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John Morton, seven-time Olympian, inducted into United States Biathlon's Hall of Fame

Pineland Farms, Maine. The United States Biathlon Association (USBA) is pleased to announce the induction of John Morton to their national Hall of Fame. Morton has represented the United States at 7 Olympics, dating back to the Sapporo Games in 1972, as an athlete, coach and Team Leader.

John has modeled the spirit of the Olympic movement for generations of athletes over his 30 years of involvement with the US Biathlon Team, and set a standard for humility, integrity and success," said Larry Pugh, Chairman of United States Biathlon.

Morton was an outstanding collegiate skier at Middlebury College, sweeping all the Eastern Carnival races in 1966. He was named to the US Cross Country Ski Team in 1968 and the US Biathlon Team in 1969. He remained on the US Biathlon team from 1969 through the 1976 season (With the exception of duty in Vietnam in 1971, winning the Bronze Star). In that span of time he represented the US at the Sapporo and Innsbruck Olympics as an athlete. From 1976 through 2002 Morton served as an assistant coach and Team Leader for the US Team, including more Olympic events.

Morton's career has also included serving as the head coach for the Dartmouth ski team from 1978-1989 and being a founder of the Maine Winter Sports Center.

John has been and continues to be a great source of inspiration for the biathlon community," said Max Cobb, Executive Director of US Biathlon. "As an athlete, coach, team leader, author, chief of course, and trail designer he has given something to all of us. This is but a small 'thank you' for a man who continues to give so much for biathlon."

Morton will be inducted at a formal presentation at the US National Biathlon Championships, scheduled for March 2009 in Fort Kent, Maine.

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