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Dick Barrymore's movies helped publicize the skiing industry.

Dick Barrymore, born in 1933 in California, was one of a small group of ski movie makers who traversed the country for many years showing and personally narrating, with wit and humor, their films at ski clubs, auditoriums and movie houses.

Dick, who is not related to the "famous" movie Barrymore (he says he is the "famous" one) made nine 90-minute features including *The Last of*

the Ski Bums and Ski West Young Man for his club showings. He also shot 30 short films including A Bit of Madness, The Derby, The Portillo Story, and Canadian Mt. Holiday. Two films for K2 and The Performers were early depictions of free-style skiing. In over thirty years of shooting ski film all over the world, he along with John Jay and Warren Miller, delighted untold thousands of snow lovers all over the USA and undoubtedly induced hordes of curious viewers to try the sport.

Author of the book, *Breaking Even*, published in 1997, Barrymore tells the story of one man's passion for the outdoors.

John Jay and Warren Miller who were already in the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame felt it was time for Dick Barrymore to join them.



2000 U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame Induction Weekend L to R: Bill Beck, Dick Barrymore, Olav Pedersen, Susie Patterson (Ned Gillette's Wife), and Preston Leete Smith