

## **2018 EXPAND Beyond Adaptive Waterski Volunteers**

### **Cory Lasher, CTRS, Program Coordinator**



Cory received her BA from Metropolitan State College of Denver in 1996 in Therapeutic Recreation. Cory started with EXPAND in 1996, as an intern and then took a full-time position immediately thereafter. Through EXPAND Cory has coordinated fund raising events including the Great Rubber Duck Race, Pro-Leisure Golf Tournament and Endless Summer at the Rez. Cory is currently responsible for developing and promoting recreational opportunities for all ages and abilities. Recreational programs including the adaptive water-ski program, outdoor adventure, fitness, cultural arts, day trips, special events and a seven week summer camp for youth and young adults with disabilities. In January of 2004, Cory developed and implemented a recreation/leisure program for adults with Mild Traumatic Brain Injury currently known as Journeys through EXPAND. Cory served as a Board Member for the Golf 4 Fun program, a program that provides golf opportunities for golfers with physical disabilities from 1997-2006.

### **Rodger Stewart, EXPAND Beyond, Inc. President & Boat Driver**



Rodger Stewart, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Colorado, has over 40 years' experience in the medical device industry since starting with COBE Cardiovascular in 1977 and most recently completed 18 months as CEO of a venture backed medical device startup in Israel. Mr. Stewart retired in July of 2008 and has been focusing his efforts on giving back to the community. He is on the Board of Directors for ColoradoFIRST, a Colorado 501(c)(3) focusing on STEM development in grades K-12, since June 2009. Mr. Stewart joined the Board of Directors for Expand Beyond in July 2010 and has been a volunteer boat driver for EXPAND since June 2009.

### **Paul DiMarchi, EXPAND Beyond, Inc. Board Member & Jet-Ski Driver & Instructor**



Paul DiMarchi was born in New York City, grew up in New Jersey, and was educated at the University of Minnesota. He spent time in California before moving to Boulder in 1981. Paul has nearly 40 years of progressively responsible management experience, most recently as a consultant and search practitioner for a multitude of industries and clients. His firm, DiMarchi Partners, has been serving corporate clients locally and nationally since 1982. He also has recent experience owning and profitably operating (as absentee owner) a specialty motorcycle dealership, and participated in the growth of one of the nation's fastest growing professional service firms. Paul enjoyed an earlier career in apparel retailing, opening dozens of facilities and managing hundreds of employees in stores throughout California and the Midwest. Further, Paul is responsible for the successful creation and ongoing management of a real estate development and property management company, with commercial properties owned and managed in Boulder and Loveland.

### **Greg Singer, Board Member, Equipment Dude, Part-time Dock Boss, and General Goofball**



Greg has lived in the area since 1974 when he moved down from Fargo, ND. He attended school in the area and served in the Army following High School. Once he was discharged from military service Greg went back to school and earned an ASS in Electronics Technology and worked for StorageTek/Sun Microsystems until being laid off. He now works for Frontier Airlines as a Technical Writer. Greg has been involved with the Expand Adaptive Waterskiing program since 2000, first as a participant, and when he realized he could be more useful, began volunteering.

### **Brian "BJ" Sample, Board Member & Dock Boss**



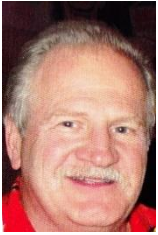
Brian Sample graduated from Colby College with a BS in Sociology, moved to Colorado in 1997 and worked for Imagine! (Boulder Counties Community Centered Board). Brian staffed and managed homes for persons with developmental disabilities until 2005. Since then Brian has worked in the commercial and residential mortgage lending business and is currently an Asset Manager with Mercy Loan Fund. Brian is a certified adaptive snow sports instructor and has volunteered for Winter Park and Breckenridge adaptive programs since 1998. Brian has been a volunteer with EXPAND since June 1998.

### **Bill Schwab, Boat Driver**



I'm a native to Boulder. In 1977 my brothers put me on a styrofoam block at the Boulder Rez in early spring and let me go, the wind caught me and I floated half way across the lake until a canoe came and got me. My brother thinks that why I have such good balance having to learn at such a young age, I was 6. After high school I went into Army Corps of Engineers, became a plumber and worked as a contractor in Boulder for 20 years, buying properties along the way. Now I am just focused on property investment, owning storage facilities and rental properties, and most of all spending time with my beautiful wife of 15 years and our two young girls who are 10 and 8.

