Ingrid Christophersen awarded MBE

As announced on the Queen's Birthday Honours List last week, Ingrid Christophersen has been awarded the MBE.

The MBE is awarded by the Queen and those awarded it go to Buckingham Palace to receive it from her. The initials stand for Member of the British Empire and it is given to those who are especially distinguished in a useful field. Ingrid was awarded it for ‘Services to Skiing’ as recognition for all she has done for skiing over many years.

Ingie has worked in many fields of skiing, both Alpine and Nordic, involved with racing, teaching, and organizing events. She was brought up in Norway and at the age of 14 won a slalom open to all who lived in Oslo. She came to Britain and was a member of the British team from 1963 to 1968, then taking over as manager of the British Ladies B team from 1968-70. From there she went to teach at the British Mountaineering Centre in Glenmore Lodge, Scotland.

A qualified instructor, she passed the highest Alpine grade of the British Association of Ski Instructors and grade 2 for Nordic and became a FIS Technical Delegate for both Alpine and Nordic events. She is also a TD for FIS Speed Skiing events. She is also a member of the FIS Sub-Committee for Ladies’ Alpine Skiing, Sub-Committee for Alpine Youth and Children’s Questions, and Sub-Committee for Alpine Citizen Racers. Ingrid’s club is the Downhill Only, which is among the most prestigious British ski clubs and she has been racing and training manager of the DHO for the last 40 years.

That all adds up to a great deal of work for British Skiing and we are proud that she has received recognition from the Queen. It also shows the importance of skiing in British life.

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