

Frank Cressman



Half a century plus 4 years is a long time. But that's how long Frank Cressman has been taking a leading role in ski clubbing and Ski Council activities in Pennsylvania. He cut his skiing teeth in the Wissahickon Ski Club, which happens to have its own slope. Then he haunted the local ski areas to hone his skills.

Now that the hook was set and skiing was part of Frank's DNA, he put it to work at Wilburger's Ski Shops, a Philadelphia area institution. Next was a move to the Main Line Ski Club, acting as the club's voice on the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council.

But there were new horizons with a beckoning finger and Frank was drawn to racing and the role of council race coordinator. He was lured deeper into council activities, hosting film maker Warren Miller for showings of his highly acclaimed outdoor flicks depicting high adventure on skis and boards. Frank rose to become president of the council and the developer of Monday night racing at Spring Mountain.

A three-time recipient of the coveted Fritz Koenig award, presented to members who contribute most to the ski council, Frank was a leading figure in guiding the highly successful "Bargain Barn" fundraiser.

Having earned his stripes in racing and organization, Frank turned to the next step in his love affair with skiing – instruction. It was time to pass his skills to young people who were just discovering their own mountain high. He earned his professional ski instructors certification and began teaching at Spring Mountain while still chasing the NASTAR racing circuit with

impressive showings at Silver Creek, Hunter, Beaver Creek, Park City and Steamboat Springs.

Sadly, Frank has passed away. He remained active with his club until his final days. His contribution to ski clubs and racing in Pennsylvania has earned him a richly deserved induction into the SnowSports Hall of Fame – Class of 2012.