### **Larry Wegrzyn, Boat Driver & Quick Release**



I started water skiing in 1963 in Wisconsin and moved to Broomfield in 1983. I did my MBA at Illinois and have been a CPA/tax accountant, an auditor, a controller, and a CFO. I have been semi-retired for 3 years and continue to consult with a few clients and maintain a small tax practice. Besides water skiing, I enjoy snow skiing, softball, snowmobiling, fishing, short hikes, easy biking, and scuba diving. I have been married for 30 years to Eileen and have two married sons; a 29 year old doctor and a 26 year old accountant with two granddaughters in Texas.

### **Paul Lealman, Jet-Ski Driver**



Throughout the school year I teach Physical Education in south Boulder at Creekside Elem. During the summer, I spend a lot of time volunteering out at the Boulder Reservoir. I grew up in Florida, spending a lot of time sailing and skiing on the Indian River. I love sailboat racing and just being on or around the water. I have sailed the Expand sailing group for the last several years also.

### **Becky Stewart, Quick Release**



Becky Stewart was born in California, but moved to Colorado at the age of eight. After graduating from the University of Colorado with a BS in Sociology, she worked for over 20 years in Promotions at various radio and television stations in Denver. After retiring she has volunteered with the Boulder County Sheriff's Office as a Victim Advocate for 10 years, is still volunteering with BCSO in their Training Office, and has also volunteered with the Dive Pirates, a program which takes adaptive divers on SCUBA diving trips. Becky has been a volunteer with EXPAND since June 2009.

### **Lorena Kauffman, Quick Release**



Lorena is an avid water-skier. She has been retired for 3 years from being a customer service engineer. This job was located in the state Colorado Bureau of Investigation with 16 remote sites around the state. Lorena kept the Automated Fingerprint System working for the state of Colorado in all capacities for 12 years. She has owned and operated 2 grocery stores prior to this with a private corporation. She has raised 4 children and 2 foster children. She has traveled around the world to snow ski. And has volunteered for EXPAND program since 2000 and the Adaptive Snow Ski Program at Winter park. She also volunteers with the Flatirons Habitat for Humanity by doing construction on Wednesdays and she Volunteers at least one day a week at the Greenwood Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Lyons.

### **Bob Husted, Land Buddy & Participant Setup**



Bob Husted moved to Colorado as a teenager and graduated from CSU with an engineering degree. After a short stint working with the Nuclear Navy in Idaho, Bob returned to Colorado to work for Public Service of Colorado at the Fort St. Vrain Nuclear Power Plant. He stayed with Public Service until the headquarters moved to Minneapolis. There was no way Bob was going to leave Colorado so he began working for a Boulder firm. When that company was acquired by a California company, Bob retired from the corporate world. He spends his spare time renovating the family cabin in Frisco, CO, hoping to create a mountain retreat that will stay in the family for generations. Bob loves being in the mountains and enjoys snow skiing and biking.

### **Anita Husted, Land Buddy**



Anita Husted was born and raised in Southern California. Husband-to-be, Bob, made an offer she couldn't refuse so they moved to Colorado shortly after getting married in La Jolla. Anita graduated from San Diego State University with an accounting degree and worked as an accountant until her children were born. Choosing a life of raising a family over working outside the home made it possible for Anita to enjoy all that Colorado has to offer and introduce the wonders of the Denver Zoo, Water World, tent camping and snow skiing to her children. Three great children are a sign of her success!

### **Ben Domeier, Starter & Rescue**



Hello! My name is Ben Domeier and I did my internship with EXPAND years ago and work part-time for the city and various places. I attended Minnesota State University Mankato. I truly enjoy the outdoors and love being able to help people out. Some of my favorite activities to do in my free time include hiking, fishing, hunting, snowboarding, and road biking. I am really looking forward to being involved in the water ski program and seeing the smiles on all the participants' faces.

### **Dan Rau, Rescue**



I grew up in Eau Claire, WI and graduated from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Throughout high school and college, I skied 6 summers for the Eau Claire Ski Sprites Water Ski Show Team where I had a fantastic time and met some lifelong friends. I also taught waterskiing at a few area youth camps. I have been in CO for 4 years and love the people and outdoor adventures available here. I have been a pilot for 16 years flying the last 10 years for Southwest Airlines. I look forward to this volunteer opportunity and meeting some very interesting people.

