

# Snowsports Builder Awards

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*The FWSA Snowsports Builder Award is given to individuals who have made an indelible positive impact on snowsports. The builder may be honored for achievements in athletics, the press, publishers, historians, industry, humanitarian work, area development, or technology. In short, they honor those who have made significant contributions to snowsports.*

## Kirk Hanna

Operator Mt. Hood Ski Bowl & Developer Collins Lake Resort



Kirk Hanna purchased the Mt. Hood Skibowl ski area in 1987. Mt. Hood Skibowl is located just below Government Camp.

Mt. Hood Skibowl's origin dates back to 1928, making the resort one of the oldest remaining ski resorts in the country. The ski area began as two separate resorts--Skibowl and Multorpor.

While Skibowl's name was derived from the natural shape of its Upper Bowl, Multorpor's name came from the combination Multnomah County, Oregon and Portland.

The famous Jump Hill on Multorpor Mountain was developed by Everett Sickler in 1928 and one year later the newly-formed Cascade Ski Club began holding competitions at Multorpor's Jump Hill. The area gained national recognition after holding an official National Ski Association event.

Kirk Hanna purchased Skibowl out of bankruptcy in 1987 and formed H-Ski Corporation. He made major improvements to the resort by adding the 300 acres outback, cutting the Olympic Certified Reynolds Run and expanding the night skiing to 34 lighted runs making Skibowl "America's Largest Night Ski Area." He also remodeled and reopened the Historic Warming Hut.

Hanna also built upon the summer activities, adding mountain biking, Indy

Karts, Miniature Golf, group functions, and some inflatable summer recreation.

In 1993, Skibowl added a 100-foot Bungee Tower to its summer attractions. Skibowl's success been its year round recreational activities.

The Lower Bowl was completely rebuilt. Everything was replaced but towers and chairs. The Upper Bowl also received new improvements. The Multorpor Chair and the Lower Bowl lift terminal are completely rebuilt, resulting in shorter rides, faster chairlifts and more seating.

Kirk Hanna developed Collins Lake Resort, providing luxury lodging in the heart of Government Camp near Mt. Hood Skibowl.