



TOP: The Squaw Valley ski area recorded its second-highest snowfall ever at the resort, with 728 inches in the 2016-17 season. In fact, the snow fell so hard the lifts ran through July this year.

BOTTOM: For Kerr, digging into the deep snow, skiing was definitely a family affair: "We always say, family that skis together stays together. My grandmother made a pillow for my grandfather that said, 'Old skiers never die, they just go downhill.'"



Q & A

Errol Kerr

Errol Kerr skied for Jamaica in the 2010 Winter Olympics (though Kerr was born in the U.S., his father is Jamaican) and placed ninth in ski cross. Five years later, he still hears *Cool Runnings* jokes, but he's OK with that.

How much do you love telling people that you skied well in Vancouver while representing Jamaica?

I think right after the Olympics, I was not that excited to tell people. I thought I could have done a lot better. Now, as the years have gone by, my favorite thing to do is to tell people that I am the highest finisher from the Caribbean in the Winter Olympics. Not only just for Jamaica, but for all the little islands. I am looking forward to the day that somebody picks up where I left off and runs with it. The Winter Olympics are coming up in a couple of months, so I don't know how long I will keep that title.

You're now a North Face Mountain Guide at your home resort, Squaw Valley. What inspired you to pursue this position?

I grew up training and racing with the Squaw Valley Ski Team. I had the opportunity to spend all of my off-time from training exploring the mountain. So, once this North Face Mountain Guide Program got put together, it seemed like a perfect fit. I get to take people who were not familiar with the mountain, and go show them all my favorite nooks and crannies.

You were named Pond Skimming World Cup Champion last year. What's your costume advice to would-be pond skimmers?

Showing up to a Pond Skim without a costume is like showing up to a wedding in a wife beater and jeans. You have to wear a costume to a Pond Skim. Get creative. It doesn't matter what you wear. Just make sure it's something funny. I personally don't get too elaborate with costumes. I haven't brought out the cardboard, rubber cement and duct tape yet. — ERIC SMITH