

PAUL PRUTZMAN



In the universe of Pennsylvania skiing Paul Prutzman has been an iconic Jack-of-all-Trades. Over 4 decades, Paul has played leadership and innovation roles in equipment development, retailing, ski clubbing, patrolling, racing and instruction. There isn't much that he hasn't accomplished in his home state of Pennsylvania.

Paul served as Director for Ski Patrols at Hahn Mountain and Blue Marsh Ski Areas. Bringing new skiers to the sport was a passion for the energetic ski booster. While teaching at Blue Marsh Ski Area and the PSIA School for the Reading, Pennsylvania based Flying Dutchmen Ski Club, Paul became an active member of the Professional Ski Instructors of America.

He next entered the world of retailing to support his belief that individually fitted equipment and the right accessories could make a major difference in ability and enjoyment of the slopes. He took over ownership and personally operated the popular Pinnacle Sports Shop in Reading where he scored the coveted "Ski Magazine Gold Medal Shop" designation. As an innovator, Paul developed and patented a unique device for modifying ski boot shells. He gained an international following for his boot fitting skills that attracted customers from distant states including Alaska - even the South Pacific territory of Guam. A natural leader and organizer, Paul was tapped to become the National Ski & Snowboard Retailers Association Chairman and Board Member.



His love for ski travel enriched the lives of hundreds of snow seekers who joined the winter odysseys on group trips led by Paul to New England, and then the towering mountains of the American west and Europe.

His activist role led to the Presidency of the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club and as Senior Alpine Director for Competition on the Eastern PA Ski Council Board. As Vice-President and Treasurer of the Pennsylvania SnowSports Museum, Paul established the first official office and memorabilia collection center in Reading, Pennsylvania.

No stranger to awards, Paul was presented with the Bob Bubb Award for Distinguished Service to the Flying Dutchmen Ski Club and The Fritz Koenig Award for Service from the Eastern PA Ski Council, all leading to the induction of Paul Prutzman in the Pennsylvania Snow Sports Hall of Fame - Class of 2017.

