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## Snowsport Leaders Darrell MacLachlan and Jim Hemlin Honoured

Vancouver – The Canadian Snowsports Association is pleased to recognize two outstanding leaders in snowsports, each having made an extraordinary commitment to the development of snowsports in Canada.

**Darrell MacLachlan**, who sadly passed away in October/2020 has been recognized as recipient of the **Dee Read Memorial Award**, in recognition of his extraordinary commitment to our sport as a FIS Technical Delegate and an officials' leader within the FIS community and in Canada. **Jim Hemlin**, who played a key role in the development of Ski Cross, is recipient of the **Patricia Ramage Memorial Award**, which recognizes outstanding contribution to snowsport as a Canadian FIS committee volunteer.

**Darrell MacLachlan** made a life-long commitment to sport and to sport excellence. His journey began as an athlete, but where Darrell made the most impact was as a respected Technical Delegate, TD Commissioner for Canada, Chief of Race for the annual Winterstart World Cup races at Lake Louise and Technical Delegate for the men's competitions at the 2014 Olympic Winter Games of Sochi.



Through more than 35 years of selfless dedication to the sport he loved, Darrell was never afraid to take on tough assignments. He led his community and always had athletes at the centre of his decision making. He willingly shared his experience in technical leadership as well as officials' education. And he commanded the highest level of respect from his peers, world-wide.

Darrell set an extraordinary standard for volunteerism in our sport. As leader of the famous "Sled Dogs" at the Lake Louise Alpine Ski World Cup, his passion and his guidance built a strong and capable community of Canadian ski racing volunteers, not to mention the best darn volunteer barn party anywhere in the world! Markus Waldner, Chief Race Director of the Men's Alpine World Cup spoke upon hearing about Darrell's death, "It's a very big loss for the Lake Louise Organising Committee and for the entire Alpine World Cup family. It was always a pleasure to work alongside such a positive and passionate character. As well as being a valuable colleague, throughout the years Darrell also became a good friend."

Darrell's legacy in our sport is the spirit of leadership and volunteerism that he inspired in others. As Brian Lynam, Race Chairman at the Lake Louise Alpine Ski World Cup wrote, "Darrell was the best of us."

**Jim Hemlin** contributed countless hours to building the foundation of Ski Cross at both the grassroots level and within the FIS Family. Jim and his wife Lanny attended SX events across Canada, providing valuable leadership to organizers and assisting with the staging of events at all levels – at his own expense. He personally developed a Cross training and competition venue at Calabogie Peaks which has hosted numerous Nor-Am events. He contributed to creating the National Technical Delegate pathway for SX officials in conjunction with the other FIS disciplines of alpine, freestyle and snowboard. Jim served with the FIS Technical Delegate Advisory Working Group for Ski Cross and Boarder Cross and as volunteer Chief of Competition for the 2020 SkiCross World Cup.

"Jim has made enormous contributions to the continued growth and development of Ski Cross domestically and internationally as a FIS TD" said Dave Ellis, Athletic Director for Ski Cross Canada. "His dedication is a tremendous example of the volunteerism and dedication of our volunteers in snowsport, world-wide."



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