



KIRK PARKHURST

Kirk was born and raised in Portland, Oregon. After his injury in 1977 at age 21, Kirk found skiing and wheelchair basketball to be his passions and he excelled at both.

In 1985 Kirk Parkhurst purchased a mono sit ski from a German company at a ski race in Switzerland. He brought it back to the US and was told that it would never work in the US. At the 1985 Nationals he was one of the first

skiers to compete in a mono ski. Through the US disabled ski team Kirk introduced mono skiing to numerous ski resorts around the country. Kirk was on the US National ski team from 1982 to 1995. During this time he was a many time National Champion. Kirk competed for the US in the 1988 Winter Paralympics in Innsbruck and in the 1994 Paralympics in Lillehammer.

In 1986-87 Kirk became the first certified mono ski instructor in the US. From this, he was instrumental in creating the 1st 3-track ski progression teaching manual. Kirk also helped develop the first chair lift adaptations for the mono ski to be used on US chairlifts. Kirk was a leader in the development of US skiing.

Kirk also has enjoyed a good wheelchair basketball career here in Oregon. From the early 1980's until now he has been a part of numerous wheelchair basketball teams (including: The Portland Wheel Blazers and The Portland Rebels). He was named to the NBA-NWBA All Star teams in 2003 and 2005.