



2011 NOMINATION
JON KREAMELMEYER
1947-

SPORT BUILDER
USOC PARALMPIC DEVELOPMENT COACH
CROSS COUNTRY SKIING
ACHIEVEMENTS 1980-Present

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NOMINATION BIOGRAPHY for JON KREAMELMEYER

Jon Kreamelmeyer, a Colorado native, grew up in the 50's skiing at some of the state's original ski mountains: Howelson Hill, Winter Park, and Arapaho Basin. After graduating from Dakota Wesleyan University with a degree in Education, JK as he is known, spent three decades coaching and teaching in Colorado's Summit County High School. Jon served as an assistant high school ski coach from 1977 to 1986, and became the head coach in 1987. He continued in that position until 1991. During his tenure as head coach, he collected seven Colorado High School State Ski Championships in both boys and girls skiing, with a record tying four consecutive boy's state titles. Along with coaching the high school team, Jon coached with USSA's Rocky Mountain Division Summit Ski Club for fourteen years. He was the RMD team leader during the Junior Olympics in Anchorage, Alaska in 1987 and in Lake Placid, New York in 1989. Many of the athletes JK coached at the junior level have gone on to become successful college, national team, and Olympic skiers. Several of his former athletes have continued in the sport, becoming coaches and instructors, passing on their skiing knowledge and skills to the youth and to the people within their communities.

For the past thirty-seven years, Jon has been actively involved with (PSIA) Professional Ski Instructors of America becoming a fully certified level 3- cross-country instructor in 1974. In 1980, JK became a PSIA Examiner, and maintains that position until the present time. Along with examining candidates, he has also served as a verifier—verifying examiners on various skiing skills each year. Basically, he's been an examiner helping examiners.

Jon began his involvement with the U.S Disabled Ski Team as a guide for a visually impaired athlete, Michele Drolet (B1), at the 1992 Paralympics in Albertville, France. It was a learning experience for both the athlete and the coach, which led them to commit and train for the 1994 Paralympics in Lillehammer, Norway. On this stage, Jon guided Michele to a bronze medal in the 5km skate race. Seventeen years later, she is still the first and only American woman to win a Paralympic or Olympic Cross-country skiing medal.

JK continued with his coaching career becoming an assistant for the U.S. Disabled Ski Team in 1995 and he was hired as the head coach in 1999. As head coach during the 1998 Nagano, Japan, Paralympics, he aided U.S. skiers in collecting two bronze medals. In 2000, at the World Championships in Crans-Montana, Switzerland, his team came home with a USA record eight medals. During the 2002, Paralympics at Soldier Hollow, Utah, his team earned five medals, including the first relay medal for U.S. Ski Team athletes in Olympic or Paralympic history. Competing in the 2006, Torino Paralympics, JK's U.S. Ski Team captain Steve Cook, went on to collect three podiums, two golds and a bronze.

The past five years, Jon has been consulting with Dr. Brian Self and his senior design students from California Polytechnic State University's Mechanical Engineering Department creating sit skis for disabled people, along with more high tech designs for elite athletes. Presently they are building a sit ski for Marlon Shepard, a sophomore at the University of New Hampshire, who is

working toward qualifying for the U.S. Adaptive Cross-country Ski Team. Jon feels it's heartwarming for college students on one side of the U.S. to build a ski frame for a disabled college student/athlete on the opposite side of the United States.

For the past two years, he has been working with the Central Division of USSA creating opportunity centers throughout the Midwest and Rocky Mountain regions of the U.S. The purpose of these centers is to provide ski equipment and ski instruction for people with disabilities.

Presently JK is employed by the United States Olympic Committee as the Paralympic Cross-country Development Coach. His responsibility and focus is to improve the skiing skills of disabled athletes and Wounded Warriors vying for spots on the U.S. Adaptive Ski Team and the 2014 Paralympic Team. Along with his coaching duties, he is traveling extensively to New Hampshire, New York, California, Idaho, Wisconsin, and throughout Colorado providing clinics for instructors who are actively engaged in skiing with people with disabilities.

Jon gives tirelessly of himself to the sport of cross-country skiing. He volunteers frequently teaching clinics and assisting with the local middle school ski program. In addition he serves on a number of committees to support cross-country skiing. Throughout his thirty-five years of coaching and with his involvement in the sport of cross-country skiing, Jon has made tremendous contributions and has demonstrated all of the components of a Sport Builder.



