

Hall of Fame

Ken Anderson

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Ken Anderson grew up in Norway, Michigan. He fell in love with ski jumping as a kid, watching tournaments in nearby Iron Mountain. Like most youngsters back in the 1950s, he was an amateur jumper, not skilled, but he enjoyed it. He later became a downhill instructor for many years.

His career took him to Minneapolis in 1978, and when his son Kristian was ten years old in 1987, he began jumping with the Minneapolis Ski Club, and stayed with it for about four years, jumping for fun just like his dad. St Paul was a favorite venue, a weekly family adventure on Friday evenings.

Ken's IT expertise led into web design, and in 2001 he developed his own website, SkiJumpingUSA.com, a general site for our sport in the USA and following US athletes in international competitions. In 2003, he became the webmaster for StPaulSkiClub.com, and continues to manage both sites.

He also developed and manages the site for the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame, based in Red Wing MN ... AmericanSkiJumping.com He was inducted into the ASJ HOF in 2011.

Ken was an early supporter and promoter of women's ski jumping, and has worked closely with Women's Ski Jumping USA for many years. He was very gratified to finally see the women included in the 2014 Olympics in Sochi.

Now the torch is being carried by the next generation. Kristian has maintained his interest over the years, too, and after relocating to Salt Lake City in the spring of 2014, he was invited to join the Board of Directors at Women's Ski Jumping USA.

For his contributions to promotion and communications for the sport of ski jumping, Ken is a worthy inductee to the St Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame.