



# Hall of Fame

## Dave Edlund

Inducted: 09 Sept 2007

Dave Edlund was introduced to ski jumping by his dad, Ray Edlund — also in the Hall of Fame — when he brought Dave to the Carver's Lake site and asked him if he would like to try it. His positive reply was the beginning of a life time love of the sport.

Today, at age 47, though he has not ski jumped for several years, Dave's dedication to the sport can be found in numerous — almost too many to count — forms. He spends uncounted hours of dedication at the St. Paul Ski Club Carver's Lake Nordic Training Area.

Dave Edlund began his tenure with the St. Paul club back in 1967. He attended training camps and competitions at the site of the former Mounds Park ski slide.

During the 1978 and 1979 ski seasons Dave was selected and competed for U.S. Junior National Teams. His success led to his being on the US Junior Development team heading into the 1980 Winter Olympic Games held at Lake Placid, NY. Dave made it to the final cut.

During his high school years, Dave was a 3-time member of the Tartan High School ski team.

A highlight of Edlund's career was his selection to compete at the Copper Peak ski flying facility in 1981.

"Ski flying generates so much enthusiasm for the sport, that just being there and making it one time to the 'big show' was something I will never forget," Edlund stated.

Since his retirement from competition, Dave has followed in the footsteps of his dad and has spent countless hours working with junior ski jumpers.

His work ethics on hill preparation and techniques utilized to maintain the hills are unmatched.

As a result of his abilities in hill preparation, Edlund was a member of the hill crew for the 1995 World Championships at Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada.

He also was selected to be a member of the hill preparation crew at the 2002 Winter Olympics, held in Park City, Utah.

Dave has continued his work efforts and his dedication to providing safe, well manicured ski jumping hills for future generations.

His dedication to the sport in general and to the St. Paul Ski Club in particular, were recognized this past fall when he was selected as president of the ski club.

It is Dave's devotion to the sport and his efforts on behalf of kids that ensures the future of ski jumping. These attributes were recognized and made his selection as a member of the St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame, an easy choice.