

Currie Chapman



Inducted CSHF: 1993

Hometown: Ottawa, ON / Old Chelsea, QC / Calgary, AB / Sidney, BC

Date of Birth: May 7, 1947

Affiliated Discipline(s): Alpine, Downhill, Slalom, Giant Slalom, Coach, Official

Active Career Date(s): 1964 -

FIS Code: n/a

Club:

Currie Chapman, was responsible for the Canadian National Women's Alpine Skiing Program from 1978 - 1988, leading the team to international prominence with 11-World Cup victories, 2-World Championship Medals and an Olympic Medal. Some of the skiers who became internationally prominent under his coaching include, Kathy Kreiner, Gerry Sorensen, Liisa Savijarvi, Laurie Graham and Karen Percy.

He was a member of the Canadian National Alpine Ski Team for 5-years from 1964-1968 and became the first Canadian to graduate from a university through an athletic scholarship; Notre Dame University, Nelson, British Columbia, B.A. degree (majoring in psychology and counseling).

In 1986, he was named "Coach of the Year" by the Canadian Federal Government at the Tribute to Champions event and was a finalist in Air Canada's Coach of The Year Award in 1987 and 1988.

His book, On the Edge: The Inside Story of the Canadian Women's Ski Team, (McGraw Hill Ryerson, January 1988) reflected on his coaching philosophy and explored the motivation of elite athletes as they strive to become the best in the world.

1980 Level 4, Canadian Federation of Ski Coaches

1981 Master Coach, The Canadian Association of Coaches

In 2005 Currie Chapman was inducted into the Canadian Olympic Hall of Fame.