

Ski Hall of Fame Induction

On November 2, this fall, the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame will be inducting six remarkable Canadians. The induction ceremony and banquet will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, at the Chateau Cartier, in Gatineau, Quebec.

Tickets at \$125 each will be available shortly from the [Hall of Fame/Museum](#) (Visa or cheque). Charitable receipts may be issued for a portion of the cost of a ticket.

Rooms at the Chateau Cartier are available at about \$120 (plus taxes) for guests attending the ceremony.

A prominent member of the CSPS is being inducted into the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame – only the second one after Doug Firth.

Mark Labow, of St-Sauveur-des-Monts, has been a driving force in the development and success of the Canadian Ski Patrol System (CSPS) and the Fédération Internationale des Patrouilles de Ski (FIPS). During his 63 years with the CSPS, Mark has held many leadership positions, including National President from 1969 to 1975, and (founding) president of FIPS from 1975 to 2003. Mark was also instrumental in the establishment of the Canadian Ski Council which represents most of Canada's major ski organizations.

Mark is shown below presenting the Mark Labow Award, which recognizes outstanding dedication to the aims and objectives of FIPS, to Jean-Louis Tuaille in France this April.



OTHER INDUCTEES

Laurie Kreiner, of South Porcupine, Ontario, named to the Canadian Alpine Ski Team at age 14, went on to establish an outstanding Canadian and international competitive record, including impressive results in Olympic and World Cup competition.

Heinz Niederhauser, formerly of White Lake, Ontario, played a critically important role as a cross-country coach at all levels, from the early 1970s until his death in 2008, at age 72. Over the many years he devoted to excellence in cross-country skiing Heinz shaped the athletic careers many members of Canada's National Team.

Beckie Scott, of Canmore Alberta, is Canada's most successful nordic skier, and one of the world's best all-round cross country skiers. During her 11-year career on the Canadian Cross Country National Ski Team, she won 17 World Cup medals, a gold medal in the 10 km pursuit at the 2002 Olympics in Salt Lake City, and a silver in the 2006 Olympics in Torino in the team sprint with her teammate, Sara Renner.

Hugh Smythe, of Whistler, BC, is a visionary in the ski development business. Winner of many awards, Hugh's skill and commitment to excellence has had a major impact in Canada and the US on the efficiency of ski lift operations, customer service, and on the number of active skiers.

Jimmie Spencer, of Vernon BC, has played a pivotal role in the growth of the ski industry in western Canada and throughout the country as President of the Canada West Ski Areas Association for the last 30 years.