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William Marolt

Born: 1943

Bill Marolt started skiing when he was three years old, skiing off snow banks and out into the street. His competitive career started at eight in the SRMSA Junior Competition program. Over the years, he has given a great deal back to the sport of skiing as a competitor and a coach.

Bill Marolt was born in Aspen, Colorado, on September 1, 1943. Bill began to ski when he was three, influenced by two older brothers who were active skiers. Bill began to compete when he was eight, and by 1958 when he was a freshman in high school, he was competing on the national level. In 1958, Bill won his first major alpine events, the National Junior Downhill and Giant Slalom Championships. Bill won the downhill, giant slalom, and combined in the 1962 Roch Cup, which earned him a place on the U.S.

World Cup Team.

His first place in the National Downhill Championships in 1961 was a primary reason he was named to 1964 U.S. Olympic Team. He also won the National Downhill Championships in 1964, as well as four NCAA titles from 1963 to 1966, while skiing for Colorado University. Bill won the 1964 North American Slalom Title and several regional championships.



Bill went on to a stellar coaching career at Colorado University, where his teams won seven straight NCAA Titles from 1972 through 1979. He also

coached the United States Ski Team from 1978 through 1984. Bill returned to his alma mater, Colorado University in 1984 as athletic director. He proved to be a staunch supporter of women's athletics, and is credited with developing the women's varsity ski team at Colorado University.

Bill Marolt was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1993.

