

Nancy Greene

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World Cup and Olympic downhill ski racer

Nancy was born in Ottawa, Ontario. After the war her family moved to Rossland, B.C. She skied with her family at Red Mountain outside of Rossland for many years. Her parents were avid skiers and founding members of the Red Mountain Ski Club. Nancy began ski racing in local high school races at about the time that Lucile Wheeler became the first Canadian skier to win an Olympic medal, inspiring Nancy to race.

Nancy and her sister were both on the Canadian ski team for the 1960 Squaw Valley Olympics. Her experience there confirmed her ambition to win a gold medal in the Olympics. Nancy raced all over North America, Europe and South America and competed for Canada in the World Championships in France and Chile. She raced in three Olympics: Squaw Valley, Innsbruck and Grenoble.

The introduction of the World Cup race series in 1967 coincided with Nancy's arrival as one of the top ranked skiers in the world. That year, She won the World Cup beating out a strong French team that had dominated the World Championships previously. In 1968 as the Olympics approached Nancy was a favourite to win all three ski events and despite an ankle injury impairing her abilities she was able to achieve a silver medal in the slalom and gold in the giant slalom. Nancy went on to win numerous medals in future World Cup races setting Canadian records. Nancy retired from downhill racing at the age of 24 and embarked on a successful promotional career including, product endorsement, coaching and starting the Nancy Greene Ski League.

Craig Kelly
Snowboarding Pioneer
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He is the perfect example of doing what you've gotta do 'til you can do what you want to do!

Mike Ranquet

In the eighties, Craig Kelly didn't just help snowboarding grow; he helped it grow up. Before Craig, being a snowboard pro was a part-time job. Kelly took the initiative to train more than the competition and market himself in a manner that made him highly sought after for endorsements. With this newfound acclaim and fame came never-before-seen professional responsibilities. This, in turn, led to a "careful what you wish for" scenario, where Craig found himself in the middle of a highly-publicized legal battle between the Hatfields and McCoys of snowboarding, Sims and Burton. The dispute was over which brand Craig was legally obligated to represent. A landmark court decision forced Kelly to ride for one year void of any company's logos. When Craig emerged from his court-imposed sponsorship exile, his compensation came in the form of the Burton Mystery Air, a giant leap forward in board design. Utilizing a specialized flex profile, quadratic sidecut, and more user-friendly stance options, the Mystery Air made every rider who rode one better for it. The added control accelerated resort acceptance, and gave Craig another level of connection to his growing fan base. On the Mystery Air, Craig took home countless World Cup, World Championship, and US Open titles. Kelly also spearheaded snowboarding's biopic movement with Adventurescope's *The Smooth Groove* in 1989, a full seven years before *Subjekt Haakonsen*! Craig continued his foray into film by appearing in *Snow Shredders*, *Chill*, *Board with the World*, *Scream of Consciousness*, *Fear of a Flat Planet*, and numerous other high-profile projects. By the time snowboarding hit the mainstream, Craig was hitting the backcountry full-time far from the media spotlight, opting to earn his turns by hiking peaks instead of hawking products, helping found Island Lake Lodge in the process. As the new millennium emerged, Craig was actively seeking out another backcountry refuge with perfect terrain and an ideal snowpack—a place where he could share his ideals with a select clientele. He found this utopia in Nelson, BC's Baldface Lodge.

***Slim* Porter**

Minor sports

Manville Neil *Slim* Porter was born in Lethbridge, Alberta and in 1918 moved with his family to Nelson and completed his schooling here. That same year he joined the Fairview Athletic Club of which he later became a life member. Upon completion of his education *Slim* became an active sports organizer and for over 43 years he dedicated his life to the furthering of minor sports, particularly hockey. *Slim* organized and ran minor baseball, hockey and lacrosse practically single-handedly, instructing thousands of boys and girls in Nelson. In addition he was a mainstay with financial support for years, and without his assistance, minor sports in Nelson would have sorely suffered.

In 1935 he was elected to the executive of the F.A.C. making official the work he had been doing for the previous eight years. In 1937 he served as vice-president and in 1938 and '39 he was president, an office he gave up to spend more time coaching and managing. In 1941 -42 until 1946-47 *Slim* was president of Nelson Minor Hockey League as well as coaching the Nelson Juvenile Rep hockey team to the B.C. title in 1946-47.

Girl's softballers in Nelson were victorious in the provincial playoffs in 1939 and 1940 with *Slim's* assistance as manager and secretary treasurer of the Reps team. In 1958 *Slim* received a diamond stick pin for service in minor hockey by the British Columbia Amateur Hockey Association. Throughout his years in the arena, *Slim* has coached and trained such notable athletes as Mickey Maglio, Lee Hyssop, Geny, Fritz and Red Koehle of the Nelson Maple Leafs hockey club and the Hufty brothers of local baseball fame.

Slim was an employee of Kootenay Forest Products for over ten years and in 1961 he was honoured by the Nelson Civic Centre and Recreation Commission at a *Slim Porter Night* for his untiring efforts in aiding and assisting Nelson's youth. The evening included an exhibition of Pee Wee hockey.