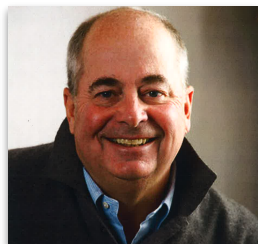




## Class of 2016



**Michael Berry, CO:** Michael has been President of the National Ski Areas Association since 1993. Under his leadership, the NSAA significantly increased annual visits to resorts throughout North America. Michael's vision helped create continuity and a sustainable growth model for resorts.

## U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame Snowsport Pioneers Making History

*To honor and celebrate the athletes and industry pioneers who have made a significant impact on snowsports in America while displaying the artifacts that support their historic achievements*



**Dan and John Egan, VT | NH:** The Egan brothers have starred in more Warren Miller films than anyone worldwide. As pioneering explorers and ambassadors they traveled the globe to put "extreme" in skiing. This dynamic duo set the standard for what is possible in big-mountain skiing.

**Ellen Post Foster, DC:** Ellen touched both freestyle skiing as an athlete and the Professional Ski Instructors of America as a model instructor and visionary. Her efforts and passion for snowsport motivated countless youth skiers to hit the slopes. Her contributions continue as an author and advocate of skiing education.



**Jeff Hastings, NH:** Jeff impacted Olympic ski jumping competition and as a coach. His fourth-place Olympic performance in 1984 in Sarajevo holds as a record in modern U.S. ski jumping. He has continued his work teaching, judging competitions and advocating jumping and Nordic combined competition.

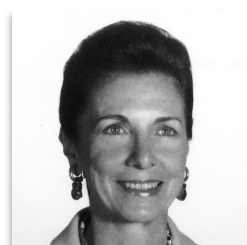
**Marion Post Caldwell, DC:** As a freestyle skiing icon, Marion dominated the sport in the 70's. Women's overall champ in 1976 and 1977 and being named Freestyle Skier of the Year are among her accomplishments. She brought skiing to the world stage as an ambassador and pioneer of the sport.



**Chuck Lewis\*, CO:** A competitor at heart, Chuck is known within the industry for his vision and passion. His dedication and meticulous planning helped to conceive Copper Mountain and a trail design and layout philosophy widely accepted and used to this day.

\* Deceased

**Gretchen Rous Besser, VT:** Gretchen's unprecedented career as a ski patroller and first aid instructor are impressive, her impact as a historian, international liaison and visionary in the world of skiing sets her apart. She generously shares her passion and vast knowledge to better industry organizations worldwide.



**Shaun Palmer, CA:** Known as one of the forefathers of extreme sport, Shaun competed in professional snowboarding for almost 20 years. His prowess in the pipe from 1995 to 2014 earned him six X-Games gold medals, gold at the 2002 Gravity Games and a berth on the 2006 Torino Olympic team. At the 2001 ESPY Awards, named Action Sports Athlete of The Year he attracted thousands to snowboarding.

**Bernie Weichsel, MA:** Known globally throughout the industry, Bernie has done it all. As an advocate, he created an organized freestyle competition circuit. His innovative SKI USA worldwide promotions continue to bring thousands of international skiers to U.S. slopes and his consumer ski and snowboard expos attract tens of thousands of visitors each year.

