The Ski Affair Turns 21

The J. Willard Marriott Library’s Ski Archives’ annual fund-raiser, the Ski Affair, turns 21 this year. And you know what happens when that magical year comes around?... the inevitable change or two...a nip here and a tuck there...a flare of excitement...a state of anticipation.

And so it will be with this year’s Ski Affair on Oct. 27 at the Little America Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City. There’ll be a smattering of embellishments that will enliven the Ski Affair’s core amenities of 1.) a fun launch of the new ski season with old and new acquaintance, and 2.) generating support (a.k.a. funds and friends) for the library’s world renowned Ski Archives.

2011 Ski Affair
Thursday, Oct. 27, 2011
6 p.m.
Little America Hotel & Tower
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$60 per person

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It’s all part of making the Ski Affair of 2011 your date with history. Don’t miss it. You only turn 21 once!
Ski Affair to Honor Women’s Ski Jumping USA For Its Leap into the Olympic Winter Games

This fledging Women’s Ski Jumping USA scored a triumphant coup earlier this year when the International Olympic Committee (IOC) announced that for the first time women will participate in ski jumping competition in the Olympic Winter Games beginning in Sochi, Russia in 2014. Spearheading this effort to have the sport become an Olympic games event was the WSJUSA, which was established in 2003 and is headquartered in Park City, Utah. The IOC made the announcement April 6, 2011 in London, site of the 2012 Olympic Games.

The historic leap will merit special recognition from keepers of the skiing history of the region, the Ski Archives at the J. Willard Marriott Library at the University of Utah. Established in 1989, the archives has become one of the most comprehensive caches of ski history in the nation and is used by historians, writers, reporters and researchers worldwide. The recognition will be one of the highlights of the 2011 Ski Affair.

“Women’s ski jumping has been growing over the past 10 years, but inclusion in the Olympic Winter Games is what our sport needed to take the next step,” enthused Lindsey Van, the 2009 women’s world ski jumping champion and member of the VISA Women’s Ski Jumping Team.

The primary goals of the non-profit WSJUSA are to have women Nordic ski jumpers worldwide recognized for their accomplishments and to foster development level athletes throughout the United States. It promotes the sport by interacting with National Governing Bodies (NGBs) and the International Ski Federation (FIS).

Ski Affair to Rekindle 2002 Olympic Winter Games’ ‘Fire Within’

We lit “the fire within”.
We proudly welcomed the world.
We carried the Olympic Torch throughout the region.
We volunteered – 50,000 strong.

And we triumphantly set the standard for planning and staging the Olympic Winter Games of the future.

It was a magical time that storied February in 2002. Festive, friendly, frenzied. One million visitors. Curling and skeleton. Bobsleds and trading pins. Building wraps and presidential visits. Tears of triumph, laughter of hospitality houses. Pomp and patriotism. Speed and grace. Medals and media. They were all here.

Ah, those were the days -- days of historic proportions. In observance of the 10th winter season since the Olympic Winter Games of 2002, those fond memories will be rekindled with an “Olympic flashback” during the 2011 Ski Affair, an annual launch of the ski season in the region. The annual gathering of ski enthusiasts will occur on Thursday, Oct. 27 at the Little America Hotel in downtown Salt Lake City.

The event annually is a fundraising activity for the University of Utah J. Willard Marriott Library Ski Archives that house one of the country’s most comprehensive collections of skiing and winter sports history. Proceeds from the event are used to identify, collect, catalogue and make available to researchers, writers, historians and reporters film, photos, special collections and related items dating to the earliest days of winter sports in the region.

And, quite appropriately, among the Ski Archives’ most prized collections are the records, photos, film, documents, bid books, and media materials from the Salt Lake Organizing Committee of the Olympic Winter Games of 2002 (SLOC).
Ski Racing Magazines Bolster Ski Archives

Roy Webb
Multi-media Archivist, Marriott Library

This was another productive year for the J. Willard Marriott Library’s Utah Ski Archives in terms of new collections as several skiers and supporters donated items ranging from a few digital photos to major research collections.

Many items came to the library as part of the preparations for the annual Ski Affair and the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame’s annual induction ceremony, including photos and other memorabilia from Phil Jones, former president of Park City Resort and son of Claude Jones, long-time ski pioneer in Idaho. Robert C. Ecker loaned a photo album to the library’s multimedia archives containing photos of his late grandfather, Pete Ecker, well-known photographer and ski promoter from Salt Lake City during the first part of the last century whose name was emblazoned on the storied ski jumping hill in Parleys Canyon, Ecker Hill. In addition, long-time Ski Archives contributors Marvin Melville and Jim Gaddis added photographs to their collections. The Utah Ski Archives Advisory Board of Directors and the Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame Board of Directors contributed DVDs, records, photos, and other materials to document their own histories.

In the area of ski films and videos, Ski Archives board member Nona Weatherbee, of Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort, donated a number of very interesting films that she found in the resort’s ski instructor’s office. This donation included a mint copy of the 33 rpm record “Spectacular: Yodeling by Arthur Brogli.” We also received a number of 16mm films relating to the National Ski Patrol. Barbara Stewart Anderson, a long-time supporter of the Utah Ski Archives, donated a copy of the film Before Sundance, which is about Timp Haven Ski Area in Provo Canyon, founded by her father, Raymond Stewart.

