

## Domingos Giobbi (1925-2013)

was a true mountain lover who had in skiing and climbing his biggest passions. He dedicated 47 years of his life to the development of Skiing and Snowboarding in South America and in Brazil. In 1967, grounded what became the Brazilian Snow Sports Federation, where served as President for several years and Chairman of the Board for a decade.

Mr Giobbi pioneered in South America in many ways. Either as President or Chairman of the Board to the Brazilian Snow Sports Federation, he was the directly responsible and a great encourager of many *firsts* in the continent

- ✓ First ever FIS Alpine Master World Cup event in Southern Hemisphere in 2005
- ▲ First Snowboard Slopestyle Continental Cup in Southern Hemisphere in 2007

- **△ Chef de Mission** of the brazilian delegation in 1992 Winter Olympic Games, in Albertville, the first brazilian participation
- **→ Founder** and first President of the Brazilian Ski Association in 1989, entity now know as the Brazilian Snow Sports Federation





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In 1994 when I began working as FIS Coordinator for the Alpine Continental Cups, Domingos Giobbi was a keen supporter of the developing and integrating the South American Cup into a common system with the other four



regions: Europe, North America, Far East and Australia-New Zealand. He believed that this would raise the status and standards, thereby encouraging teams to participate and not marginalise the South American nations.

During heated discussions to adapt and harmonise the Continental Cup rules, he was a voice of reason and enthusiasm for the project. Even after his retirement as President of the Brazilian Snow Sports Federation, he stayed in contact with these activities and took great pleasure in seeing the impressive development of the series"

Sarah Lewis, FIS Secretary General

or 47 years of his life, Mr Domingos Giobbi has truly dedicated himself to the development of Skiing and Snowboarding in South America and particularly in Brazil. In 1966, he took the first ever Brazilian Alpine Ski Team to the FIS Ski World Championships in Portillo (Chile), grounding the foundations to the Brazilian Ski Association, where he served as President until the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games (USA). From 2002 until his death, in September of 2013, he continued developing the sport he so much loved as the Chairman of the Board of today's Brazilian Snow Sports Federation.

He worked actively to develop what is now the FIS South American Alpine Continental Cup and to integrate the continent's Skiing. Nowadays the most important ski teams come every year to South America to train and compete in this tournament. In 2013, more than 500 racers from the five continents, representing 48 different Nations, competed in at least one

of the 52 races of the FIS South American Alpine Continental Cup.

Mr Giobbi was also a member of the Brazilian Olympic Committee and was always active in the forefront taking young children to compete in the Topolino (Italy), or the Brazilan Team to the Winter Olympics, as in Albertville (France), in 1992.

"Domingos Giobbi was a passionate about winter sports and the mountains. This love, joined by his leadership and innovative spirit, made him a reference in winter sports in Brazil", highlights Mr Carlos Arthur Nuzman, President of the Brazilian Olympic Comittee and Rio-2016 Organizing Comittee. "The development of those sports in the country is directly connected to his pioneer efforts. His name will always be immortal in the history of olympic sports in Brazil".



In 1994, the FIS International Ski Congress was held in Rio de Janeiro (Brazil), aproving Snowboarding as an official FIS discipline. Mr Domingos immediately recognized the potential of this new sport and led a Brazilian Team to participate in the first FIS Snowboard World Championship, held in 1995, being Brazil one of the few nations that has been present in all of its editions up until now.

On that same year, Brazil also organized its first ever Snowboard National Championship on Mr Domingos endeavours. Until today South America's best result in Winter Olympics is a ninth place in 2006 Torino Snowboard Cross, with the Brazilian rider Isabel Clark Ribeiro, whose first steps in the sport had Mr Domingos Giobbi full support right after she took the national gold at only 19 years old.

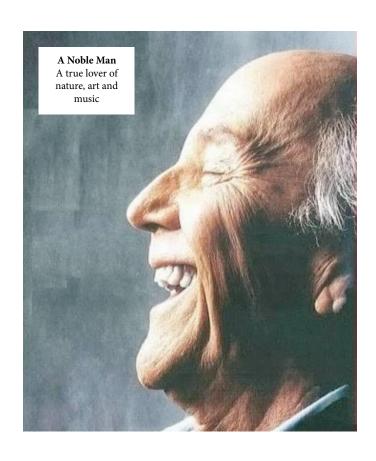
"I had to call him and insist to go to the official training camp in Vail with the Brazilian team. He only made me promise to a full "

Domingos Giobbi has not only been a friend of the international ski family but also a very successful promoter at skiing in his country, Brazil, and also worldwide.

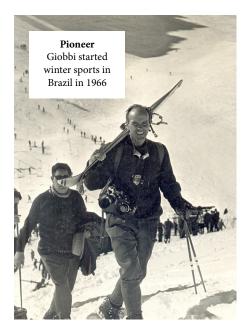


Gian Franco Kasper, FIS President











commitment to Snowboarding and that fit perfectly. That was all I wanted to hear, those words I will never forget", recalls Isabel Clark, now close to her third Olympic Games appearence in Snowboard Cross in Sochi.

South America organized eight editions of the FIS Snowboard World Cup from 2001 to 2009 in Chile and Argentina.

