

Robert A. Kilgore



Robert A. Kilgore grew up skiing in New England, where he developed his passion for the sport. Bob, with his wife Anna and their four children, moved to Devon, Pennsylvania, and skied at Elk Mountain and Big Boulder during the 1960s. They built a home at Elk Mountain, which served as a base for their active participation in the Elk Mountain and Pennsylvania Ski Racing Program. Bob's officiating days began in the early '60s and he served as Race Chairman and Anna served as Race Secretary for a number of Elk Mountain races each year. Bob became the USSA Alpine Racing Chairman, which required extensive travel throughout Pennsylvania and the northeast. In 1976, Bob, working with others, was successful in getting the downhill course at Elk homologated. The course was finally inspected by USSA officials and the downhill race, which was a huge success, was held in February 1977.

In 1978 Anna and Bob were chosen by the New York State organization to serve as officials at the 1980 Lake Placid Winter Olympics, which required a three-year commitment to serve as officials. Races included the U.S. National Men's and Women's Downhill Championships, the World Cups, and then at the Olympics. In 1979, Bob was Race Chairman for a three-day FIS Slalom and Giant Slalom, which included competitors from the U.S. Ski Team, Eastern Team members, and other racers, which resulted in the receipt of a citation from the USSA Eastern Office for the Best Run Race in the East. In 1982

Bob served as T.D. at the Junior Two Eastern Championships at Sunday River Ski Area. Not one to ignore his own skiing, Bob competed in the Alpine Senior Nationals at Copper Mountain, CO, in 1979.

In the early '80s Bob was invited by the USSA Eastern Alpine Committee to understudy for an FIS license. He apprenticed at FIS races at many New England ski areas. Unable to complete the process due to personal and business commitments in the late '80s and early '90s, Bob had to curtail his travel and did most of his skiing and officiating locally. When he retired from officiating he held numerous Officials' Levels.

Robert A. Kilgore was born in Winthrop, Massachusetts, in 1929. He graduated from Winthrop High School, Franklin Technical Institute, and Wentworth Institute of

Technology, and he served in the United States Army in 1947. Bob served as Winthrop School Committee Chairman from 1959 to 1960; Kildonan School, Armenia, New York – Director; Wentworth Institute of Technology Corporation, Member; New England College, Trustee from 1947 to 1987, and from 1991 to 2006 (Chairman of the Board from 1977 to 1985); and Bryn Mawr Rehabilitation Hospital, Trustee from 1984 to 1994. Bob received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in May 2006 from New England College. Bob was a member of The Order of the Founders and Patriots of America, Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, St. Andrews Society, Color Guard of the Pennsylvania Society of The Sons of the Revolution, Society of War of 1812, Loyal Legion, The Piscataqua, Dustin Family Association, Carpenters Company of City and County of Philadelphia, The Athenaeum, Merion Golf Club, Mid Ocean Club, Kitansett Country Club, and Ekwanok Golf Club. Bob was the founder of Kilgore Company, a construction and development company in Wayne, PA. The company specialized in building office and industrial space. Robert Kilgore passed away in April 2008, at the age of 79.