To facilitate access to the film and videotape collections relating to skiing, the library’s Moving Image and Sound Archivist Molly Creel has been tracking has compiled a library research guide listing the collections and giving information on how to view them. You can find this guide on the Marriott Library’s website at http://www.lib.utah.edu.

But the biggest contributions this year came from three sources -- one very familiar to Utah Ski Archives members and supporters; one recognizable to most Utah skiers, and one not as well-known. The first was from Alan Engen, former Director of Skiing at Alta and Intermountain Ski Hall of Fame member. Upon his retirement from Alta Ski Lifts, Alan found time to concentrate on his love of the history of skiing and donated 13 cartons of binders filled with historic ski images—over 10,000 photos!-- and many other ski history items. This addendum to the Alan K. Engen collection adds immeasurably to his ski history archives, already one of the most comprehensive and important in the Utah Ski Archives.

The other large contribution to the Utah Ski Archives that will be recognized by skiers is from Ski Racing Magazine, whose owner, Gary Black, had been negotiating with the Special Collections Department for several years about his publication’s records. While many, if not most, of you are familiar with Ski Racing Magazine (and some have appeared in its pages or know Gary Black personally) what you might not know is that in the course of half-century of reporting on the ski racing scene, Gary and Ski Racing accumulated an incredible archive of photographs and publications.

In September of 2010, the Multimedia Archives staff cleaned out a large storage locker in downtown Salt Lake City where the entire archives of Ski Racing Magazine had been located since its move from Colorado. We were astounded at what came out of that locker: box after box after box of slides and prints of ski racers and events covering the entire later part of the 20th Century. We later determined that the collection contained almost 100 cubic feet of photos and is estimated to contain almost 300,000 images.

Later, we picked up over 100 bound volumes of the magazine, a complete run from its inception in the late 1940s to the present. This is the largest donation the Utah Ski Archives has ever received and we are very thankful to have this significant and historic collection.

Through the generosity of Utah Ski Archives board and other supporters, the library was able to purchase a collection from Gary Schwartz of California that present a unique view of the history of skiing as recorded on Hollywood film. Mr. Schwartz has been collecting movies, recordings, and movie publicity stills from films that revolved around skiing, many of which were either shot in Utah or featured Utah skiers as extras.

So thanks to the hard work and dedication of the Utah Ski Archives volunteer board and our many supporters in the community, we have plenty to keep us busy for years to come. What’s more, these significant additions to the J. Willard Marriott Library’s Ski Archives add to its prestige and reputation as a world-class repository of skiing history. We thank you all.
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The University of Utah J. Willard Library and the University of Utah Ski Archives Advisory Board invite you to the 2011 Ski Affair honoring The women ski jumpers – past and present

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500 South Main Street Salt Lake City, Utah

6 p.m. Social Hour/Silent Auction
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7:15 p.m. Dinner
8:15 p.m. Very Short Program
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GREETINGS FROM THE CHAIR  Barbara Yamada

The 2002 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games was a magic time. For many of us, athletes, spectators and employees, the memory lives on. Please join us at the 2011 J. Willard Marriott Library’s Ski Archives Ski Affair to recollect those days and to celebrate the Women Ski Jumper’s future Olympic Games competition.

The stalwart -- and enthusiastic -- volunteer members of the board of the Ski Affair are excited about kicking off the ski season with Ski Utah, Rossignol and the regional ski resorts. Their support over the 20+ years and yours are the reasons behind the success of the annual Ski Affair. For that we sincerely thank you.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, October 27th at Little America Hotel to reminisce and reconnect.

Ski Archives Wows Ski Utah

“I was extremely impressed with the efforts and dedication the library is putting forth on behalf of our industry. We are so fortunate to have Dr. (Greg) Thompson and his talented team to preserve historic events as they unfold.”

Nathan Rafferty, president of Ski Utah, gave that assessment after he and 33 members of that organization’s board of directors toured the world-renowned Ski Archives at the University of Utah’s J. Willard Marriott Library on May 25 during its annual spring meeting. The “insider tour” of the files, films and special collections was directed by Roy Webb, multimedia archivist at the library. Several members of the Ski Archives volunteer advisory board also were on hand.

Calling the archives “a treasure”, Rafferty lauded the library’s “efforts to preserve everything about winter sports in the region, from old ski trail maps to photos of the first-ever skiers to carve a powder turn in the Wasatch to the records of the Olympic Winter Games of 2002.”

The president of the promotional entity of the state’s ski and snowboard industry was particularly heartened in watching “resort general managers, many of who have been in the ski business for more than 40 years, delight in seeing old photographs and memorabilia tracking the history of Utah’s now-burgeoning ski industry.” In that regard, Bob Wheaton, president of Deer Valley Resort, was particularly impressed with the extraordinary care archivists give to the numerous photos, manuscripts, film and collections on file.

Dr. Thompson, associate dean of the library’s special collections and co-founder in 1989 of the Ski Archives, noted that the ski/outdoor industry of the region is one of the core beneficiaries of the archives since the resorts, related services and products are the recipients of whatever exposure is generated by researchers, historians and reporters worldwide who look to the ski archives for information, photos and film.

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