

# CSIA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2021

## Knute Dohnberg - Inductee



On behalf of the CSIA Hall of Fame Committee and the entire CSIA skiing community, we are proud to announce the 2021 inductee into the CSIA Hall of Fame – Knute Dohnberg – in the category of Builder.

Knute grew up in London, Ontario and learned to ski at the London Ski Club in the early 60's. He had an incredibly fast rise through our pathway: He obtained his Level 2 in January 1968, his Level 3 in December 1968 and his Level 4 in May 1970. He also achieved his CFCF Level 3 in 1985.

He has always been totally passionate with his CSIA involvement, which is demonstrated so well, as Knute has attended the Fall Level 4 Course Conductor training for 50 years in a row!

He served 3 terms on the CSIA Ontario Board and was Chair during one term, served as the Level 1 Coordinator for the CSIA & CFSF in Ontario and was editor of the CSIA Ontario Newsletter.

Knute was inducted into the CSIA Ontario Hall of Fame in 1999.

He also served 2 terms on the CSIA National Board in the 1980's and was involved with Interski 87 held in Banff. Knute was a Course Conductor for Level 2 & Level 3 Courses for many years across the country and was Ski School Director at Beaver Valley, Ontario for 19 years.

Knute continues to be an active Course Conductor in Ontario and is a staff trainer at Beaver Valley.

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Knute to the 2021 CSIA National Hall of Fame.

## Eric Rousseau - Inductee (Posthumously)



On behalf of the CSIA Hall of Fame Committee and the entire CSIA skiing community, we are proud to announce the 2021 inductee into the CSIA Hall of Fame – Eric Rousseau – in the category of Inspirational Leader.

Eric was one of the most natural talents the CSIA has had in recent memory. While his life was cut way too short, Eric had a profound effect on the people he touched. Skiing was one of Eric's biggest passions.

He gave all of himself to make sure everyone around him had that same zest for the sport. As a CSIA Level 4, Level 4 Course Conductor, Interski Member (team captain), Steering Committee Member, ski teacher and Whistler/Blackcomb trainer/supervisor, Eric inspired us all to demonstrate a love and enjoyment for teaching the sport of skiing to others.

For those lucky enough to have skied with Eric, he would always say “Let’s have the best day ever” and it would be just that. Eric embodied what we, as an organization, strive to do; impart knowledge, understanding and accomplishment.

Though we cannot bestow this honour to Eric personally we want to recognize him for all the selfless time and effort he put into the Canadian Ski Instructors’ Alliance. Thank you, Eric! We know you are looking down on us to make sure we keep the fun in the game.

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## Pierre Godbout - Inductee

On behalf of the CSIA Hall of Fame Committee and the entire CSIA skiing community, we are proud to announce the 2021 inductee into the CSIA Hall of Fame – Pierre Godbout – in the category of Inspiration Leader.



I have had the privilege of working closely with Pierre for over 15 years.

Pierre is a person of integrity and a passionate skier. I don't know anyone who can share his interest with as much passion, no matter what the weather is...

I would have many stories to tell on this topic that are proof of his enthusiasm!

Getting his Level 4 Certification was a challenge for Pierre and yet 10 years later he was teaching at the Level 4. He is what we call a late bloomer, a hard worker who never stops improving. Another of Pierre's great qualities is the respect he has for his work partners. He is a true team player who can always be counted on.

In addition to being an Instructor and Course Conductor for the CSIA, Pierre has served on the CSIA Education Committee. He has been an organizer and instructor for advanced skiers at an improvement camp in Chile, a private consultant to Snow Schools and a writer for the Tremblant Express magazine, just to name a few of his activities in the industry.

Pierre, you fully deserve the honor of being inducted into the CSIA Hall of Fame.  
Congratulations! - Michel Beaulieu

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Pierre to the 2021 CSIA National Hall of Fame.

### The CSIA Hall of Fame Committee

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