

From the Pine Tree State to the World Stage

Did you know that Maine has sent an athlete or coach to every Winter Olympic Games since 1948?

Many other Mainers have served as officials and technical advisors over the years.

We invite you to meet these remarkable people, and explore why Maine is home to so many outstanding Nordic and Alpine skiers, jumpers, and snowboarders.





MAINE IS A SPECIAL PLACE

Maine's landscape, history, and communities have all played a part in the state's Winter Olympic story.

History

Scandanavian immigrants first brought cross country skiing to Maine in 1870 when the state recruited more than 100 Swedes to immigrate and settle the town of New Sweden in northern Maine. Soon Norwegian and Finnish immigrants followed and settled across the state, bringing their skiing traditions and competitive spirit. In the early 20th century, towns celebrated winter with Winter Carnivals featuring Nordic competitions in cross country and ski jumping. Rivalries and the establishment of ski clubs and ski facilities followed, as Mainers pursued their passion for snow.



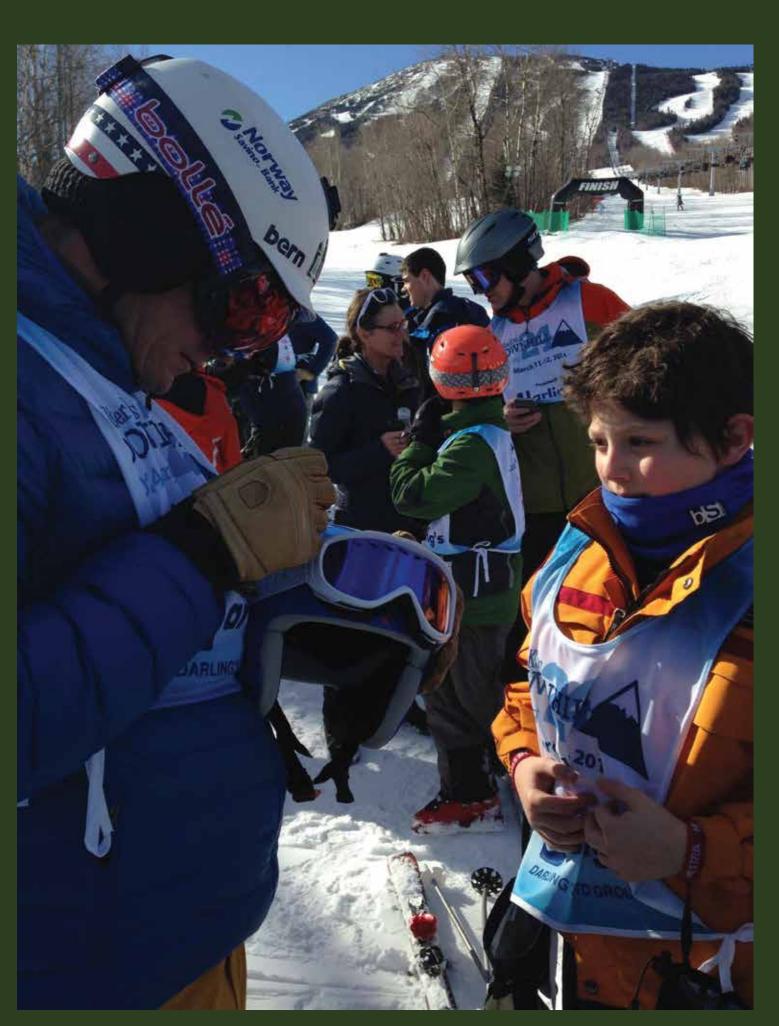
Skiers, New Sweden, ca. 1935
Collections of New Sweden Historical Society

Landscape

Maine's landscape is ideal for developing outstanding winter athletes. From miles and miles of cross country trails to challenging alpine terrain, opportunities to learn and perfect skiing and snowboarding skills abound.

Communities

Maine, a largely rural state, is known for its close knit communities. Several communities have developed strong Nordic and Alpine programs that have encouraged and supported young athletes. Maine's many small community ski areas make skiing and snowboarding accessible and affordable to a broad range of people, and several Maine high schools have highly competitive ski teams. Talented young skiers ready to take their skills to the next level can attend programs where academic schedules are adjusted to accommodate the ski racing season.



Olympian Seth Wescott inspires young Mainers.

Courtesy of WinterKids

These are some of the Maine ski areas, schools, and clubs that have played an important part in the achievements of our Olympians.

Clubs

Chisholm Ski Club Outdoor Sports Institute Pineland Ski Club Sugarloaf Ski Club The Maine Alpine Racing
Association (MARA), which
manages many of the amateur
Alpine skiing competitions in
the state, has also been a key
contributor to the success of
Maine athletes.

