



Hall of Fame

Jay Martin

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Jay Martin strapped on his first pair of skis at the age of five years and spent his youth developing his ski jumping skills at the Theodore Wirth Ski Jump in Minneapolis. This marked the beginning of an incredible career in the sport of ski jumping that has spanned seven decades.

In the early 1960's, Jay was a member of three Junior National teams. In 1962 he won the Central Junior Championships and went on to win the Junior National Championships. Martin attended the University of Wyoming on a full skiing scholarship and in 1963 he won the Junior Class honors in the USSA Senior National Championships. He served as the President of the university's ski club.

Jay represented the United States as a member of the Olympic Ski Jumping Team on two occasions, competing at Innsbruck, Austria in 1964 and at Grenoble, France in 1968. Martin went on to win additional central and national titles and gained numerous top ten finishes in international tourneys.

At the end of his competitive ski jumping career, Martin found new ways to fulfill his passion for the sport. The primary beneficiary of his efforts became the Minneapolis Ski Club. Jay served as the President of the club on numerous occasions and was a member of the board of directors. At times it appeared that Jay did everything for the club from snowing in the hills to organizing and running the competitions, managing the coaching and the judging. He developed training programs and equipment rental programs and coaching clinics, concepts that eventually spread to other jumping clubs around the Central Division of USSA and beyond.

Martin exhibited an unending amount of time and energy. As a coach he had a presence at every level of the sport, from the outruns of the bunny hills to the tops of Olympic ski jumps. Jay Martin made a tremendous impact on the lives of hundreds of young skiers. Some progressed under his mentoring to become Olympians themselves.

The St. Paul Ski Club has enjoyed the benefits of Jay Martin's contributions to the sport in many ways, and for many years. Martin has jumped on our hills and shoveled and raked them as well. He has coached our kids and judged our tournaments. He has contributed his stories and camaraderie, and is part of the fabric of our club as well.

Therefore, it has been deemed by the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame Committee, that Jay Martin be recognized as an Honorary Member to be inducted into the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame. With this induction he is also being recognized with a Lifetime Membership in the St. Paul Ski Club.