



Hall of Fame

Pete Denisson

Inducted: 01 Nov 1991

Pete Denisson competed in a sponsored tournament in 1919, at 11 years of age. He remained an active vital, member of the club through portions of eight decades, until his death in 1988 at age 79.

Pete Denisson was one of the signers of the St. Paul Ski Club Articles of Incorporation in 1932. He served as the St. Paul Ski Club Treasurer for many years. In later years, Denisson was instrumental in forming an "Old Timers" auxiliary to aid and support the activities of the St. Paul Ski Club.

Denisson was a top Class "B" competitor throughout the 1930s and continued to ski in competition four decades later into the 1970s.

He is remembered as a competitor on Harrington Hill with his two sons - Corky and Tim - and grandson - Kip - in a representation of three generations of ski jumping Denissons.

Denisson planned and developed a small downhill ski area - "Norski Hill" - south of St. Paul. This was one of the first recreational ski areas in the Twin Cities. As a part of the Norski Hill, a 25 to 30 meter jumping hill, lighted for night skiing, was developed and blended a true spirit of the many phases of the ski sport.

Norski Hill was the site of many pleasant outings and social gatherings for the membership of the St. Paul Ski Club.

In a ceremony at Bear Mountain, New York, in 1988, Pete Denisson became the first person to be installed into the National Masters Ski Jumping Hall of Fame.

Pete's many varied and life-long contributions to the sport of skiing in general, and to the St. Paul Ski Club in particular, have resulted in a deepening of interest that will continue to have a lasting affect on the sport of ski jumping.