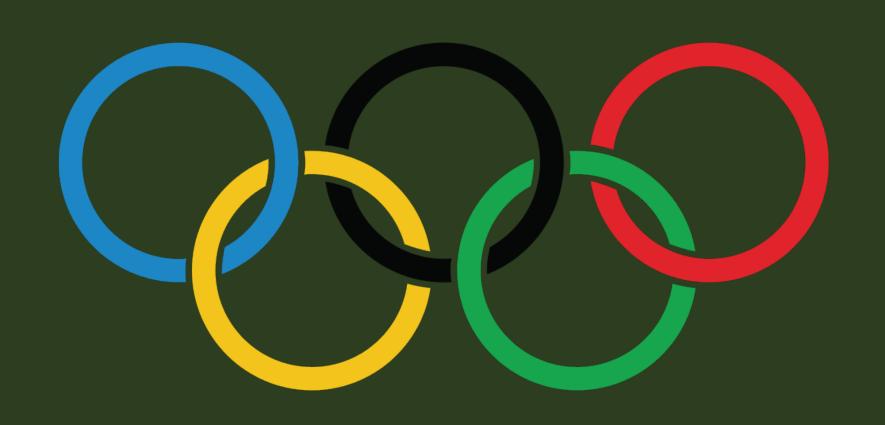
Schools

Andover High School
Bates College
Carrabassett Valley Academy
Edward Little High School
Fryeburg Academy
Gould Academy
Hebron Academy
Livermore Falls High School
Mt. Blue High School
Mountain Valley High School
Oxford Hills High School

Ski Areas

Black Mountain
Lost Valley
Sugarloaf
Sunday River

Visit the Ski Maine
Association website to learn
more about Maine ski areas.
https://skimaine.com/



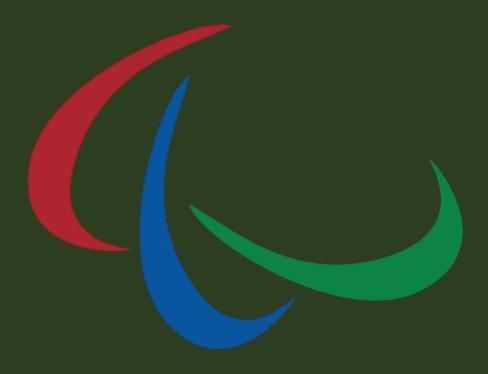
WINTER OLYMPIC HISTORY

The modern Olympic Games began in 1896 as a summer event. Twenty eight years later, the Olympic movement expanded to include the Winter Olympic Games. The original Winter Olympic sports were bobsleigh, curling, ice hockey, Nordic skiing (military patrol, cross country skiing, Nordic combined, ski jumping), and skating (figure skating and speed skating). Alpine skiing, biathlon, freestyle skiing, and snowboarding were added over the years.

The Games were held every four years from 1924 to 1936, interrupted in 1940 and 1944 by World War II, and resumed in 1948. Until 1992, the Winter and Summer Olympic Games were held in the same years. A 1986 decision by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) placed the Summer and Winter Games on separate four-year intervals in alternating even-numbered years. With this change, the next Winter Olympics after 1992 were in 1994, beginning a new four-year cycle that continued in 1998.

THE PARALYMPIC GAMES

The Winter Paralympic Games, which include athletes with mobility disabilities, amputations, blindness, and cerebral palsy, are held every four years directly following the Winter Olympic Games.



The first Winter Paralympics were held in 1976 at Örnsköldsvik, Sweden. Alpine and Nordic skiing for amputees and visually impaired athletes were the main events. The 1992 Winter Paralympics were the first Winter Games to use the same facilities as the Winter Olympics.

OLYMPIC TIMELINE

1894	Baron Pierre de Coubertin founds the International
	Olympic Committee (IOC)

1896 First modern Summer Games in Athens

1924 The first Winter Olympic Games, Chamonix, France

1928 St. Moritz, Switzerland

1932 Lake Placid (NY), United States

1936 Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

Alpine Skiing makes its Olympic debut.

1940 Planned for Sapporo, Japan but moved to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, following Japanese invasion of China. Cancelled following the German invasion of Poland

1944 Planned for Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy, cancelled

1948 St. Moritz, Switzerland

First Mainers in the Winter Olympics.