Bill Marolt
President & CEO

September 3, 2010

Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame
231 South Frontage Road
Vail, Colorado, 81657

Good morning:

Skiing is a family sport. As a skier, there is no greater joy than introducing youth to the sport, or helping nurture their interest. Colorado's Jon Kreamelmeyer has spent decades extending his passion for the benefit of others as a true sport builder. As an honored member of the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame myself, it is with great pride that I pledge my support on behalf of Colorado's Jon Kreamelmeyer for induction.

As a local cross country coach in Summit County, he has introduced countless hundreds and hundreds of young boys and girls to cross country skiing. And as a national leader, he has motivated adaptive athletes to heights of which they had never dreamed.

JK came to our program in the 90s as a volunteer guide for a blind athlete. He brought with him three decades of experience working with young men and women at Summit County High School as a teacher and a coach. He made a difference in people's lives.

As Head Coach for the U.S. Adaptive Cross Country Ski Team, JK almost instantly took the program to new levels of excellence, drawing on his experiences from the past to nurture the champions of tomorrow.

- 2000 - 8 World Championship podiums
- 2000 - USSA International Coach of the Year
- 2002 - 5 Paralympic podiums (Salt Lake City)
- 2003 - Overall World Cup title (Steve Cook)
- 2006 - 3 Paralympic podiums (Torino)
- 2007 - 13 World Cup podiums



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Since retiring as head coach, Jon has continued to work in development where he is making a difference and will continue to do so through programs like Wounded Warriors.

Jon Kreamelmeyer's experiences speak for themselves. But behind that list of accomplishments is the character of a great leader. We have a term in our organization called Olympism. It is in that spirit that JK has always put others first.

Sincerely,



Bill Marolt
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This letter is in support of Jon Kreamelmeyer's nomination. I have known Jon for over twenty years. As the Director of Disabled Skiing and the Cross Country Program Director for USSA I had the opportunity to work closely with him. His knowledge and motivational skills are superb.

He was the key ingredient in the success of the USAST's XC Team. As a Sport Builder he is unequalled. As a guide and coach he created an environment that led to success on the athletic field. He guided Michele Drolet to a Bronze Medal in 1994 Winter Paralympics (the only US woman to win a Paralympic XC medal). As head coach, the US Team had eight podiums during the 2000 World Championships in Crans-Montana, Switzerland. Also during his tenure as Head Coach US athletes scored five podiums at the 2002 Salt Lake Paralympics, including the first US Men's XC Relay Team to podium in a Paralympics or Olympics.

In 2005 one of Jon's skiers, Steve Cook, won the Overall Cup. At the 2006 Torino Paralympics Steve Cook also won two Gold and one Bronze Medals. During the 2007 season the US Team had thirteen podiums.

Jon's influence and coaching ability earned Jon the honor of being named USSA Coach of The Year for 2000 and 2003. He was also named as USSA International Coach of the Year for 2000. In 2000 he was also named USOC Ski Coach of the Year.

Jon is currently working as a development coach for USSA. He travels throughout the US recruiting athletes for the USAST.

Jon's ability to relate to athletes and motivate them has been instrumental in the overall success of the US Adaptive Ski Team and makes him a pioneer as a Sports Builder.

Sincerely,

Jack R. Benedick
2010 Inductee National Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame

Co-signed by: Dan Gibbs -- State Senator
Christine Scanlan -- State Representative
Freda Nieters -- 2009 Colorado Ski Hall of Fame
Steve Raymond -- Senior Vice President Disney and ESPN Networks

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Employment

- United States Olympic Committee - Paralympic Development Coach, Cross-country skiing, 2011 to present
- United States Ski Team - Head Coach, Disabled Cross-country skiing, 2000-2010
- Summit School District, English teacher 1970 – 2000

