountains, twins Mike and Steve Marolt became the first Americans ever to climb and ski from above 8,000 meters / 26,250 feet when they skied from the central peak of Shishapangma, Tibet. This accomplishment placed them in an elite class amongst the world’s greatest ski mountaineers. In 2003, the brothers followed up with a first ever American ski descent of the north ridge of Everest. In 2007, they skied the north ridge of Everest for a second time, and also became the first Americans and only the fifth people ever to attain multiple ski descents from above 8,000 meters when they skied from the summit of Cho Oyu, Tibet. They only climb “pure style” using no supplemental oxygen, porters, or altitude drugs, an aspect that enhances their accomplishments.

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John “CJ” Mueller  
*Athlete, sponsor John DeBaggis*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** An amazing athlete, C.J. was the U.S. Nationals Downhill champion in 1979 and one of the speed skiing pioneers in the 1980’s. He was a three-time Speed Skiing World record holder whose top speed was clocked at 137 mph. He was a member of US Speed Skiing team in the 1992 Olympics and had a top 10 finish. To elevate the acceptance of the sport he worked with Swix to perfect wax performance and with the FIS to improve safety. Since retiring from speed skiing competition he remains one of the most colorful characters in Breckenridge.

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Steve Raymond  
*Sport Builder, sponsored by Jack Benedict*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Steve was a founding member of Ski Tam the cable television industry event responsible for funding U.S. Paralympic team. His leadership is responsible for this event raising more than $6 million over 16 years. He served as the Paralympic Team USA Chef de Mission for the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games in Canada. Steve is a BOD member for the National Sports Center for the Disabled in Winter Park and was named the ESPN Volunteer of the Year for his work with disabled sports. His leadership has played an integral role in Colorado’s achieving a world-class reputation as the North American center for adaptive skiing athletes to live, train, compete and win.

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Casey Puckett  
*Athlete, sponsored by Margie Hamrich*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Casey had two distinct ski race careers. First he was a very successful alpine ski racer with 12 years on the US Ski Team. He started as a technical skier and moved into speed events. He competed in four Winter Olympics, earning his best finish of 7th in the slalom event at Lillehammer in 1994. After his alpine ski racing career he began another 8- year career as a Ski Cross racer, helping to take the sport of Ski Cross to another level. He won 2 X-Games Gold metals and Ski Cross was named a new event at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games. He competed in his 5th Olympics in 2010.
Chris Puckett  
*Athlete, sponsored by Erik Steinberg*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Chris was the first athlete from Crested Butte to be named to the US Ski team and go to the Olympics as a true 4-event skier. He raced for Dartmouth College before becoming a member of the US Ski Team. He was National Champion several times and an Olympian in 1992. His stand out performance occurred at the 1st and only Winter Goodwill Games where he won a silver in both the Downhill the Super G. Voted US Team captain by peers 96’. He served as Athlete’s Rep to the US Ski Team BOD 2002-2004. Post ski racing he has had a successful coaching career.

Charles Smith  
*Sport Builder, sponsored by Dr. Grady W. Towns*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Charles has been an advocate of the black ski community for the past 40 years since first joining the Sippers and Sliders club. From 1974 to 1999 Charles was the Program Director for the Ski for Kids program that brought 1500 kids to participate in skiing activities. From 1989 to 1999 he served on the Board of Directors of the National Brotherhood of Skiers (NBS) bringing awareness and arranging trips for the club to Colorado Resorts. Since the 1970’s Charles has organized annual week long NBS Summits at Colorado ski resorts, boosting the ski resort economy. A strong advocate of minority ski racing he helped established the ski racing programs at Loveland, Crested Butte and Burke Mountain Academy.

Johnny Spillane  
*Athlete, sponsored by Erik Steinberg*

**Hall of Fame Consideration:** Johnny is a four-time Olympian from Steamboat Springs who competed in Nordic Combined. After being a successful junior cross country racer and ski jumper he made his first Olympic Team in 1998. Though he did not medal at the 1998, 2002 or 2006 he gained valuable experience. At the 2010 Winter Olympics, in Vancouver, Spillane competed in three events and won three silver medals. Spillane’s silver medal was the first American medal in the sport of Nordic Combined, and only the third American medal to be earned in any Nordic sport. He announced his retirement for Nordic combined April 18, 2013.