# Dan Jeffrey
## Terry Smith Award 2004

Citation: It is with great pleasure that we nominate Dan Jeffrey for the Terry Smith Award. Dan arrived on the Sierra League race scene during the 1998/1999 seasons and was immediately hooked for life. That first day he seeded as an S8 racer. He was a little disappointed with his placement and vowed to get better. Since that day Dan has worked very hard at learning his chosen sport, taking race clinics and learning how to wax and tune his skies. Today Dan is a S4 racer with a strike. and a strong desire to work even harder to master his sport.

In The Spring of 2000 Dan was elected to the Board of Directors of Sierra League / Sierra Council, a position that he still holds today. He inherited an out of date Mac computer and a race program that was slow and cumbersome with a tendency to crash at the most inopportune time.  Dan with his can do attitude decided that this just wouldn't do, and over the summer spent his nights and weekends (several hundred hours) writing a complete new program for Sierra League that would run on a regular PC.

Through the years Dan has continued to improve and expand the original program making it more user friendly, giving it the capability to handle larger races with more that one league participating. Dan and his program have handled registration and produced same day results for multiple Far West Racing Association's Championships and Nor-Cal Championships.

In the fall of 2001, the FWSA Ski Week Race Director asked Dan to further modify his racing program to include producing results for FWSA Ski Week.  This task proved to be a daunting one, needing to handle up to one hundred plus first-time-racers and then creating accurate startlists for the entire Ski Week.  After many hours and countless phone calls, results were published on time for the Awards Banquet at the 2002 Copper Mountain Ski Week.  In addition, Dan's program allows the FWSA Race Director to maintain an accurate racing history (including strikes and bumps) on Ski Week participants that may only race once a year.  An added benefit is the allowance of racers from some of the distant councils to elect to race at either of the Championship series.

Dan has continued to upgrade his program yearly (and sometimes during the racing season), to accommodate yearly changes in racing rules and age-group classifications.  These changes, dictated by the racing association, have required modification of the program on a regular and ongoing basis.

Dan's tireless and selfless dedication to create and maintain one of the premier racing software programs in the Far West Racing Association makes him a deserving recipient of the Terry Smith Award.