1952 Oslo, Norway

1956 Cortina D'Ampezzo, Italy

1960 Squaw Valley (CA), United States **Biathlon makes its Olympic debut.**

1964 Innsbruck, Austria

1968 Grenoble, France

1972 Sapporo, Japan

1976 Innsbruck, Austria

1980 Lake Placid (NY), United States

1984 Sarajevo, Yugoslavia (now Bosnia & Herzegovina)

1988 Calgary (AB), Canada

1992 Albertville, France

Freestyle Skiing makes its Olympic debut.

1994 Lillehammer, Norway

1998 Nagano, Japan

Snowboarding makes its Olympic debut.

2002 Salt Lake City (UT), United States

2006 Turin, Italy

2010 Vancouver (BC), Canada

2014 Sochi, Russia

2018 Pyeongchang, South Korea

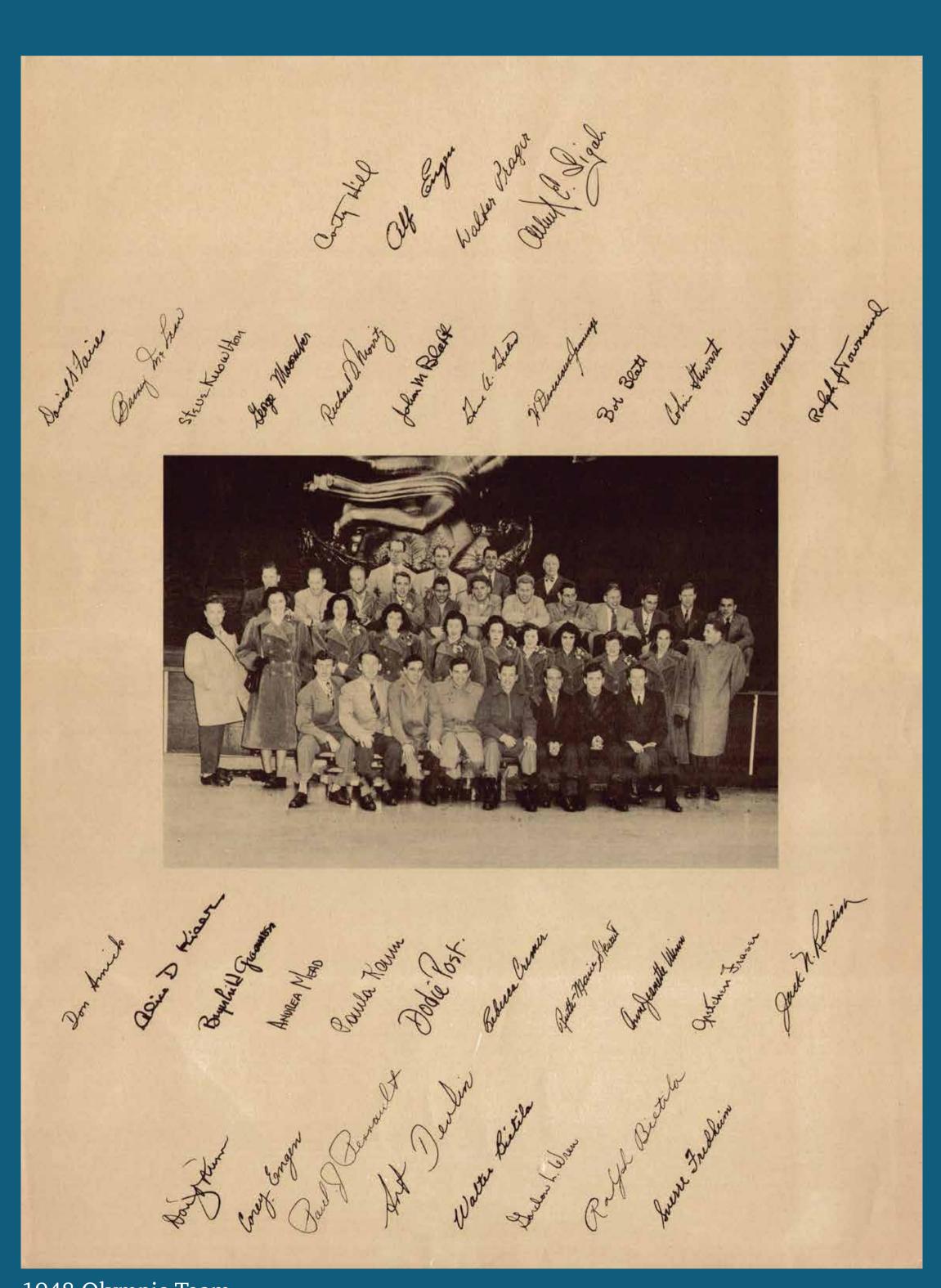
2022 Beijing, People's Republic of China



