Jimmie Heuga Nomination

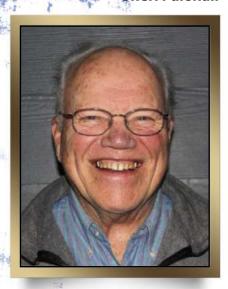
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We would like to nominate **Lee Perry Jr**. for the 2014 Far West Jimmie Heuga Award.

Lee is a long time ski instructor and started teaching for Portland Jaycee Ski School, on Mt. Hood in 1955.

In 1958 Lee and Dick Martin formed the Jaycee Amputee Ski School at Timberline which was the first amputee ski school in the United States. Lee became interested in this after he returned from the Korean War and there were many men who had lost their legs. He had a good friend and workmate, Hal Schroeder, who was a student and assisted him with this ski school. Jaycee Amputee Ski School became a beacon for adaptive students and instructors for the Pacific Northwest.



In 1960 Lee built the first outriggers for amputees by breaking skis for the tips and machining the outriggers in his shop.

Lee organized the first amputee ski club in 1962 called the Flying Outrigger Ski Club and in 1968 took two young boys, ages 9 and 11, to the Interski amputee event in Aspen, Colorado. This event was attended by 25 countries.

In 1964 Lee chaired the first amputee ski race in the world at Timberline Lodge in Oregon. This same year he was also awarded the Tel Aviv Israel International Humanitarian Award by Japan Junior Chamber of Commerce, for the most outstanding project in the field of rendering humanitarian assistance to physically and/or mentally handicapped persons.

Lee co-authored the first manual of amputee skiing, titled "Amputee Ski Techniques", in 1965 with Hal Schroeder. This manual was used in the United States, Romania, France, Austria, Germany, Switzerland and Japan and was published by the Portland Junior Chamber of Commerce.

He added blind skiing to his program in 1973 which coincided with his other handicap programs for polio victims, paraplegics and amputees. In 1975 he started this blind skiing program at Tri Ski Club in Denver and at that time it was estimated that about 900 blind skiers are now enjoying skiing.

Lee was the President of Professional Ski Instructors Association for the Northwest in 1976-77 and 1986-88 and received their Outstanding Service Award in 1989, the legendary Lee lives in Government Camp on Mt. Hood and is still teaching Powder Hound Ski School at Timberline.

Lee has done a so much to promote handicap skiing over the last 59 years. We believe Far West Ski Association should recognize his commitment and achievements by giving Lee the Jimmie Heuga Award.

More info: Mount Hood's "Pied Piper of Adaptive Skiing" looks back on the movement he helped launch ward in 2001 and the 50 year Teaching Award in 2011.