

Spokane Ski Racing Association (SSRA) announces a search for a new Executive Director

Charles Holcomb has elected to not to return as Executive Director following this ski season after 18 distinguished years.

Spokane - - - February 29, 2016 - - - The SSRA Board of Directors will conduct a search to replace Charles Holcomb “Chuck” as Program Director. After eighteen years of distinguished service to the SSRA club, Chuck has resigned to pursue other interests. “Chuck’s contribution to SSRA over eighteen years is nothing short of spectacular. He has been a key contributor to the mission, vision and values of the organization and has lead by example in the pursuit of excellence in all areas. His dedication on the hill and to athletes are exemplified by the quality, performance and enjoyment of the EEYLS races and club members,” said Carl Guenzel.

SSRA is the only Mt. Spokane Ski Racing team, located 30 minutes from north Spokane. SSRA is committed to providing leadership and resources for the SSRA athletes so that they can reach their full potential as confident individuals, skiers, and ski racers. SSRA receives tremendous support from the Spokane area, Mt Spokane operations, and parent volunteers. Every year, SSRA sends athletes to the Junior Olympics and top divisional/regional races. SSRA athletes have won gold medals and overall titles at these events in 1994, 1995, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2012 against athletes from across the Pacific Northwest, Western Region and beyond.

“We are thankful for all the Chuck has accomplished and know that he and his family will be a part of the program. We wish him the best of continued luck in his pursuits as an educator in the Spokane Public Schools,” said Bob Simpson, SSRA and PSNA Board of Director. Chuck started with SSRA as the FIS Alpine coach. He worked his way up to becoming the Executive Director and has made a dramatic impact on the quality and performance of the club. Chuck currently is an educator at the Spokane Public Schools and is pursuing his administration credentials. He and his wife, Jen Holcomb, have three kids currently in the SSRA program and will be on the racing circuit for years to come.

The SSRA board will be conducting a search to replace Chuck for the next season. “Chuck has been significant in building a strong parent volunteer base and Race Committee,” said Jeff Aden, SSRA Board of Director. “We are confident that we will be able to complete a search, reach a decision and welcome in the next program director to the Spokane community very soon.”

About SSRA

The Spokane Ski Racing Association (SSRA) 501(c)3 is a non-profit ski team for athletes 5 and up who want to become expert, all-mountain, life-long skiers while having fun learning to compete in the Olympic disciplines of alpine ski racing. SSRA was established in 1959 and has a proud and successful competitive history. Excelling in skiing is only part of our mission. SSRA's programs help youth from the greater Spokane area develop important values and life skills. Co-operation, teamwork, dedication, goal-orientation, hard work, honesty, persistence, positive attitude, punctuality, and time-management are taught with intention. Through coach mentoring, each athlete's personal development is paramount. SSRA embraces principles of the United States Ski & Snowboard Association's National Alpine Training System. Long-term athlete development and welfare are central tenets to program activities and goals.

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