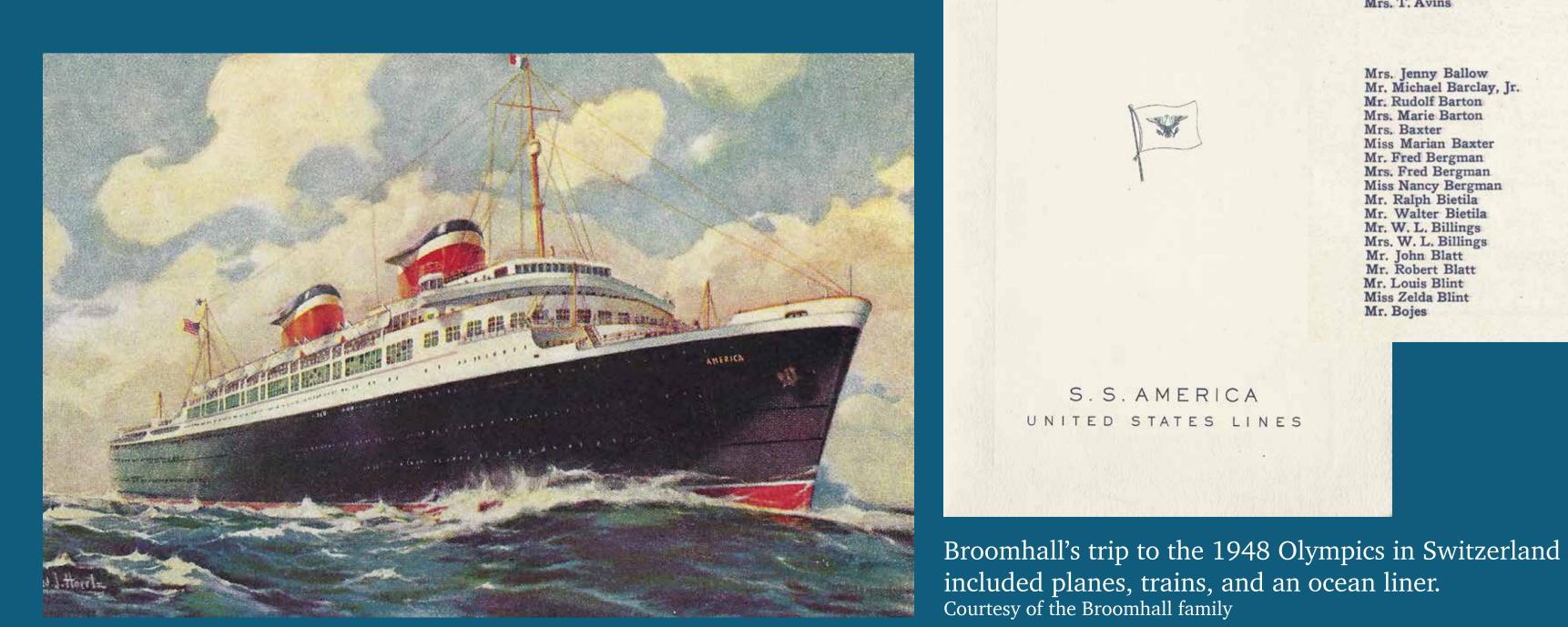
MAINE'S EARLIEST OLYMPIANS

Cross country skiing has given me so much, I felt the need to give back. I am fortunate to be involved in something I love, while giving others the opportunity to enjoy the sport.

- Wendall "Chummy" Broomhall



1948 Olympic Team
Courtesy of the Broomhall family





Wendall "Chummy" Broomhall Olympic Bib Courtesy of the Broomhall family

Wendall "Chummy" Broomhall

1919-2017

Hometown: Rumford, Maine

Chisholm Ski Club

Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 1979 U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, 1981 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2003

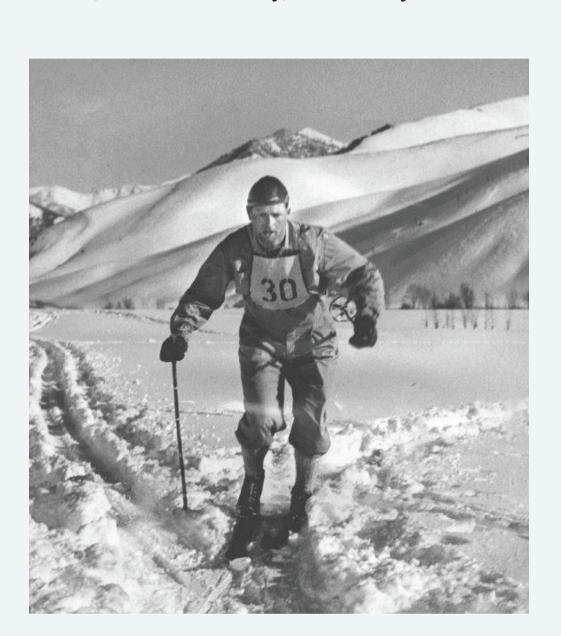
Military service: World War II, 10th Mountain Division, 87th Regiment, Company A, 1st Battalion-Detachment 2662

