

2000 Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Class of Inductees

Wm. Thayer Tutt

A visionary leader whose enthusiasm for sports was boundless, Wm. Thayer Tutt helped transform Colorado Springs into a world-renowned center for national and international events.

From 1946 until his death in 1989, Tutt worked with El Pomar Foundation and The Broadmoor Hotel, first as Vice President of The Broadmoor from 1946-61, then as President from 1961-77, Chairman of the Board from 1977-82, and Honorary Chairman from 1982-89. It was in these capacities that he cultivated The Broadmoor into a dynamic sports mecca, hosting major events such as five World Figure Skating Championships, the 1962 World Ice Hockey Championship, the first 10 NCAA Hockey Championships and numerous U.S. Golf Association amateur championships.

Known affectionately as "Mr. Broadmoor," Tutt also took an active role in community events such as the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo and the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb. He worked with civic leaders to successfully attract organizations such as the United States Olympic Committee and many of its member National Governing Bodies to Colorado Springs.

Tutt's influence extended well beyond the Pikes Peak region. Beginning in 1959, he served as the American representative to the International Ice Hockey Federation, and was President of the IIHF from 1966-69. From 1972-86, Tutt served as President of the Amateur Hockey Association of the United States - known today as USA Hockey - and also held leadership positions with the U.S. Figure Skating Association and the International Skating Union.

A recipient of numerous honors, Tutt received the prestigious Olympic Order from the International Olympic Committee in 1987. A member of the Hockey Hall of Fame and the U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame, Tutt passed away in 1989 at the age of 76.