

Laura and Rocky Pasqua

Category: Pioneer, competitor and official

General Information:

1. Laura graduated from college with a degree in Elementary education from Washington State University. She started skiing in 1978.

2. Rocky graduated from Manhattan College with a degree in mechanical engineering.

He started skiing in 1973 with Ken White (Whitey) in Hawaii.

Rocky is now a retired Delta Airlines Captain.

Both Laura and Rocky ski almost every day at the Greater Miami Ski Club (GMSC). They are both on the Board of Directors.

They have been involved heavily in the GMSC since 1978.

Competitor:

1. Laura learned to trick and slalom ski. She is still slalom skiing today.

2. Rocky started skiing in 1973, learning show, slalom, trick and jump skiing.

Tournament personal best:

Slalom 5 @ 11.25 meters

Trick 3,500 points

Jump 120 feet

He skied in the Wahoo Ski Club shows in Hawaii.

Officials:

1. Laura became a scorer and worked her way up to a regular. She also was an excellent driver with regular rating.

She is currently retired from being an official.

2. Rocky worked his way up to a senior driver with a reputation as the best slalom driver in America.

He drove in many tournaments including local events, named tournaments, Southern Regionals, US Nationals, and

US Open.

He was the Chief Driver of the Southern Regionals, 2 US Nationals, and the US Open.

Rocky drove many world and national records including Andy Mapple's 1@43 off (9.75) in 1998.

Rocky is currently retired from being a driver. Today he spends his days skiing, testing equipment and teaching the sport of water skiing.

Pioneer:

Both Laura and Rocky started the business of making ski lines in the late 70's with a little help from Whitey.

Rocky developed the first double strung handle. This doubled the strength of the handle section of ski line, and of course improved the safety of the handle line breaking. Today they are both active in the ski line business.

Rocky was instrumental in the development of the speed control systems Perfect Pass and Zero Off. Rocky spent many days with Andy Mapple testing, changing and improving the system we use today.

They both have spent 45 years in the sport we all love.