### **Michelle Patterson, Rescue**



Originally a Badger from Wisconsin, I moved to Denver in 2011 to take advantage of the four seasons of outdoor sports! I'm excited to take on this new adventure of helping others enjoy their outdoor passions. I graduated from UW Madison in 1996 and practiced as a pharmacist for 19 years. I'm currently enjoying "first retirement" and looking into new career prospects

### **Nichole Hebert, Rescue**



My name is Nicole Hebert and I am from Emerald Isle, North Carolina! I completed my internship with EXPAND in Summer of 2016 and became a Certified Recreation Specialist. I loved the water-ski program so much I asked Cory if I could come back to help out.

### **Ben Ramus, Jet-ski driver and Rescue**



### **Darrell Daley, Boat Driver**



### **Lianne Daley, Quick Release**



### **Ron Lever, Jet-ski Driver**



Ron Lever is recently retired from the construction industry after 35 years as an owner of a subcontracting company specializing in commercial construction. As an avid water skier at the res from many years ago, I look forward to working with the skiers as well as the other volunteers and getting back on the water.

**Josh Jensen, Jet Ski Driver and Rescue**



**Jeff Kenney, Boat Driver**



**Shannon Kenney, Quick Release**



**Kyndall Raburn, Rescue**



Hello! My name is Kyndall Raburn and I am a summer intern for the City of Boulder's Parks and Recreation. I recently graduated with a degree in health promotion and behavior from the University of Georgia. After graduation, I decided to move to Boulder, CO after living in the Atlanta area for the majority of my life. I've found my interest within program planning and implementation. I think it's important to get creative with public health programs and be able to tailor programs to the target population. I am excited to get to work with the EXPAND program during my internship in Boulder. In my free time I enjoy hiking, being outdoors, and spending as much time as possible with my two dogs.

**Kathleen Palisoc Boyd, Rescue**



Hi! I'm Kathleen. Originally from the mountains of western North Carolina, I studied at the University of North Carolina Wilmington in the Recreation Therapy program. This summer I am an intern with the EXPAND program through the City of Boulder Parks & Recreation. I've always had a passion for helping others and accomplishing this through the use of therapeutic recreation is a dream come true. Being active and being outside are very important to me. In my spare time I love to explore new places (near and far), hike, run, and listen to music. Any day I put a smile on someone's face is a good day - I can't wait to meet all of the amazing participants of this program and see it in action!

**Cassie Owens, Rescue**



Hello! My name is Cassie Owens and I am an intern with the Boulder Parks and Recreation Health and Wellness department. I grew up in Boulder and recently graduated from the University of Florida where I was a member of the women's soccer team and obtained a degree in Health Education and Behavior. I love working with people of all abilities and giving back to the community that helped shape who I am. In my free time I enjoy playing soccer, hiking, exploring new yoga practices, exercising, taking care of animals, and spending time with my family and friends.

**Bethany Gibson, Rescue**



My name is Bethany and I am one of the summer interns with the City of Boulder Parks & Recreation EXPAND program. I attended the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to earn my degree in Therapeutic Recreation. I have a passion for working with people of all abilities, especially when participating in recreational activities. In my free time I enjoy competitive sports like ice hockey and soccer, exploring the outdoors, and spending time with family and friends! I am excited for my summer with EXPAND meeting new faces and experiencing new adventures!

### **Taylor Combs, Rescue**



Hello! My name is Taylor Combs and I was born and raised in the mountains of North Carolina. I attended Winston-Salem State University where I pursued my BS in Therapeutic Recreation. I am currently a new intern with EXPAND for the summer of 2018 looking to gain experience and knowledge in this field. I am extremely excited to meet all the participants as well as to hopefully make an impact on them and the Boulder Community during my time here. Knowing that I get to help facilitate activities, events, etc that others enjoy and want to participate in is an amazing feeling and I cannot wait to have a fun filled summer full of new experiences!

### **Jennifer Murphy, Rescue**



Jen Murphy grew up on the ocean in New Jersey and is happiest when in the water. Living in Colorado, that means spending summer at the Boulder Reservoir. A freelance journalist, she writes about sports, fitness, food and travel for publications including the Wall Street Journal, Outside, Men's Journal, Conde Nast Traveler and more.