



NOMINATION FORM

For

HONORED MEMBERSHIP

In The

U.S. SKI & SNOWBOARD HALL OF FAME

Candidate's Name: James Niehues

Date & Place of Birth: 1947, Grand Junction, CO (This is not confirmed)

Address of Candidate: Loveland, Colorado

Telephone Number: —

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Is the candidate still living? If not, provide date and place of death: Yes

Nominator information:

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For what category are you nominating this candidate?

Athlete: —

Snowsports Builder: X

Heritage: —

(See appendix one at the end of this form for category definitions)

An 8 x 10 photograph of the candidate must be supplied: —

State why the candidate merits election to the U.S. National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame (limit this statement to 250 words):

James Niehues' contributions to the ski and snowboard industry are vast and unsurpassed, yet many people wouldn't know him by name. As the foremost artist in the incredibly niche market of trail map artistry, Mr. Niehues still, in this day and age, hand paints each trail map and has done so for hundreds of resorts spread all across the US, in addition to more resorts abroad.

James began his career in trail map painting in the '80s, and quickly established himself as the preeminent and most sought after artist in the industry. His unique style, plus his incredible ability to distort the various sides of a mountain so it all "fits" into one view, has enabled him to maintain a monopoly in the industry. Despite the advent of sophisticated software capable of creating very realistic computer rendered maps, Niehues' work is still in high demand and he is perpetually busy with new work.

From the informational signs that hang in key locations around a resort, to the thousands of folded paper maps that get stuffed into jacket pockets by skiers and boarders, and to the ones mounted on restraining bars on ski lifts, Niehues' work has permeated the industry. Indeed most visitors would be completely lost without a map of the mountain.

And it's for these reasons that I believe James Niehues is a brilliant candidate to be inducted into the US National Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame.

In chronological order by year, list the candidate's achievements:

(eg: January 12, 1965: proposed the establishment of the Professional Ski Instructors Alliance)

Mr. Niehues' has painted several hundred maps over the 25+ years of his career, with sometimes a dozen or so maps each year. Upon his nomination to the Hall of Fame, I could work with him to compile an exact and comprehensive chronological list of his work over the years.

On one page provide additional data, anecdotes, etc. that you feel are pertinent to this nomination:

I have been intrigued and fascinated by James Niehues' work since I was a young kid. My Mom would take my brother and I skiing to various resorts around the Northeast and I was always excited to pick up the trail map at the resort. I would hang them all over my room and would always have fun trying to find his signature on the map - usually tucked away in some trees down in the corner.

Fast forward to about two years ago, when I came up with the idea to make a documentary film about Mr. Niehues and the artistry of trail map making. I work professionally in the film industry, so I wasn't going into the world of documentary filmmaking completely blind. I contacted Mr. Niehues and was thrilled when he was open to the idea of creating a film about him and his work.

When I learned about the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, I was surprised to see that he was not a member! I immediately knew I had to nominate him, and also that it could be a fantastic ending to the documentary (provided that he gets selected!), to show him being inducted into the Hall of Fame.

He's a very private and reserved person, and I don't think he would ever nominate himself, which is why I'm taking on the task. I'm not sure if you need to communicate with him during your selection process, but I think it would be great to keep it a surprise.

Thank you very much for reading this and considering James Niehues.

Please list the names and addresses of those people who are supporting this nomination (Minimum of three - limit six):

Thaddaeus Scheel, Film Producer for the "Trails" Documentary
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Jeff Shaw, Film Producer for the "Trails" Documentary
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Tom Patterson, Chief Cartographer for the National Park Service who has written about mountain cartography and has contributed to the film.
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Please provide a list of sources for visual material that can be used at the candidate's induction presentation:

James Niehues' website is a great source of visual materials - <http://www.jamesniehues.com/>

Also, if he were to be nominated, I'm sure he could provide some actual prints of some of his maps to be used at the presentation.



Signature of nominator

Mail completed nomination form to: U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame, P.O. Box 191,
Ishpeming, MI 49849 or email to: administrator@skihall.com

Appendix One:

Definitions of Categories.

Note: These categories have been developed to assist the Selection committee and National Voting Panel in the review and fair election process of Honored Members.

1) Athletes

Candidates are recognized in a wide range of skiing and snowboarding disciplines for their national and international accomplishments. Candidates will be recognized for their specific athletic accomplishments or exploitation of their athleticism. They must have achieved the highest levels possible in their discipline. Consideration must also be given to the candidate's contribution to the promotion and development of their particular discipline. Candidates may be considered from any of the categories listed. Nomination documents must speak directly to the accomplishments in the specific category. Up to six candidates will be accepted for the ballot with at least two and up to four selected, based on the achievement of 50% of the votes cast.

Minimum criteria for consideration as a candidate:

- Olympic or Paralympic medallist
- FIS or IPC World Championship medallist
- X Games medallist in skiing or snowboarding
- Top-three finish in a FIS or IPC World Cup event.
- Athletes who competed prior to modern-day World Cup or comparable tours who distinguished themselves as notable international athletes for their achievements in the most recognized events of their time.
- Freeride or big mountain athletes who achieved the highest level of national or international notoriety related to their athletic accomplishments
- Professional skiers in alpine, snowboarding or speed skiing who consistently won events or placed in the top three in season standings on professional tours.

2) Snowsports Builders

Candidates in this category must have been involved at a significant level in ski or snowboard sports. Candidates must have had a clear national impact for their contribution and be widely known for their work. Candidates' qualifying experience must have been achieved as an individual, but may have been in conjunction with work with an organization.

3) Heritage

Candidates in this category must have been retired from their qualifying activity for 25 years or have participated in it for at least 25 years. The category is open to Olympic Athletes, Non-Olympic Athletes or Sport Builders. Candidates must have satisfied the criteria of one of the three categories in order to be considered as a candidate in the heritage category. A member of the Selection Committee or a member of the Board of Directors must sponsor each candidate.

The Heritage category may include candidates whose previous candidacies were unsuccessful. In such cases their previous candidacies may not have come before the Selection Committee for at least five years. A member of the Selection Committee or a member of the Board of Directors must sponsor each candidate.

