

DAN BATES

73 years old strong and from Northern Michigan, Dan started skiing at age 3. Every 3 years he and his family would take a Christmas vacation, starting in 1950, and ski at Sun Valley, Aspen and other Colorado resorts. Dan and his siblings raced up through high school and in CUSSA. After high school he attended Michigan State University and ski raced his freshman year but found carrying a heavy pre-med case load and racing were not compatible. In order to ski over holidays, he became an associate certified ski instructor. Upon graduation from MSU, he entered the University of Michigan Medical School and graduated in 1973. His internship was at Oregon Health Sciences Center in Portland from 1973 to 1974. There he became acquainted with the Pacific Northwest. Baylor College of Medicine in Houston was my next stop for surgical residency. He moved to Spokane in 1978 and practiced general and vascular surgery until he retired in 2006. He introduced his two daughters to skiing as toddlers and when old enough they became part of SARS and continued racing through high school. He was a SARS board member and then President of SARS. His daughters went on to race for Colby College in Waterville, Maine. Living his dream in retirement, Dan skis 100 or more days a year at Schweitzer and Snowbird, Utah. He also

volunteered at Schweitzer as a Mountain Host for 11 years. He became a certified alpine official and has worked several races at Schweitzer and Snowbird. Now, his two grandchildren have joined SARS and he spends his winters skiing with three generations of family and friends.