

Barbara Bryant

Terry Smith Award 2005

Citation: I have known Barbara for several years, and I have thoroughly enjoyed working with her on many races and projects. Barbara is a committed and tireless leader in Far West Ski Association and in Far West Racing Association.

Since 1994, Barbara has been a member of several clubs including the Sacramento Fagowees, Auburn Ski Club, Capital Ski & Sports Club, Code 3, and Reno Ski & Recreation Club. In 1994 Barbara started racing in Sierra League as a beginner in the "C" category and has trained many days since in moving up and becoming an S2 ranked ski racer. In 1994 she won the "Most Improved Racer" award for 1994. In 1996 and 1997 she won the "Most Outstanding Woman Racer of the Year" award for the Fagowees. Barbara has also participated in the last eleven Norcals and Far West Championships.



In 1995 to 1997 Barbara was the Vice-President of the Fagowees. From 2000-2002 Barbara was the Race Chairperson for Capital Ski & Sports Club, where she was recognized as the "Woman of the Year". In 2002 and 2003 Barbara was the Sierra League/Council Woman of the Year.

As a pacesetter for Sierra League, Barbara has faithfully been there to be a pacesetter in 1999, 2003, 2004 and 2005. Barbara also volunteered at the Special Olympic Winter Games in 2004 lining up the athletes in the intermediate level, in addition to volunteering with the Code 3 Charity Races for the Pacific Burn Unit from 1998 to 2005.

During Barbara's involvement in racing, she has assisted in various activities including gatekeeping, picking up awards and medals, registration at the FWRA Championships and Norcals, and distributing race results.

In 2001 Barbara received the "Bill Ramoni Award" from Sierra League and the "Lifesaver Award" in 2002 for FWSA Ski Week at Copper Mountain. In 2000 and 2001 Barbara served as Secretary for Sierra League/Council, and later became President in 2002 through 2005. In addition to this job, she also took on the position of Secretary of the Far West Racing Association in 2003, and is still doing a fantastic job of keeping me informed of the rules and communications. In so doing she has energetically attended and been intently involved in many aspects of running the Association and Summer Rules Meeting.

In 2004 and 2005 Barbara also co-chaired the Norcals with the Open League and Singles League Race Chairmen, and was responsible for registrations.

Barbara has been volunteering at the University of Nevada Ski Swap since 1998, helping with registering items, checking tickets at the door, bagging sold items, assisting on the sales floor, and monitoring dressing rooms. Barbara also manned the Sierra League booth at the swap the last three years.

As far as racing goes, she also enjoys racing and practicing, for the last five years she has been involved in the Northstar Master's Racing Program getting in more that 30 days per

year. Barbara has participated in five summer race camps at Mt. Hood to improve her racing. In 2005 she put on a Super G clinic in February.

Barbara Bryant's accomplishments in Sierra League, Far West Ski Association and Far West Racing Association are numerous. One item of special note is the Silent Auction for the FWRA Championships. Barbara volunteered to manage the Silent Auction, and because of her never ending work, it was a complete success and FWRA did not lose money for the first time in several years. This year she is continuing her commitment to excellence with the Silent Auction as we envision another successful event, which in the end will help our race program continue and get stronger.

In closing, I believe Barbara Bryant is the best choice this year for the "Terry Smith Award", and I hope the voting members see the value that she brings to our organization and recognize her for all the positive things that she has accomplished with and for Far West Racing Association.

Submitted by Bob Ellis