



Robin Chaffey

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Robin Samuel Anderson Chaffey

Robin Chaffey was an alpine skier who competed for New Zealand at the 1960 Winter Olympics.

He was a downhill ski-racer, national ski champion in 1958, and was involved in setting up and managing Porter Heights, the first commercial ski field in Canterbury.

Born in Timaru, in his younger years Rob was a high-country farmer at Mt Possession Station, Ashburton Gorge. Later in his life, he focused on his interest in animal breeding programmes, resulting in him setting up a cattle breeding programme in New Zealand, a reindeer farm in Alaska and a cattle breeding programme in Brazil.

He was called Sam at school and in the ski industry, but used Rob for everything else by family agreement because of all the Sams in the family, including his father and one of his sons.

Rob died at home in Tai Tapu in 1998 and is survived by his wife, two sons and two daughters.



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