

**INTERNATIONAL  
WHITEWATER HALL OF FAME  
Nomination Form**

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**Deadline: Saturday, April 18, 2009 (11:59 PM Eastern Daylight Time, +5 UT)**

**I. NOMINEE\*:**

Name: Mikey Abbott \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: New Zealand Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. NOMINATING ORGANIZATION:**

Name: Gene 17 Kayaking \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: 20 Ivybridge Tavistock Road \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: WsM \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Country: UK Zip Code: BS22 6LP \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone: 44 7703 465 338 E-mail: simon@gene17.com

\* For team nominees, an additional sheet may be added with the names and addresses for of all team members.

**III. PREPARED BY:**

Name (Print): Simon Westgarth \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: April 17, 2009

**IV. CATEGORY:**

		(Date)	(Date)		
<input type="checkbox"/> PIONEER	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORER	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> CHAMPION	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
<input type="checkbox"/> ADVOCATE	Sport: _____	Active From: _____	To: _____	Living: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**Individuals or teams may be nominated in any one of the four categories. Please Note that Pioneer and Advocate Categories Have Been Revised. See Nomination and Selection Procedures (Rev. 03.10.09) for a complete description of the nominating criteria. The following is a brief summary of the criteria:**

**PIONEER**

- Has Made/Was the first or among the earliest expert in one or more specific areas of whitewater accomplishment.

**EXPLORER**

- Has been engaged in extensive exploration and investigation of unknown regions and areas of whitewater activity.
- Has exemplified superior feats in previously unchallenged whitewater: e.g. an adventurer, scientist or expedition leader.

**CHAMPION**

- Has been/was engaged in any competitive whitewater discipline for at least five (5) years.
- Has a distinguished record of achievement at the highest levels of competitive whitewater sport.

**ADVOCATE**

- Has promoted whitewater pursuits vigorously through grassroots advocacy, environmental stewardship or by producing significant products or services.
- Has served the whitewater community in a leadership role for a period of twenty (20) years or more.

Note: All nominees: 1) may be living or deceased, and 2) may be an individual or a team.

**Nominee: Mikey Abbott**

**V. BASIS FOR NOMINATION:** Provide a brief summary statement.

The first and true globe kayak adventurer. Since mass air transit has afforded kayakers the luxury of exploring the globe, few have spaced the dream of kayaker's endless Summer, opened up whole areas and regions of the globe and inspired so many to find their passport and seek new adventures. Mikey has paddled extensively in all the major mountains in the world, mainly on multi self support day expeditions, often on first descents and all with the humility that any aspiring Jedi Knight would wish for. There is little more to add, other than you will find no one else with his level to expertise or experience within WW kayaking, and for those who have meet him, they would always hope that Mikey would be on their next trip, if only to share the adventure or show them a way around a problem or to charge the line when doubt is upon the group.

**VI. ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** Please list accomplishments pertinent to the nominee's category. Examples: competitions, first descents, expeditions. Coaches and organizers/leaders: years involved, notable events in which he/she was involved, notable associates (e.g. athletes he/she coached) along with relevant information regarding awards received, team placement, etc.

Year	Event	Location	Placement/Award

Additional information here:

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**VII. CONTRIBUTIONS:** Please list any contributions pertinent to the nominee’s category.  
 Examples: contributory causes, designs and inventions, skills/technique contributions,  
 and industry participation/ leadership.

Year	Nature of Contribution	Role

Additional information here.

**VIII. WHITEWATER ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIP:**

Year	Organization	Role/Position

Additional information here.

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**IX. ARTICLES/BOOKS WRITTEN:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Published? (Y/N)</b>

Additional information here.

**X. HONORS/AWARDS RECEIVED:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Honor/Award</b>	<b>Granting Organization</b>

Additional information here.

## Mikey Abbot

### List of first descents:-

1994 India, Himachal Pradesh . First descents Parbati, Sainj, Tirthan.

1995 India , Himachal Pradesh. Zanskar gorge descent

1997 Bhutan. First descents Wang chu, Puna tsang chu, Mo chu, Po Chu, Mangde chu

Sri Lanka. First descents. Mahaweli ganga, Kotmale oya, Kelani ganga.

1998 India , Sikkim paddled Teesta, first descent upper Rangit.

India, Himachal Pradesh, first descent Ravi river.

Nepal, first descent Dordi Khola.

1999 New Zealand. First descent Upper Whitcombe.

First descent Waitaha

2000 India. First descent Upper Sutlej.

Laos. First descents on Mekhong, 10000 islands area.

2001 Norway First descents.....

2002 Tibet . First descent Tsangpo gorges.

Bhutan. First Descents Amo Chun, Chungkar chu.

Norway. First descent Ulteidalen Norways deepest gorge.

2003 Myanmar. First Descent Maykha (Irrawaddy) river

India, Kashmir . First Descent Chenab river.

2004 Laos. First descent Nam Lang

2005 India , Arunachal Pradesh. First descents Dibang, Subansiri rivers.

2007 India , Arunachal Pradesh. First Descents Tawang Chu, Tenga Chu.

2008 Nepal had a nice paddle on the Humla Karnali with a guidebook!

## Competitions.

97, 99, 01 Freestyle world championships. 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> places.

1<sup>st</sup> place Himalayan whitewater festival Nepal 1994, 2003.

1<sup>st</sup> place Extremesportveko downhill. Norway 2000, 2002, 2003.

1<sup>st</sup> place Sweet Rumble Norway 2003

1<sup>st</sup> place Asahan whitewater festival Indonesia 2000, 2001

1<sup>st</sup> place Zambezi big water challenge, Zambia 2000



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**XI. FURTHER SUPPORTING EVIDENCE:** Please use this space to provide any further information on the above, evidence of integrity, sportsmanship, and character and all additional information to support consideration of the Nominee. **Please submit additional materials, photos, published manuscripts or articles, videos, DVDs, and/or website URLs or links. This information will be considered by our screening committee and should the nominee be elected to the IWHOf, will also be used in the production of the annual DVD honoring the new Class of Honorees.**

Team Pyranha Website: <http://www.teampyranha.com/author/warriornz/>

Extreme Games Top 10 Finisher: <http://playak.com/article.php?sid=468>

Extreme Videos of Mikey Abbott available at: <http://www.paddlepower.com/videosandbooks/videos.htm>

[http://passion4adventure.blogspot.com/2007\\_12\\_01\\_archive.html](http://passion4adventure.blogspot.com/2007_12_01_archive.html)

Champion: Zambezi Big Water Invitational: <http://www.thezambezi.com/pages/profiles2.htm>

**New Zealander Mikey Abbott**, with sponsors Pyranha, Robson, Downunder, Teva and Mean Scream recently cast aside all comers to grab the winners trophy and the cheque in the Inaugural Zambezi Big Water Invitational.

The last time he exited his kayak was on the Kaituna River in NZ in 1998 and adds that the Marsyangdi in Nepal is his favourite river. 12B and Fulljames are his pick of playspots, but anywhere "big, fast and warm" is to his liking.

Meeting Muzza in a dark alley in Livingstone was his nastiest experience and rates, "beating Corran, surfing, rock climbing and travelling" as his interests, along with Dahl Bhat, expensive scotch and cheap beer.

His rodeo tip is "relax, and buy a helmet with as much glitter as possible...oh yeah...and stickers, lots of stickers."