

Far West Ski Association

presents the **Terry Smith Award** to



Kevin Kermode – Mammoth Mountain

We would like to nominate **Kevin Kermode**, Supervisor of the Mammoth Mountain Race Department (MMRD), for this year's Terry Smith Award. For many years, MMRD has supported the intramural racing activities of the Far West Racing Association (FWRA) and the Far West Ski Association (FWSA).

Kevin Kermode is a highly qualified USSA Alpine Official who devotes his energies to the success and promotion of ski racing in the west. Having skied from his post infant years, Kevin's family moved to Mammoth Lakes in the early '70s, and Kevin raced for Mammoth Mountain's intramural and USSA racing teams through his graduation from high school. Upon graduation from Cal State Northridge, he returned to Mammoth and became a coach in the MMRD where, in the 1990s and early 2000s, he arose to coaching the higher level athletes who were racing competitively at the Junior Olympic levels.

After an interlude involving golf course management, Kevin rejoined MMRD in the late 2000s to apply his knowledge of ski racing, course setting, safety, and rules to enhance the quality of the events held at the ski area. During the last 10 years, he has earned USSA certifications as a Level 1 Technical Delegate, Level 3 Chief of Race, Level 3 Chief of Course, and Level 3 Referee.

As the senior supervisor in MMRD, he is involved in the planning and staging of all the racing activities, both intramural and USSA. He has been intimately involved in both the snowboarding's Revolution Tour and Grand Prix events held at Mammoth Mountain, along with all levels of the Far West USSA Racing events held there.

His intimate knowledge of Mammoth Mountain's terrain, due to his long tenure of skiing here, is invaluable to running race events on all of the available venues. He is the focal point for all the USASA snowboarding association events. His expertise at organizing and supplying the needs of each event are typically the reason that they run so smoothly and timely.

All his expertise and qualifications are applied to enhance the quality of each and every Far West Racing Association intramural event held at Mammoth Mountain, from individual club races to the FWRA Championships.

The Terry Smith Award is bestowed on the outstanding individual who has greatly contributed to the advancement of intramural skiing.

Respectfully nominated by *Beat Hupfer, Ralph Lehotsky, John Armstrong and Karyn Tablada.*