

Hans Georg Nomination

Sigrid Noack

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Sigrid Noack has skied for over 40 years at many ski areas around the world. Her contributions to skiing have spanned 29 years of committed volunteer effort for her ski clubs, the Los Angeles Council, Rokka Racing League, Far West Ski Association, Disabled Sports USA and the United States Adaptive Recreation Center. Sigrid doesn't just get involved in activities as a participant. She jumps in whole-heartedly and takes a leading role. Her many leadership positions and committee involvements in a variety of ski related organizations are truly impressive.

Joining Single Ski Club in 1979, Sigrid attended her first FWSA Convention in 1980. She served in many SSC offices, including President, Trustee, Trip Chairperson, Fund Raising Director, Nordic Skiing Chairperson and innumerable committee chairmanships. She also chaired the 25 Year Club Anniversary Celebration in addition to being Editor of the 25th Anniversary Memory Book. Sigrid started racing in Rokka League when joining Single Ski Club, and has continued to race ever since. She also served as Vice President and Treasurer of the Rokka League.



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Sigrid has been involved in Los Angeles Council for more than 25 years. She was a club representative and then VP of Programs organizing LAC Picnics and the annual Awards Dinner Dance. In 1996 Sigrid was elected Council President and was instrumental in rejuvenating the council. Under her leadership, ski clubs became active again, and LAC increased participation in FWSA. Particularly noteworthy was Sigrid's encouragement for her council to host the 1999 FWSA convention and she served as the FWSA Convention Host Council Chairperson. The epitome of organization, dedication and hard work, her LA Council team produced one of the most financially successful FWSA Conventions in recent history. The FWSA Convention Manual produced still serves as an excellent resource. After serving as FWSA Membership VP, she was elected to the FWSA Board of Trustees, providing knowledge and expertise to long-range planning efforts of the Association. For the past six years Sigrid has chaired the FWSA "Charities and Our Community" committee.

For the past six FWSA Conventions, Sigrid has been in charge of the actively attended Volunteerism Panel, inviting interesting special guests to stimulate charity and community involvement within the clubs and councils of the FWSA family. Last year, Sigrid introduced the highly successful FWSA Charity & Community Involvement Recognition program. She has conducted the Travel Expo program the past two years and was a Silent Auction Assistant last year, taking on those roles again for Convention 2008.

Sigrid has a very special commitment and dedication to programs for the mentally and physically challenged. Involved with people with disabilities for over 15 years, and after serving several previous terms, Sigrid agreed to serve again as President of the Unrecables (a Chapter of Disabled Sports USA) this year. A key fund raiser for the club's programs, Sigrid was also instrumental in the Unrecables joining the Rokka League and becoming involved with LAC and the FWSA. Sigrid also served six years as a Trustee for the United States Adaptive Recreation Center, starting the adaptive Ski School at Big Bear Mountain. She has also volunteered her services with Disabled Sports, USA chapters at Mammoth and Tahoe Adaptive Ski School (TASS) at Alpine Meadows.

For anyone who has had the opportunity to observe Sigrid skiing with disabled skiers, you will notice her patience and use of techniques to assist blind skiers down the slopes. Because of dedicated individuals like Sigrid, club members have an interested able friend by their side, teaching them how to ski, or to snowboard, and participate in healthy, recreational, outdoor activities.

Through all her volunteer efforts in many levels of organized skiing over the years, and her inspiring work with the Disabled Sports USA, Sigrid Noack has made a decisive contribution to skiing. It would be appropriate to recognize Sigrid for her long-term contribution and significant achievements with the Hans Georg Award.