

Rosemarie Schutz

Rosemarie "Rosie" Schutz Asch is a pioneering figure in Canadian women's alpine skiing whose accomplishments span the 1948-1954 era and whose legacy extends across seven decades. She was a member of Canada's first-ever women's Olympic alpine ski team at the 1952 Oslo Winter Games, where her 14th-place downhill finish remains one of the strongest Canadian women's alpine results of those Games. She won international competitions in Norway (Voss, 1952 and 1953), captured the Quebec-Kandahar Combined, the Morgan Trophy against the United States, and was Canada's National Slalom Champion in both 1953 and 1954. Named Quebec Skier of the Year in 1954, she competed in the same generation as Lucile Wheeler and the Wurtele sisters pioneering teammates already enshrined in the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame. After retiring, she mentored young skiers through the Baby Bear Club and Ski Jays program, raised a multigenerational skiing family, and went on to become a World Super Senior Tennis Champion. Inducted into the Laurentian Ski Hall of Fame in 2009, Rosie Schutz Asch is precisely the kind of foundational Canadian athlete, Olympian, national champion, international competitor, and lifelong ambassador for sport who belongs in the Canadian Ski Hall of Fame.