

ALAN CHRISTIAN

Born in 1948; Member of BAC & Snowchasers Ski Club

First skied at Berthoud Pass Colorado 11/1963 on wooden 205 cm Northland wood skis and leather boots rented for the season from Dave Cooks Sporting Goods. Skied every Saturday and never saw blue skies until April. Member of the state championship high school ski team and VP of the 900-member ski club.

Graduated from University of Colorado with a BS in Chemical Engineering. Lived in Aspen one season and then began a career in industry, first with Monsanto and then self-employed selling power plant and pollution control equipment at Christian Power Equipment, Inc.

Actively raced at the elite level until age 60 when a back injury halted competition but not aggressive skiing. My most memorable victory was the Champion of the Engineering School Challenge between CU and University of Denver.

I'm honored to have received the highest recognition from both Far West Ski Association and USSA with the Hans Georg and Fred Braun Awards. For 2 years I was a FIS technical delegate representing USSA. I have been President of the Far West Ski Foundation and Chairman of FWSA Board of Trustees.

I count Thomas Jefferson High School Ski Club (Denver), University of Colorado Ski Club, Mt. Laurel Ski Club (Hartford CT), Rusty Bindings and Snowchasers (founder, 1983) as important affiliations. I've been a member of FWSA since 1979. As president of Recreational Sports Marketing, we played a pivotal roll in breaking the barrier at ski areas for snowboarding with the 50 event Suzuki Snowboard Series. Most areas opened to snowboarding the following year and we produced a 60-event mobile half pipe demonstration on college campuses to herald the change the following year.

My life's passions have been skiing, fly fishing, competitive sports, and the environment. My most rewarding skiing experience was meeting my wife Pam. We've skied together since 1977.