

Profile – Len Apedaile

Nordiq Canada 2019 Dave Rees Award

Len has been a volunteer for cross country skiing, including para-nordic skiing, for many years, and in many, many roles, including Competition Chair for two IPC World Cups hosted at Mt Washington by his home club, the Strathcona Nordic Ski Club. He also held various volunteer roles in the test events leading up to the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Games. In addition, as an employee of VANOC, he was Sport Chair for cross-country skiing for both the 2010 Olympic and Paralympic Winter Games.

Some of the ways in which Len has contributed to cross country skiing over the past 22 years are listed below.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- (1) President of Discovery Nordic Ski Club (1996-1998)
- (2) Founding member and president of Strathcona Nordic Ski Club (1998-2017)
 - www.strathconanordics.com
- (3) Member of the Cross Country BC Board of Directors for (2000-2013)
- (4) Founding member of Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Society (2003-present)
 - www.vimss.com

COMMITTEES

- (1) CCBC Officials Development Committee (2016-present)
- (2) CCC Events Committee from (2008-present)
 - Organizer and presenter, first Canadian TD and OC update webinar, 2010
 - Organiser/presenter, Canadian TD and OC update webinars, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2016
 - Chair of TD Working Group
 - TD Webinar Organiser, TD Rollerski module training / update, 2016
- (3) Vice-Chair, IPC/WPNS Sport Technical Committee (2010 to present)
 - Head of Technical Control and Officials
- (4) FIS Cross Country Subcommittee for Rules and Control (2010-present)

COACH

- (1) NCCP Level 1 Theory and Level 2 Technical
- (2) Coach for various children and adult cross country ski programs (1996-present)

OFFICIAL

- (1) Level 5 Official
- (2) CCC Technical Delegate (1998-present)
- (3) FIS Technical Delegate (2011-present)
- (4) WPNS Technical Delegate
- (5) CCC Officials Course Conductor, Levels 1, 2 & 3 (2007-present)
- (6) WPNS Homologation Inspector
- (7) FIS Homologation Inspector and Regional Coordinator for South America
- (8) Competition Chair and chief organizer for the Vancouver Island Loppet (1996-2013)
- (9) Competition Chair for numerous BC Winter Games Trials
- (10) Competition Chair for the cross country skiing events at the 2006 BC Winter Games
- (11) Competition Chair or assistant for numerous Coast Cup races
- (12) Competition Chair for the 2015 BC Midget Championships
- (13) Sport Director/Competition Chair for 2007 & 2009 IPC Nordic Skiing World Cups (Mt Washington)
- (14) Officiated at several test events for the 2010 Olympic Winter Games, including the 2008 National Championships and 2009 FIS World Cup (Callaghan Valley, BC)
- (15) Competition Chair, 2009 IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup (Callaghan Valley, BC)
- (16) Sport Manager for the Cross Country events at the 2010 Olympic Winter Games (Callaghan Valley, BC)
- (17) Sport Manager for the Nordic Skiing events at the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games (Callaghan Valley, BC)
- (18) FIS Technical Delegate, Cross Country Skiing to 2013 FISU Universiade Games, Trentino, Italy
- (19) CCC National Technical Delegate, FIS Ski Tour Canada, 2016 World Cups, Montreal and Quebec City
- (20) Race Director, 2013 IPC Nordic Skiing World Championships, Solleftea, Sweden
- (21) Race Director, 2015 IPC Nordic Skiing World Championships, Cable, Wisconsin, USA
- (22) IPC Technical Delegate, Nordic Skiing World Cups – Cable Wisconsin and Minneapolis, Minnesota, USA (2012); Vuokatti, Finland (2011); Vuokatti, Finland (2014)
- (23) IPC Technical Delegate, 2013 IPC Nordic Skiing World Cup Finals / Sochi test event, Sochi, Russia
- (24) IPC Technical Delegate, 2014 Paralympic Winter Games – Nordic Skiing, Sochi, Russia
- (25) WPNS Race Director, 2017 World Cup / PeyongChang test event, PeyongChang, Korea
- (26) Race Director, 2018 IPC/WPNS Paralympic Winter Games, PeyongChang, Korea
- (27) WPNS Technical Delegate, 2017 WPNS World Cup, Canmore, Alberta
- (28) WPNS Race Director/Homologation Inspector, 2019 WPNS World Championships, Prince George, BC (in progress)

- (29) CCC/FIS Homologation Inspector, 2019 Canada Winter Games venue, Red Deer, Alberta (in progress)
- (30) FIS Homologation Inspector/designer, six sites in Chile and Argentina, July 2016–present
- (31) Assisting with the hosting of multiple other events – for example as Event Vice Chair & Assistant Chief of Competition for the 2013 Ski Nationals (Callaghan Valley, BC)

OTHER

- (1) 2013 annual IPC TD Seminar - co-presenter, Seengen, Switzerland
- (2) 2013 North American FIS Homologation Workshop and FIS TD Seminar, co-organiser and presenter, Canmore, Alberta
- (3) 2016 IPC Nordic Skiing TD Seminar, organiser, Bonn, Germany
- (4) 2015 FIS North American TD Seminar, presenter, Minneapolis, USA
- (5) 2016 FIS South American TD Seminar, seminar lead, Ushuaia, Argentina

TESTIMONIAL

Andrea Stapff, Head Coach, Strathcona Nordic Ski Club

Len has been instrumental in the development of cross country skiing on Vancouver Island for well over two decades. As president of our club for 21 straight years, until this past season, Len volunteered countless hours in myriad ways from club administration and governance to coaching to officiating to being an involved parent to facilities and competition development. In a nutshell he has been the inspiration, creator and driving force behind a progressive vision for cross country skiing at the local level here on Vancouver Island.

What is most significant about his accomplishments is that he has done this while at the same time playing a key role in the development of cross country skiing on the national and international level. He holds the sport dear to his heart and is as passionate about its development here on the island as he is about its development globally.

Len is a consummate leader and visionary; he is also a kind, generous and compassionate man. Regardless of the circumstance, situation or issue Len can always be counted upon to provide the necessary leadership, the guidance, clarity or support to and of his people. I have always felt that Len has 'had my back'. It would also be fair to say that he has always 'had our backs' from the club perspective too. Len is a masterful, steadfast leader, wonderful human being and example to all of us for his commitment to and tireless efforts on behalf of cross country skiing.