



Hall of Fame

Tom Harrington

Inducted: 08 Nov 1992

Tom Harrington joined the St. Paul Ski Club in October of 1938, and served on its board of directors continuously since 1947. He served as president of the St. Paul Ski Club on five different occasions.

He was a long-time active ski jumper and twice won the coveted trophy as the St. Paul Ski Club's outstanding competitor.

He was the Chairperson of the St. Paul Educational Foundation - a non-profit corporation - for the St. Paul Ski Club and served in that capacity from its inception until August 2003.

He has served as curator of the Lyons - Mahre St. Paul Ski Club Hall of Fame Museum.

Tom Harrington has participated in the design and construction of every ski jumping hill currently in use by the St. Paul Ski Club as its Carver's Lake Nordic Training Area. He has assisted and influenced the construction of many ski jumps throughout the Central Division and has been consulted on the construction of ski slides throughout the US.

Harrington designed and built the summer ski jumping training facilities that sent ski jumpers soaring into the water along the Wisconsin side of the St. Croix River.

His innovative nature led to the early testing of snow making equipment.

Tom served 12 years as Chairman of the Central Division Ski Jumping Committee. He was a 12-year member of the Board of Directors of the Central Division and was Vice President of the organization.

Nationally, Harrington was a pioneer appointee as a Technical Delegate to USSA sanctioned ski jumping tournaments. He was an official for the USSA at the 1960 Squaw Valley Winter Olympic Games.

He served nine years as Chairman of the National Ski Jumping Committee.

Tom is a recognized authority on the history of ski jumping. He is the primary author of a book entitled "On Wings of Wood - A summary of the First One Hundred Years of the St. Paul Ski Club."

Harrington was a member of the Board of Directors, planning the formation and development of the Minnesota Holmenkollen Project at the Minneapolis Ski Club's Bush Lake site.

Tom Harrington's significant influence continues to be felt in all phases of the sport of ski jumping. In the 100 plus year of existence of the the St. Paul Ski Club, Tom's contributions have affected more positively and to a greater degree, the many facets of the sport of ski jumping than any the St. Paul Ski Club member.

In 1972, the members of the St. Paul Ski Club honored Tom Harrington for his numerous contributions, by naming their permanent 45 meter ski jumping facility, "Harrington Hill".

Through more than seven decades of participation and contributions, Tom Harrington continues to be a valued asset to skiing and lives of the youth the sport continues to serve.