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**The Vermont Alpine Racing Association proudly announces its honorees for the
2015 Celebration of Vermont Ski Racing Gala and Hall of Fame induction
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Coach Greg McClallen, 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee

Referred to as the “Dean of Vermont Ski Racing”, Coach McClallen grew up in Rutland, Vermont attending Mount St. Joseph Academy and St. Michaels College. He started teaching and coaching in 1966 at Otter Valley in Pittsford and then went to Rutland High School in 1972 where he taught and coached for 36 years. His teams secured 17 State Championship titles for Rutland High School and in 1987 he was named the National High School Coach of the Year. He was active with both youth

and high school sports including Alpine Skiing, Cross Country Skiing, Ski Jumping and Track and Field. Between 1988 and 2012, Coach McClallen was the Program Director and iconic leader of the Pico Ski Club Ski Alpine Racing Program where he graduated athletes year after year into academy programs as well as NCAA and other collegiate competition. He was a master at inviting his own alumnus back to Pico to coach under him creating an environment of “giving back” that continues to the present day. He was named the Eastern Alpine Official of the Year in 2008 and the VARA Alpine Official of the Year that same year. In 2012, Coach McClallen was inducted into the Vermont Ski and Snowboard Museum Hall of Fame.

**Alpine Official of the Year, Antonia Harkins
Bromley Outing Club**

Antonia Harkins has been with the Bromley Outing Club since the 1960's starting as a student with the Jr Instructional Ski Program (JISP). Over the years Toni's involvement changed from student to volunteer instructor for the JISP to then organizer of the JISP. JISP is a program which serves 600 area students and 150 volunteer instructors. It was at Bromley where Toni found her love and passion for skiing and it was in the late 90's when Toni found her way to the timing house. Since then Toni has been a mainstay for every event the BOC hosts. Her calm, cool and caring demeanor has given many athletes, parents, coaches and volunteers an unspoken assurance that the events will be contested in a fair and accurate manner. Toni works hard at every event she administers, always the first one in the door in the morning and the last one to leave at night. This year Toni eagerly accepted the opportunity to go and work at the US Nationals at Sugarloaf (on her own dime), she extended herself so she could learn more of what was going on at the highest levels and bring it back to the BOC, so every race could have the same quality as a national event. Her tireless efforts as an alpine official have made her a worthy and deserving candidate for the Alpine Official of the year for VARA as well as earning her the Eastern Alpine Official of the Year award from the Eastern Region.





**VARA Volunteer of the Year, Lori Furrer
Mt. Mansfield Winter Academy**

Lori has chaired the VARA' Scholarship Committee for over 13 years, leading the VARA Scholarship mission both in terms of shaping and expanding the criteria for the Merit Scholarships and keeping alive the legacies of those persons for whom the VARA scholarships are named. Her passion and vision have helped grow and refine the program to its present budget of \$25,000 per year. Lori has been on the VARA Board of Directors for more than 15 years and has helped guide the association in keeping true to VARA tradition and true to VARA's goals and mission. Lori constantly offers to help on any committees that needed assistance. She is currently Headmaster at Mount Mansfield Winter Academy and volunteer coach for U12s at the Mount Mansfield Ski Club.

VARA Junior Development Coach of the Year, Helen Bruno Killington Ski Club

Helen has been coaching for 20+ years and has been active with MVC in that U12 world. She is a current USSA Level 200, AO and meets the requirement of PSIA CS1 and CS2. Her alumni of athletes are impressive as the "First Coach" and as a result have fostered a lifelong passion for countless racers. She continues to mentor many of them as they now join the ranks of coaching. Ski racing has been a tradition in her life from early on and she shares that passion with her athletes. Her coaching style is student based and outcome oriented, resulting in optimizing the athletes' performance. She exemplifies dedication and displays an uncompromising work ethic.



**VARA Development Coach of the Year,
Jamie Kingsbury Wylie
Stratton Mountain School**

Jamie Kingsbury is the Head U-16 Coach and Head Women's Strength and Conditioning coach at SMS. She has had a very long and successful career in ski racing as both an athlete and coach. Jamie was on the cusp of the USST as an athlete and was fierce competitor. Winning 2 NCAA GS National Titles and four time All American Status while at UVM, Jamie is a mentor, role model and motivator for each and every ski racer she works with. In the past 3 winters Jamie placed three young women on the USST and is responsible for building one of Stratton's strongest women's programs. Jamie is a proud mom to baby Sawyer born April 22nd of this year.