

Terry Smith Nomination

NANCY ELLIS

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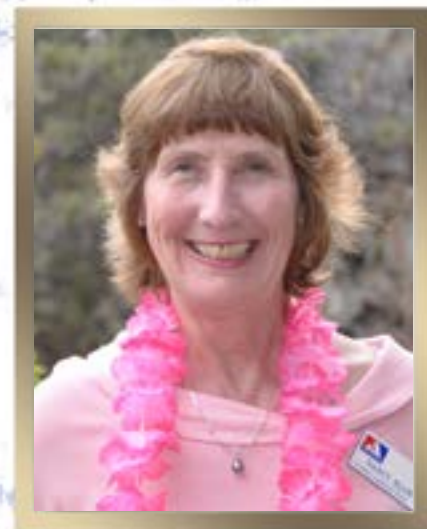


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The Terry Smith Award is for a person who encourages and advances recreational ski racing. We would like to nominate **Nancy Ellis**. From her first skiing experience 15 years ago which included racing to her gold medal performance as a Class 4 Vet Woman racer in the recent FWRA Finals, 2015 at Mammoth Mountain, she fits this description.

Over the years, she has raced, volunteered and led. NASTAR (Keystone, Beaver Creek, Sun Valley and Steamboat to name a few), at Keystone Nationals, she help organize and of course raced in this unique program, Tahoe Donner Senior Alpine Ski club program of East/West races, Wounded Warrior & Adaptive Ski Program, and all of the FWRA Finals (Heavenly, Kirkwood, Alpine Meadows, Mammoth Mountain, and North Star at Tahoe).

Since 2005, Nancy has been on FWSA Travel Staff helping with the Ski Week Racing. A few of those events and places/skied/ raced were Mt. Bachelor, Whistler/ Blackcomb, Aspen, Snowmass, Beaver Creek, Telluride, Big Sky, Jackson Hole and Steamboat. Local racing includes Alpine Meadows/ Squaw Valley, North Star at Tahoe, Heavenly, Kirkwood, Tahoe Donner, Homewood and Mt. Rose.

Since 2010, she has served as the Far West Racing Association Treasurer which means she is responsible for maintaining the FWRA financial records and collecting for the various events including the annual FWRA Finals silent auction. Proceeds from Silent Auction support FWSA Foundation Scholarship programs for junior racers.

As VP of North American Travel (2013), Nancy has been in charge of the overall programs at Ski Weeks, but never fails to race and support the racing program on the courses.

She, Fran Long and Bob Ellis are also working to develop a program to support recreational race programs for children and their families.

Nancy organized the Silent Auction (2015) at the FWRA finals, after setting up and organizing the Finals Registration on Friday and Saturday and then raced to win class 4.

Nancy loves the sport of racing and in all of her formal positions supports and encourages this sport. Our program is lucky to have someone of her ability in our corner.