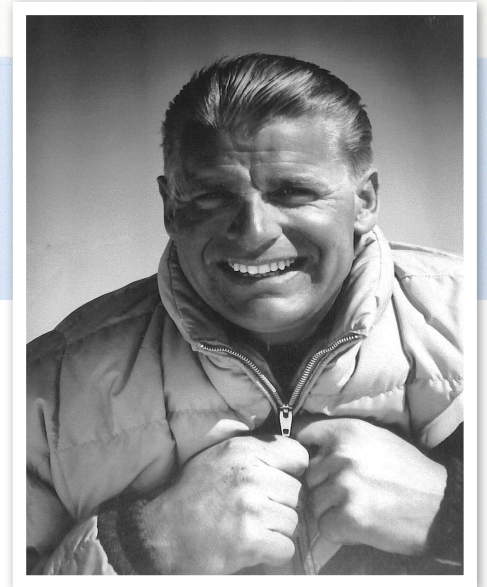


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Roy Parker



When Roy Parker was 18, he moved to Aspen, Colorado to work at the ski area and eventually became a ski instructor there. After Aspen, Roy managed Loveland Basin Ski Area for 4 years then worked at Vail during the first 2 years that it was open. In 1964, Kingsbury Pitcher referred him to a job at Sierra Blanca near Ruidoso, New Mexico where his management experience was needed. Kingsbury had just completed designing and building the new resort for Robert O. Anderson. Anderson had just sold the area to the Mescalero Apache Tribe. He took the job and over the 39 years he was there made major improvements and turned the ski area into a very profitable destination resort. He retired as General Manager in October 2003 ending one of the longest management runs in the ski industry by a non-owner and still lives in Ruidoso.

