

# Far West Ski Association

presents the **Bill Mackey Award** to



## *John Douglas – General Manager, Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites*

**John Douglas**, General Manager for Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites, is our nominee for the 2017 Bill Mackey Award. John began his career, however, as a policeman in Winnipeg, Manitoba. He soon realized that he had a passion for a more creative profession, and decided on something in the area of hospitality.

John began scouting out various hotel properties, and soon accepted a position with Al Raine and Nancy Greene in Whistler, British Columbia, as controller for the hotel they ran, in 1989. As Whistler grew and became a four-season resort, John grew with it and was promoted to General Manager of hotel operations and the restaurants within.

After several years in Whistler, John decided to expand his education in the hotel business and went to work for Intrawest, at Panorama, from 2001 to 2004. He then moved to a couple other properties, gaining both winter and summer experience, and decided that it was time to own his own company. He purchased the management company operating Nancy Green’s Cahilty Lodge in Sun Peaks, thus winding up back with Al and Nancy. He now serves as the General Manager of Nancy Green’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites. He has been elected to the board of the BC Hotel Association, the Board of the Lower North Thompson Tourism Association and Tourism Sun Peaks. John is a very strong advocate for tourism in Sun Peaks.

Cahilty Hotel & Suites lays out the red carpet for all visiting ski clubs and councils. Their Guest Services staff welcome their visitors by providing extraordinary service. And, you can’t get any more of a welcome than John and Joanne’s Thursday Night “Chili Dog Night”. John cooks up the dogs, and Joanne, John’s lovely wife, makes a big pot of chili, and they serve it to their guests as a “thank you for joining us”.

The Far West Mini Ski-Week was held at Cahilty Hotel & Suites and Sun Peaks this past March. Nancy Ellis, V.P. of North American Travel for Far West, had this to say about their group stay: “As General Manager of Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Suites & Hotel, John Douglas makes sure that everyone staying at the hotel has a wonderful experience. He made our mini trip group feel welcome at the resort, gave us lots of helpful information about things we could do during our stay, and assisted us with our Welcome Party. It was a treat to see him wearing an apron and serving chili dogs at the weekly complimentary Thursday lunch for hotel guests, filling the popcorn bowl on movie night, and restocking supplies in the lobby coffee bar”.

No matter the size of the club, John warmly welcomes them to Cahilty Hotel & Suites to play and enjoy the town of Sun Peaks, and play in his backyard. He wants every guest to experience the uniqueness that only Sun Peaks can provide. John and Joanne live in Sun Peaks, along with just under 700 other year-round residents, including Mayor, Al Raine and his wife, Nancy Greene.

Nancy Greene’s Cahilty Hotel & Suites has been a participant in the Far West Silent Auction and Travel Expo for the past nine years, and a sponsor of either the Delegate Neck Wallets or Tote Bags for the past seven, providing Far West with an amount of \$12,000 in cash sponsorship over these years. John’s continued work on behalf of clubs and councils and the support of Far West Ski Association fully embodies the spirit of the Bill Mackey Award. He is most deserving of the 2017 Bill Mackey Award.

*The Bill Mackey Award is given for outstanding Service to the skiing public by a ski industry or ski area employee.*

Respectfully nominated by *Debbi Kor & Randy Lew.*