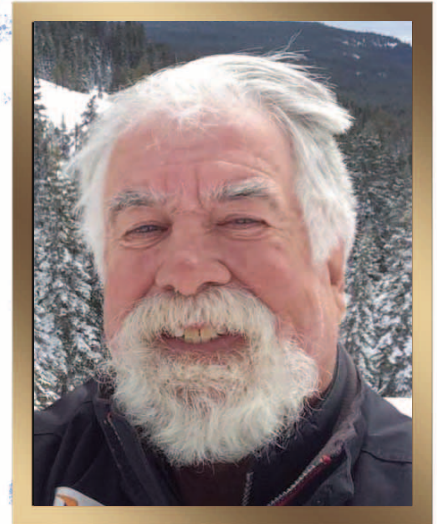


Terry Smith Nomination

John Walsh

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John Walsh, currently a member of the Inskiers Ski Club and North Island Snowdrifters Ski Club, has been a member of Singles League since 2001, and began racing in 2005 when he was a member of the San Francisco Ski Club. John is currently the Singles League Race Chairman, and has been for the last 6 years running.

John took over as Single League Racing Chairman in 2013, and has strongly promoted the program and continued to innovate the position, and think of ways to include more people in racing like organizing race clinics on the day before a race weekend. John is passionate about the sport as he is in his other interests like Men's Softball; and his favorite pro teams the San Francisco Giants and Oakland Raiders. Even though John's main residence is in San Diego, he travels to the Bay Area to promote Singles League Racing and organize the events.

As Singles League Race Chairman, John has shown leadership and vision with his actions, and is always available to step up and lead the organization. John has produced positive results with his planning, scheduling, and organizing for the NorCal races and his active involvement with the Far West Championships every year. John has been dependable and consistent at leading Singles League.

In 2013, John led Singles League to the Roma McCoy Award for most points per racer at the Far West Championships. John has also participated in several FWSA Ski Weeks including Whistler, Jackson Hole, Telluride, and Steamboat; and while there, he has volunteered to help the Travel Staff several times with the Racing. John also raced at two Keystone National races, plus has skied at more ski areas than the average skier with most of the California resorts, most of the Utah resorts, some areas in New Zealand, back east in Boyne Highlands, Mt. Brighton; and at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid.

It should be noted that John is a proud Vietnam Combat Veteran, and served honorably for four years in the United States Marines in Vietnam, and Japan, from 1966 to 1970. He is a liver cancer survivor; and retired from UCSF Hospital as a Construction Contractor in 2009. When in San Diego, you can find John playing Men's softball or spending time with his son and grandson. John Walsh is very deserving of the ***Terry Smith Award*** as he continues to lead and donate his time and energy to promote skiing and ski racing both in Northern and Southern California.