

SNO~FOO AWARD



TO ERR IS HUMAN,
TO FORGET IT WOULD BE DIVINE

The Sno-Foo award is presented each conference to an individual or group of individuals for having committed an outstanding "blooper" worthy of repeated telling. The recipient earns the award often unwittingly but always deservedly. To be considered for this award a member must be in good standing (but sometimes wavering) of the Eastern Snow Conference. The award is to be presented and accepted in a manner considered to be in "good taste." No one person or organization will be eligible to qualify for this award more than once. Nominations arise through the Executive and the decision is final.

SNO FOO 1999—Ross Brown

The Sno-Foo award for 1999 is given to our dear friend and President, Ross Brown. Dr. Brown is a snow scientist with the Canadian government and lives in the snowy and sometimes icy city of Montreal. He is famous and highly regarded throughout the world for his study of continental and global snow cover and its variation with climate and weather systems. As such, Ross keeps his eyes on the horizon and looks for the "big snowy picture." Most scientists develop a view of the big snowy picture later in life, after exhaustion and mental ruin from countless debilitating days (and nights) in the field. In his pursuit of the big snowy picture, Ross has risen to prominence in his field and to the Presidency of the ESC. However, it has come to our attention that in typical antipodean fashion, Ross has NEVER dug a snow pit, NEVER taken a SINGLE snow depth or density measurement, and NEVER participated in a snow survey. This must be a truly unique credential for an ESC President. When asked about his reluctance to conduct ANY field work, President Brown replied "I didn't reckon I 'ad to, but I might 'fore I retire, let's 'ave a pint." Ross Brown is therefore nominated for the Sno Foo for getting it backwards or upside down in scaling up the study of snow to the large scale without ever having anything to do with snow studies in the first place, but at least having the sense to have a pint at the end of a hard day of not-in-the-field work.