Perhaps Chummy Broomhall's most important contribution to Maine skiing is the many ways he gave back. A member of the Chisholm Ski Club since 1936, Chummy was instrumental in developing Black Mountain Ski Area, donating hundreds of acres of land and creating a cross country course that has hosted many local and national competitions. He coached and supported generations of young Maine skiers throughout his lifetime.

The Chisholm Ski Club and Black Mountain have produced six winter Olympians, including Chummy and three skiers he coached.

Olympic Games

1940, qualified, games cancelled 1948, St. Moritz, Cross Country 1952, Oslo, Cross Country 1960, Squaw Valley, Nordic Chief of Race and Technical Advisor 1980, Lake Placid, Nordic Chief of Course 2002, Salt Lake City, honorary volunteer



Charles Akers

1939-2016

Hometown: Andover, Maine

Olympic Games

1960, Squaw Valley, Cross Country 1964, Innsbruck, Biathlon

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2006

Military service: Biathlon Training Unit, Fort Richardson, Anchorage, Alaska

Robert Pidacks

1929-1999

Hometown: Rumford, Maine

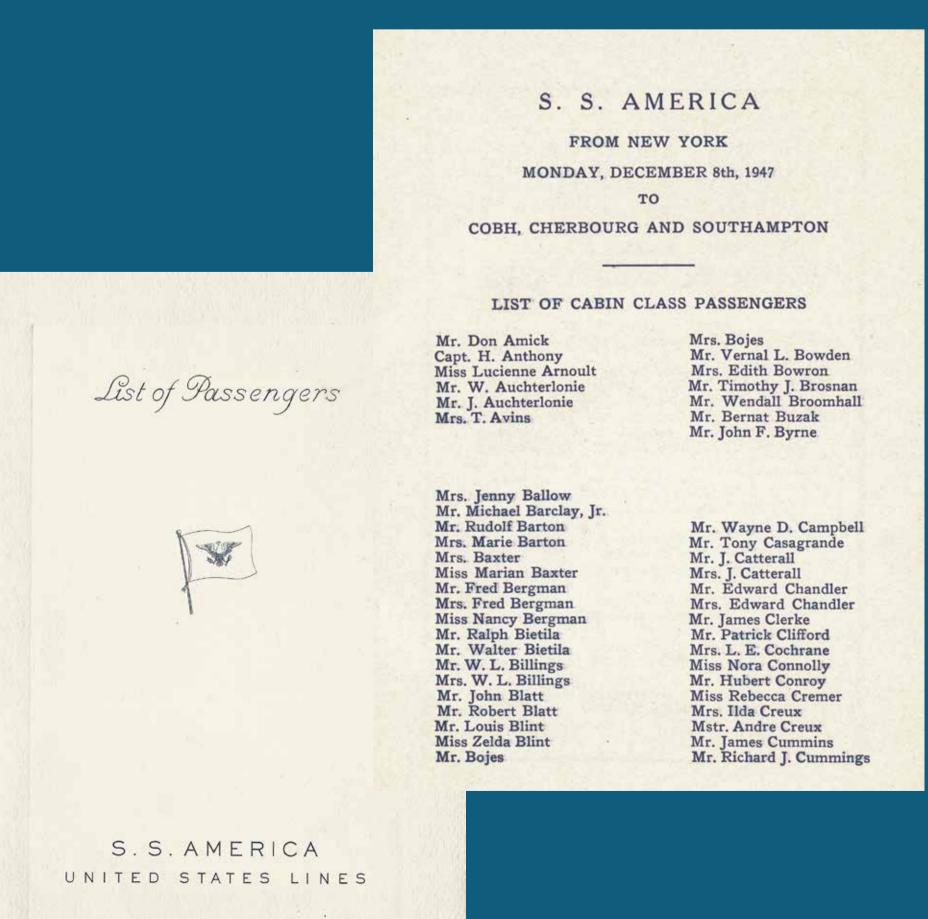
Chisholm Ski Club and Gould Academy

Olympic Games

1952, Oslo, Cross Country

University of Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 1990 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2005

Military service: Korean War





Robert Pidacks Memorabilia Courtesy of the Pidacks family



MAINE'S BIG YEAR: THE 1968 OLYMPICS

Four Mainers competed in the 1968 Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France: John Bower, Tom Upham, Jim Miller and Jack Lufkin.



