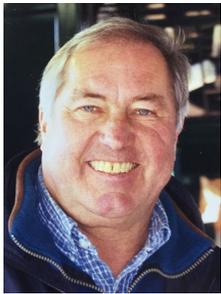




Josef K. Cabe`

The world of skiing and snowboarding owes a lot to the pioneers of our sport who came from Europe and shared the gift of skiing and fun on the snow. Josef is just such of a pioneer who started his career as an instructor in Obertauern, Salzburg Austria where he became an assistant ski instructor for several youth organizations. Josef was hired by the prestigious Arlberg Ski School in St. Anton and St. Christof. He also learned the skills of a ski guide and trip organizer which he used throughout his career as he escorted many clients to amazing trips to Europe from America.



Josef moved to the U.S. in 1963 where he became an instructor and eventually a ski school leader at Glen Ellen, Sugarbush and Bromley. He became certified as a Professional Ski Instructor of America (PSIA) and was active as a ski instructor trainer and ambassador for his ski areas at many trade shows.

The skiing world in Pennsylvania was fortunate in 1966 when Josef and his wife Nancy moved to western Pennsylvania and Josef became the Ski School Director and promoter of Bear Rocks Ski Area, a new resort community in Acme, Pennsylvania. Two years later Josef and Nancy moved to Hidden Valley where they became the owners of the Hidden Valley Ski School and Josef the Director. This became a very successful venture for the next 30 years.

Josef was a strong proponent of good instructor training and one of the first ski school directors to require all instructors to become PSIA certified. He created and promoted skiing through a variety of programs like "Learn to Ski" and "Improve Your Skiing" programs throughout western PA at Ski Shows and with individual organizations. He also organized many school, church and recreation department programs.

He became active in ski area real estate sales and with his wife, Nancy, owners of the ski shop retail business at Hidden Valley. Somehow he managed to find the time and continued to arrange and guide ski tours to St. Anton, Austria where he introduced many Americans to the European skiing experience.

Josef is a lifetime member of PSIA Eastern Division. After retirement from Hidden Valley he and Nancy retired to Park City, Utah where he continued his love of teaching at the Deer Valley Ski School for thirteen years.

Another top ski school director once commented that Josef had so great an impact on the sport in PA that no one could match his effervescent, outgoing personality and his ability to transmit his joy of skiing to others.

To this day, Josef can be found skiing down the slopes of Deer Valley. He's the one with the biggest smile!

