

Dave Murray

Inducted CSHF: 1990

Hometown: Whistler, BC

Date of Birth: September 5, 1953

Date of Death: October 23, 1990

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

Active Career Date(s): 1971 - 1982

FIS Code: -10201

Club: Whistler Mountain Ski Club

His accomplishments in life can't be measured solely by his racing results. He was a much more complex man than just a ski racer. He was a deep thinker who realized skiing was just for the moment. He was a powerful influence on all of us. He gave us balance and perspective we wouldn't have had without him. He was a creator.

- Steve Podborski

Dave Murray was one of the founding members, along with Jim Hunter and Dave Irwin, of the legendary Crazy Canucks and men's alpine ski racing in Canada. He was also "...the conscience of (our) team. There were times when things would get heavy and he had the ability to point out when we were going a bit off the deep end." (as quoted by Steve Podborski in the Ottawa Citizen, October 25, 1990)

Murray joined the national team in 1971 and remained with it for 11-years until his retirement in 1982. He was named to two Olympic Winter Games teams, 1976 at Innsbruck, Austria and in 1980 at Lake Placid, New York, USA. and three Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS) World Championship Teams in 1974, 1978 and 1982, He competed on the FIS World Cup circuit for six years from 1976 until 1982, finishing in the top 10 15-times, his best season being 1975/76 when he finished in the top 10 in Downhill events on four occasions.

Following his retirement he became involved in a number of enterprises. He joined the Whistler Mountain ski Corporation as its Director of Skiing, developed and became National Chair of the "Canadian Masters Alpine Series" (Canada's National Adult Recreational Racing Series), founded the Dave Murray's Whistler Summer Ski Camp and was a product consultant and promotional spokesperson for a number of well-known companies involved in the skiing industry. He was also a Level III Coach for the Canadian Ski Coaches Federation (CSCF) and a Canadian Ski Instructors Alliance Level III instructor.

In 1979, ranked third in the world in downhill by the Federation Internationale de Ski (FIS), he was named British Columbia Athlete of the Year. Six years later, in 1985, he was inducted into the British Columbia Sports Hall of Fame.

Competitive highlights in national and international (FIS No. 10201) competition (top ten finishes):

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| 1974 | 8th place, Downhill event, FIS World Ski Championships, St, Moritz, Switzerland |
| 1975 | 6th place, Combined events, FIS World Cup, Megeve, France |
| | 7th place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Schladming, Austria |

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- 1976 10th place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Wengen, Switzerland
 7th, place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Wengen , Switzerland
 7th place, Combined event, FIS World Cup, Wengen, Switzerland
 8th place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Kitzbuhel, Austria
- 1977 8th place, Combined event, FIS World Cup, Wengen, Switzerland
 2nd place, Giant Slalom event, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Mont Ste Anne, Quebec
 6th place, Slalom event, Shell Cup Canadian National Championships, Mont Ste Anne, Quebec
- 1978 2nd place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Les Houches, France
 2nd place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Schladming, Austria
 8th place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Val Gardena, Italy
- 1979 9th place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Crans Montana, Italy
 3rd place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Lake Placid, USA
 9th place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Val d'Isere, France
 2nd place, Downhill event, Canadian National Championships
 6th place, Slalom event, Canadian National Championships
 1st place overall, Shell Cup Canadian National Championship
 Tied with Steve Podborski for 10th place overall FIS World Cup Downhill standings
- 1980 10th place, Downhill event, XIII Olympic Winter Games, Lake Placid, USA
 7th place, Downhill event, FIS World Cup, Val d'Isere, France
 3rd place, Downhill event, Shell Cup Canadian Championships, Lake Louise, Alberta
- 1981 2nd place, Downhill event, Canadian National Championships