A CONTINUING LEGACY

I tried to tap into [Maine's rich Nordic heritage]. A lot of who I am today was made possible by the opportunities that people gave me to ski.

- Dan Simoneau







Jack Lufkinr Olympic Bib Courtesy of Jack Lufkin

John Bower

1940-2017

Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Olympic Games

1964, Innsbruck, Nordic Combined 1968, Grenoble, Nordic Combined

U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, 1969 Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 1976 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2003 Lewiston Auburn Sports Hall of Fame Middlebury College Hall of Fame, 2014

John Bower made American skiing history in 1968, winning the coveted King's Cup in Nordic Combined at the 70th Holmenkollen Festival in Oslo, Norway.

Tom Upham

Born 1943 Hometown: Lewiston, Maine

Edward Little High School

Olympic Games

1968, Grenoble, Nordic Combined 1976, Innsbruck, Women's Cross Country coach

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2007

Jack Lufkin

Born 1948 Hometown: Rumford, Maine

Chisholm Ski Club

Olympic Games

1968, Grenoble, Cross Country

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2006

Chisholm Ski Club

Born 1947

James Miller

Hometown: Mexico, Maine

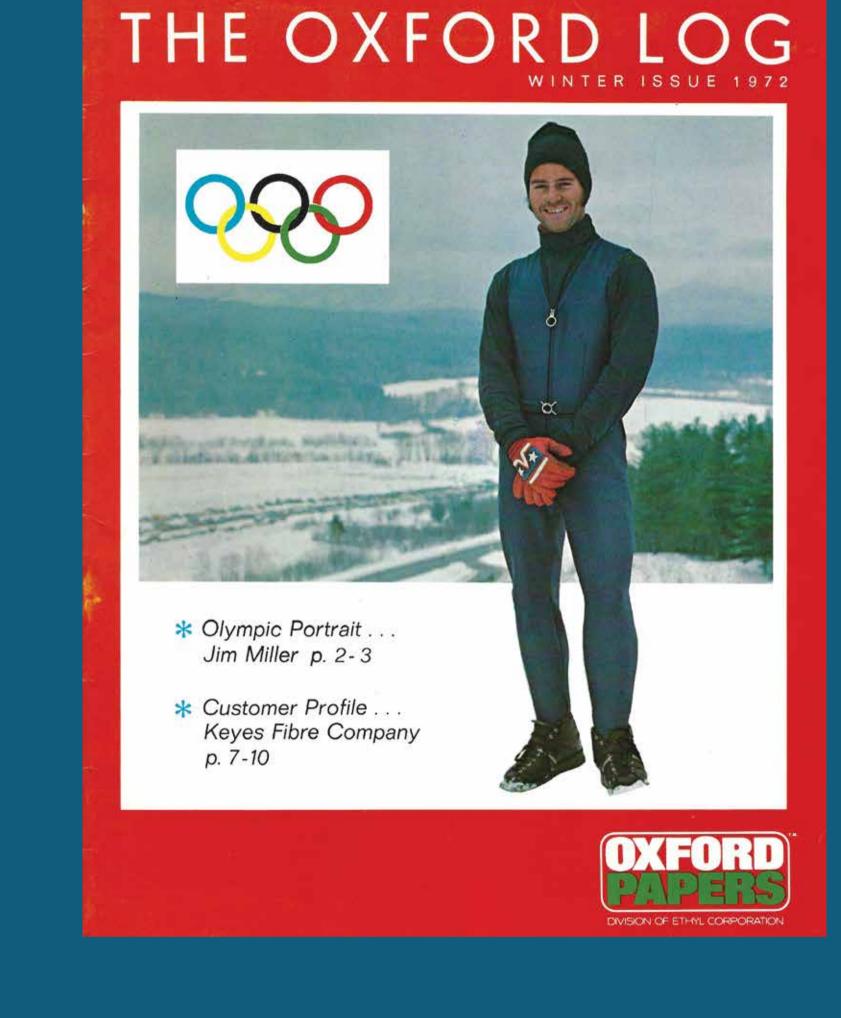
Olympic Games

1968, Grenoble, Nordic Combined 1972, Sapporo, Nordic Combined

Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 1980 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2007

It became a goal for us to get on the U.S. national teams, get to the world championships, get to the Olympics. We knew it was possible because other people had done it.

