

# Ed Hirshman



An early retirement from a rewarding career as an engineer and product marketing executive allowed **Ed Hirshman** to turn to a labor of love. When Ed said farewell to friends and colleagues at Harrisburg's AMP Incorporated, the world of Pennsylvania skiing gained a devoted volunteer who has racked up thousands of hours as Regional Director of the National Ski Patrol's Eastern Pennsylvania Region. For seven years Ed doubled in brass, serving in the regional directors role and cruising the slopes as a key

member of the Ski Patrol at Ski Roundtop. Patrolling was in his blood. Ed took pride in his ongoing involvement at all levels with the NSP Outdoor Emergency Care continuing education programs.

Ed Hirshman came to skiing nearly 45 years ago, learning the ups and downs of the sport as a fledgling member of the Susquehanna Ski Club. His first winter took him to the fabled slopes at Vail, Colorado. He was hooked. Within two years, Ed was accomplished enough on skis to volunteer for the National Ski Patrol and win a patrollers berth at Roundtop. He made progress

and within two more years achieved Senior Patroller status. Among Ed's numerous awards are an NSP National Appointment in February 1981; Eastern Division Outstanding Alpine Patroller for 1988, an NSP Distinguished Service Award in 2000; and the 2002 Eastern Division Outstanding Administrative Patroller Award and Runner Up National honors—NSP Outstanding Administrative Patroller.

Early retirement also allowed Ed to become more deeply involved as a Certified Special Olympics Alpine Skiing Coach. For five seasons, Eddie, as he prefers to be called, has been a guiding light for Special Olympians at the prestigious Pennsylvania State Games.

Beyond skiing, Eddie has been continuously involved in promoting and participating in the annual fundraising bike tours of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He has been the perennial Captain of an annual road cycling bike team completing 20 years and served as a member of the Pennsylvania Ski & Winter Sports Museum Board of Directors. Currently he is a Staff Instructor for the American Red Cross and also holds American Heart Instructorship certification.

Both the EPA Region and the Ski Roundtop Patrol have named annual awards after Ed Hirshman to honor his dedication to the outdoor sports world.

And now we honor him as a member of this Hall of Fame, class of 2010.