Skiing Career

- United States Olympic Committee – Paralympic Cross-country Development Coach, 2011 to present
- Wounded Warrior Coach
- United States Ski Team, Disabled Cross-country Development Coach, 2009 - 2010
- United States Ski Team, Disabled Cross-country Head Coach, 2000 to 2009
- United States Ski Team, Disabled Cross-country Assistant Coach 1994 - 1999
- United States Paralympic Head Coach – Salt Lake City, 2002; Torino, Italy, 2006
- United States Paralympic Team Leader - Nagano, Japan, 1998, Vancouver, Canada 2010
- Guide for Visually Impaired Athlete, Michele Drolet, 1992 and 1994 Paralympics (bronze medal)
- Technical Classifier to International Paralympic Committee Classification Team, Baiersbronn, Germany 2003; Pragelato, Italy 2005; Voukatti, Finland 2011
- Summit High School Assistant Coach, 1978 to 1986
- Summit High School Head Coach, 1987 to 1991
- Rocky Mountain Division, USSA Junior Coach, 1979 to 1991
- Rocky Mountain Division Team Leader, Anchorage, AK 1987
- Rocky Mountain Division Team Leader, Lake Placid, NY 1989
- Professional Ski Instructors of America, Cross Country Level 3 Instructor 1974 to present
- Professional Ski Instructors of America, Cross Country Examiner 1980 to present
- Grew up skiing in the late 50's at Howelson Hill, Winter Park and Araphoe Basin

Memories as a Head Coach

- United States Olympic Committee Coach of the Year, Skiing, 2000
- USSA International Coach of the Year, 2000
- USSA Disabled Coach of the Year, 2000, 2003
- 1987 – 1991 Seven Colorado Boys and Girls State Championships
- 1994 – Bronze medal – Lillehammer, Norway, Guide for blind Paralympic skier Michele Drolet
- 2000 World Championships, Crans-Montana, Switzerland - eight podiums
- 2002 Paralympics, Salt Lake City, Utah – five podiums
- 2002 Paralympics – Men’s relay team – Silver Medal, Bob Balk, Willie Stewart, Steve Cook
- 2006 Paralympics, Torino, Italy – three podiums
- 2007 – Thirteen IPC World Cup Team podiums, U.S. Disabled Ski Team
- 2001 – Mike Crenshaw, 3rd Overall IPC World Cup
- 2003 – Steve Cook, 2nd Overall IPC World Cup
- 2005 – Steve Cook, 1st Overall IPC World Cup Champion
- 2007 – Steve Cook, 2nd Overall IPC World Cup
- 2007 – Chris Klebl, 2nd Overall IPC World Cup
- 2010 – Coaching Wounded Warrior Athletes
- 1970 – 2011, An honor to have worked with so many amazing athletes

Formerly coached athletes who continue to enhance the sport of skiing

- Ingrid Langell-Butts, University of Colorado Ski Team, U.S. Ski Team, U.S. Olympic Teams 1988, 1992, 1994. Junior coach – Crested Butte, Colorado
- Scott Peterson, University of New Mexico Ski Team, U.S. Disabled Ski Team assistant coach, Manager of Soldier Hollow (Olympic Cross Country Venue) Junior coach – Heber City, Utah
- Rebekah Henszey-Bunting, University of Colorado Ski Team, U.S. Disabled Ski Team assistant coach, Junior coach – Bozeman, Montana
- Andrew Rickauer, Northern Michigan University, Junior coach Marquette, Michigan
- Kelly McCann, University of Colorado Ski Team, USA World Junior Team
- Joan Scheingraber, Dartmouth College Ski Team, USA World Junior Team

- Kristin Downs, University of New Hampshire Ski Team
- Mark Hurlbert, Dartmouth College Ski Team, District Attorney for Summit, Lake and Eagle counties
- Brian Rickauer, Middlebury Ski Team
- Steve Cook, three time Paralympian, seven Paralympic podiums, Junior coach – Park City, Utah
- Willie Stewart, four time Paralympian, silver medal men’s relay team 2002 Paralympics, Executive Director “Possibilities” sport programs for disabled athletes.

Education:

- Golden High School, Golden, Colorado - 1965
- Bachelor of Arts – English, Education, Psychology - Dakota Wesleyan University, Mitchell, South Dakota, 1970

Certification

- State of Colorado – teacher secondary level, English Language Arts 1970 to 2000
- Professional Ski Instructors of America (PSIA) Fully certified level 3 1974 to Present
- PSIA Examiner Cross country skiing 1985 to Present
- PSIA Cross country skiing Technique Verifier 2003, 2004
- USSA Certified Coach 1999 - 2011

Civic Work

- Frisco Town Council Board Member 1996 – 2001
- Summit School District Board of Education Director 2003-2011
- Summit School District Board of Education President 2009-2011
- Dancing with the Mountain Stars – 2009, Summit Medical Center Fundraiser, hospital bed expansion
- Ski Tam Steering Committee – fundraiser for U.S. Adaptive Ski Team – 2002 to 2009