- Tom Upham





Nancy Fiddler Olympic Bib Courtesy of Nancy Fiddler

I just had an army of supporters at both Olympics. That was really important to me because it felt like the state of Maine was my fan club.

- Leslie Bancroft-Krichko

Leslie Bancroft-Krichko

Born 1959

Hometown: Paris, Maine

Oxford Hills High School

Olympic Games

1980, Lake Placid, Cross Country 1988, Calgary, Cross Country

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2008 Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 2017

Nancy Fiddler Born 1956

Learned to ski at Bates College, Lewiston, Maine

Olympic Games

1988, Calgary, Cross Country 1992, Albertville, Cross Country

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2016

Marcus Nash

Born 1971

Hometown: Fryeburg, Maine

Olympic Games

Fryeburg Academy

1994, Lillehammer, Cross Country 1998, Nagano, Cross Country

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2010

Robert Kendall

1947-1992 Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Edward Little High School

Olympic Games

1972, Sapporo, Nordic Combined

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2008

Dan Simoneau

Born 1959

Hometown: Farmington, Maine

Livermore High School

Olympic Games

1980, Lake Placid, did not compete 1984, Sarajevo, Cross Country 1988, Calgary, Cross Country

Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 1988 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2008



When I was one of the early athletes to jump on board with what Maine Winter Sports Center was offering, nobody had any idea really how it worked. This was a completely new and revolutionary thing to do.

- Russell Currier

Russell Currier

Born 1987

Hometown: Stockholm, Maine

Maine Winter Sports Center

Olympic Games

2014, Sochi, Biathlon 2018, Pyeongchang, Biathlon

Russell Currier was introduced to the sport of biathlon in elementary school through a program offered at the Maine



Source: Wikimedia Commons, Marcus Cyron

Winter Sports Center in Aroostook County. He was the first athlete trained solely by the Maine Winter Sports Center (now the Outdoor Sports Institute) to win a place on the Olympic team.



Clare Egan

Born 1987

Hometown: Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Craftsbury Green Racing Project

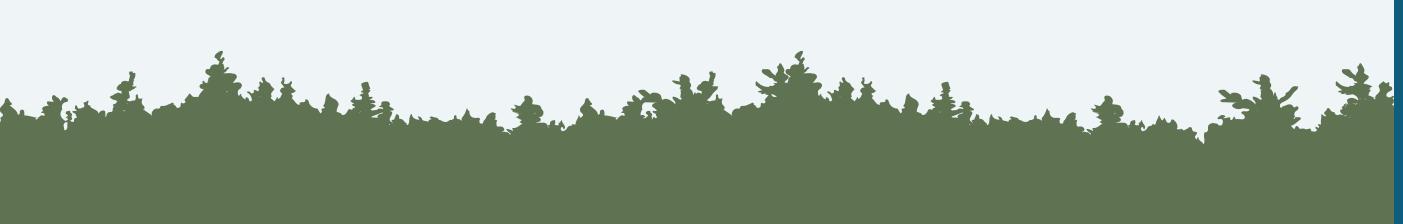
Olympic Games

2018, Pyeongchang, Biathlon

Clare Egan began competing as a cross country skier in middle school, but didn't take up biathlon until the age of 25. Five years later, she was racing in the Olympics.



Source: Wikimedia Commons, Christian Bier



With the Olympics behind me, I feel liberated! I feel like I can go and do my sport because I want to. I can have fun with it.





I was addicted to the speed and the free-dom of being on the snow.

- Sara Billmeier

Sarah Billmeier

Born 1977

Hometown: Yarmouth, Maine

Green Mountain Valley School, Vermont

Paralympic Games

1992, Albertville, Alpine, LW2

Gold: Downhill, Giant Slalom, Super G 1994, Lillehammer, Alpine, LW2

Gold: Downhill, Super G Silver: Slalom

1998, Nagano, Alpine, LW2

Gold: Downhill, Slalom Silver: Super G

Bronze: Giant Slalom

2002, Salt Lake City, Alpine, LW2 Gold: Super G Silver: Downhill, Slalom

Arete Award for Courage in Sports, 1992 U.S. Olympic Committee Skier of the Year, 2000 New England Women's Sports Hall of Fame, 2005 National Disabled Ski Hall of Fame, 2008 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2009

Sara Billmeier lost a leg to bone cancer at age 5, started skiing at age 8, and won three Paralympic gold medals at age 14. During her eight years on the U.S. Disabled Team she won 8 Paralympic Gold Medals, 6 World Championship titles, and 10 U.S. National Championship crowns, the best record of any Maine skier, ever.

