

Tahoe area ski professionals earn awards

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PARK CITY -- The U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association recently honored several athletes, coaches and others with awards related to the past season.

U.S. Freeskiing slopestyle coach Skogen Sprang of Olympic Valley was named coach of the year. His athletes won four medals in Sochi including a sweep of the debut Olympic men's slopestyle skiing event.

Olympic and World Champion slalom winner Mikaela Shiffrin was honored by the USSA with the Beck International Award, which is awarded to the top USSA athlete in international competition.

Former USSA President and CEO Bill Marolt was awarded the Julius Blegen Award for his lifetime of outstanding service to the sport. Marolt was responsible for 70 of the USA's 95 ski and snowboarding medals in Olympic history.

Other winners:

- Snowboarding Domestic Coach of the Year Award – Elijah Teter
- Olympic Champion Award: Jamie Anderson of Meyers for slopestyle snowboarding, Maddie Bowman of Meyers for halfpipe skiing and David Wise of Reno for halfpipe skiing.