



MADALENE DONDORE

If volunteers are the life blood of ski clubs, Maddi Dondore is the pump. She is the woman who always says, “Yes”. From her first immersion into a club at the age of 26 and a novice skier, Maddi soon became a key figure in the Pennsylvania ski organization as legendary as its namesake, The Flying Dutchmen. She stepped into bindings for her first runs on the slopes of Blue Marsh and Doe Mountain in Berks County. Club instructors were her guides. The year was 1974. It wasn’t long before Maddi was ready to make her own contribution, donning the jacket of PSIA instructor. For the next quarter-century, Maddi continued to teach. And, to this day is still a “Dutchman”.

But a new challenge was on Maddi’s skiing horizon – racing. ASRA, the American Ski Racing Alliance beckoned as Flying Dutchmen club members were racking up an impressive number of wins.



Crowning her appearance in ASRA series competition, Maddi also carved her way through the gates in premier races sponsored by Grand Marnier.

But Maddi Dondore’s talent also became apparent behind the scenes. As the club continued a growth spurt, she was tapped as Secretary, Skimeister, Vice President and President. She always, said, “Yes”. Her dedication to the sport and ski-clubbing didn’t end there. She became an integral force in the growth of the Eastern Pennsylvania Ski Council, coordinating activities for clubs throughout the region.

Maddi’s dedication and volunteer work earned her 2 Flying Dutchmen President’s Awards, 3 President’s Awards from the Ski Council and 2 coveted Fritz Koenig Awards. They have found a place alongside her numerous trophies and racing medals. Today she is the indispensable office manager and right hand to Director Paul Prutzman in their operation of the PA SnowSports Museum, organizer of today’s Hall of Fame events.