In the last decade Brazil had more than 2.250 starts in official competitions in 19 different disciplines in Alpine Skiing, Snowboarding, Cross Country, Biathlon and Freestyle Skiing and, more recently, in Paralympic disciplines such as Cross Country and Snowboarding.

Thanks to his hard work and inspiration more than 50 snow sports events are shown live every winter on Brazilian TV. Last season, those sports accounted



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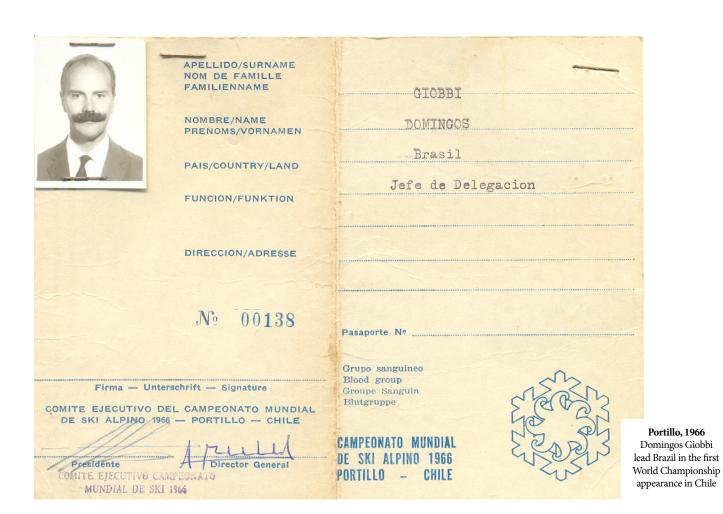
for more than 150 TV hours with an accumulated audience over 140 million spectators.

Mr Domingos Giobbi passed away in the September 23<sup>rd</sup>, but left behind a true legacy,

"He was a noble man, very clever and ahead of his time", states Stefano Arnhold, successor as President of the Brazilian Snow Sports Federation. "Until his passing he headed our Board with mastery and enthusiasm. His guidance and teachings will forever inspire this organization to a promising future".

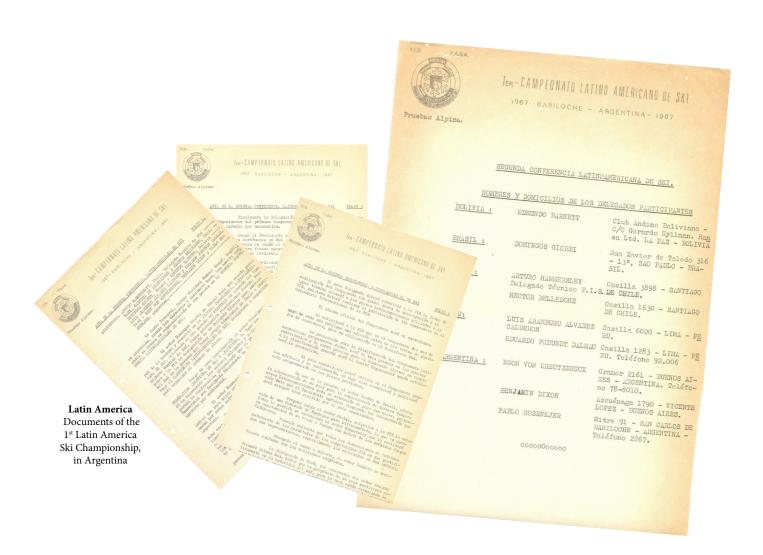
Following the path opened by Mr Domingos Giobbi, the Federation works very hard to achieve a Winter Olympic or Paralympic medal certain that this is the best way to honor the nearly 50 years that this great man has dedicated to the development of the Sport of Skiing.









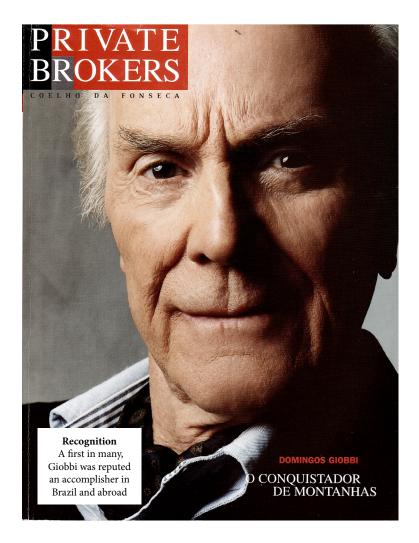


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Sozinho, contra o espirito de equipe de oito atletas argentinos e a maior experiencia de vinte chilenos, mais afeitos ao local da competição, o brasileiro Francisco Giobbi, unico representante nacional, conquistou trés medalhas — duas de prata e uma de bronze — no II Campeonato Latino-Americano de Esqui, disputado no sabado e domingo nas montanhas de Portillo, no Chile. O esquiador do Clube Alpino Paulista, representando oficialmente o Brasil, obteve os segundos lugares no "slalom especial" — descida entre varios obstaculos colocados a curta distancia um do outro — e na "combinada" — soma de pontos de duas provas — e foi o terceiro colocado no "slalom gigante", prova mais longa, com obstaculos mais espaçados entre si. Esses resultados deram a Francisco Giobbi o titulo de vice de la companya de sultamente de sultamente de sultamente de sultamente de sultamente de sultamente de la companya de la











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