



Hall of Fame

Kip Sundgaard

Inducted: November 6, 1992

As a long time member, Kip Sundgaard compiled an outstanding record as a competitor and representative of the St. Paul Ski Club.

In 1973, Kip was a National Junior Team member. In 1974, as a 17 year old, he topped the field of the St. Paul Winter Carnival Tournament - held at Battle Creek Park - with jumps of 196 and 197 feet. The 197 foot leap tied the hill record. Additionally, he leaped 202 feet, but a fall kept that effort from remaining in the record book.

In 1976, Kip was the National Collegiate Champion and placed second in the Canadian National Championship.

Also in 1976, he jumped his way to membership on the United States Olympic team. He remained a US Ski Jumping Team member for eight consecutive years.

Through the years 1975-1981, Sundgaard forged his name into the forefront with a second, third, and fourth place finish in the US Championships.

In 1979, Sundgaard had an enormous leap of 464 feet while competing during four days of ski flying at Planica, Yugoslavia. During that four day span he was the leading US skier, never having a "ride" of less than 400 feet.

During the early 1980's Sundgaard tied or set hill records at St. Paul, Ironwood, Ely, Westby, Coleraine, Minneapolis, Chicago and Lake Placid.

Sundgaard has won the St. Paul Memorial Ski Jumping trophy, given to the outstanding St. Paul ski jumper in the annual competition, on eight separate occasions.

At the time of his induction, Sundgaard held the current distance record of 163 feet on the St. Paul Ski Club's Harrington Hill.

As a competitor and representative of the sport of ski jumping, Kip Sundgaard carved a unique niche in the history of the sport as a member of the St. Paul Ski Club.