

Wm. Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award

The Wm. Thayer Tutt Sportsman Award is presented annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation in recognition of exceptional philanthropic and community sports support, as exemplified by Wm. Thayer Tutt.

A visionary leader who helped transform Colorado Springs into a world-renowned center for national and international events, Tutt dedicated more than 40 years to sports in the Pikes Peak region and beyond. Tutt cultivated The Broadmoor into a sports mecca, hosting major events such as World Figure Skating and Ice Hockey Championships, the first 10 NCAA Hockey Championships and numerous U.S. Golf Association amateur championships.

In addition, Tutt took an active role in major community events, such as the Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo and the Pikes Peak International Hill Climb, and worked with civic and other sports leaders in the community to attract the United States Olympic Committee and many of its member National Governing Bodies to Colorado Springs.

The presentation of this award to those locally dedicated to the importance of sports as a way to benefit the Colorado Springs economy and contribute to the quality of life for citizens of the Pikes Peak region is a fitting tribute to Wm. Thayer Tutt and the thousands of Colorado Springs residents who have benefited from his contributions to the sports industry in this community.

Gary Loo



It's impossible to overstate the impact Gary Loo has made on the Colorado Springs sports industry, as he has contributed on nearly every level, for more than 25 years. Loo served as President of the Pikes Peak Hill Climb and is considered by many to be the driving force behind its longevity and success.

As Director of the Colorado Amateur Sports Corporation (now the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation), Loo expanded the Sports Corp mission and strengthened the local sports industry. In 1983 he helped lead the efforts to help bring the National Sports Festival to Colorado Springs.

His significant financial contributions helped build Sky Sox Stadium in 1988, the Colorado Springs World Arena in 1998, and have helped strengthen dozens of small sports organizations in the community.

The President of High Valley Group, Inc., Gary Loo is a Cheyenne Mountain High School graduate who went on to earn his Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration at the University of Northern Colorado. He and his wife, Jane, have two daughters: Anne and Julia.

Past Recipients

Col. F. Don Miller Award

Sandi McConnell, 2003

Shirley Snyder, 2002

Jim Hartman, 2001

Carolyn Kruse, 2000

Mary Polaski, 1999

Dr. Chuck Lacy, 1998

Joe Gentry, 1997

Tom Falgien, 1996

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Bill Tutt, 2003