Carl Burnett

Born 1981

Hometown: Cape Elizabeth, Maine

Paralympic Games

2002, Salt Lake City, Alpine, Sitting 2006, Torino, Alpine, Sitting 2010, Vancouver, Alpine, Sitting

Burnett was paralyzed below the waist in a car crash when he was five years old. He took up ski racing at age 12 after watching a race in New Hampshire, and at age 15, he swept all four junior national titles.

Craig Gray

Born 1955

Hometown: Newport and Scarborough, Maine

Paralympic Games

1998, Nagano, Cross Country, Sitting

New England Wheelchair Athletic Association Male Athlete of the Year, 2003 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2013

When Craig Gray couldn't find the available equipment suitable for his needs in the U.S., he worked with his brother-in-law to design and manufacture improved sit-ski and adaptive cross country ski equipment.

Luba Lowery

Born 1988

Hometown: Cumberland, Maine

Gould Academy and Sunday River

Paralympic Games 2010, Vancouver, Alpine, Sitting

Head of School Award, Gould Academy, 2006 National Sports Center for the Disabled Stephen Ricci Award for Leadership, 2010 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2015

Luba Lowery was adopted from her native Russia at the age of four by a Maine family, and began skiing in the Maine Adaptive Sports program at Sunday River at age 5. She ended up losing a leg to a congenital bone defect when she was 8, but she kept skiing, joining the ski team three years later.

David Chamberlain

Born 1975

Born 1975 Hometown: Wilton, Maine

Paralympic Games

2014, Sochi, guide for Kevin Burton, Cross Country and Biathlon

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2017



skis and poles he used with the frame.

Courtesy of Craig Gray





SETH WESCOTT
2-Time Olympic Gold Midalist | 9-Time X-Games Medalist | 2005 FISWORLD CUP CHAMPION | SUGARLOATER SINCE 1987

You are representing your country, but it feels more like you're representing your state. Those are the people that you interact with and that have supported you. ... When you're there, at the Olympics, you're carrying all those people's hopes and dreams.

- Seth Wescott





Seth Wescott

Born 1976

Hometown: Farmington and Carrabassett Valley

Carrabassett Valley Academy

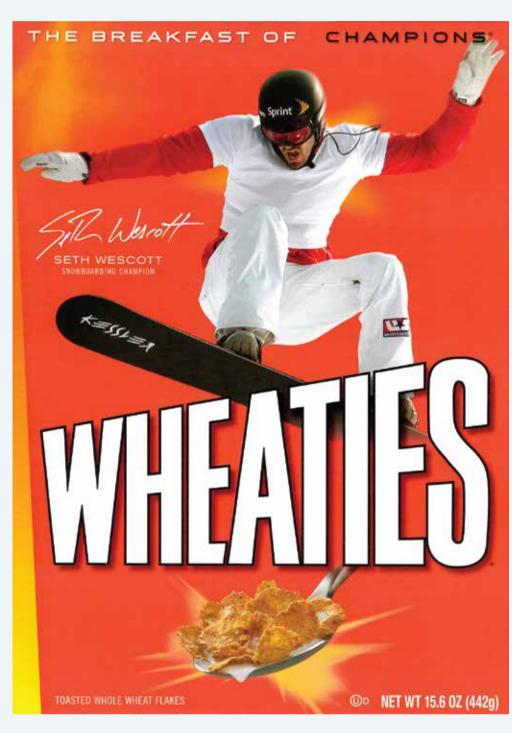
Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 2011

Seth Wescott is one of the most accomplished and decorated athletes in snowboarding history. He reached the podium in every major snowboardcross (SBX) event in the world - the Olympics, United States National Championships, Winter X Games, and World Championships. Seth was the first Olympic Gold Medalist in SBX, winning its Olympic debut at the Turin Winter Games in 2006, and successfully defending his title at the Vancouver Winter Games in 2010.

These days, Wescott divides his time between designing snowboards for his company, Winterstick, advocating for active lifestyles for kids in Maine through *Take It Outside* and *WinterKids*, and working with other outdoor athletes at *Protect Our Winters*. You might find him carving fresh powder riding among the peaks of Alaska's mountain ranges, and catching waves on his surfboard. Wescott is also a business partner at The Rack BBQ, a restaurant at Sugarloaf.

Olympic Games

2006, Turin, Snowboarding
Gold: Snowboardcross
2010, Vancouver, Snowboarding
Gold: Snowboardcross



Wescott is only the second Mainer to be featured on a Wheaties box. Joan Benoit Samuelson was pictured on a 100th Anniversary Boston Marathon box in 1996. Image courtesy of Leigh Breidenbach.

Troy Murphy

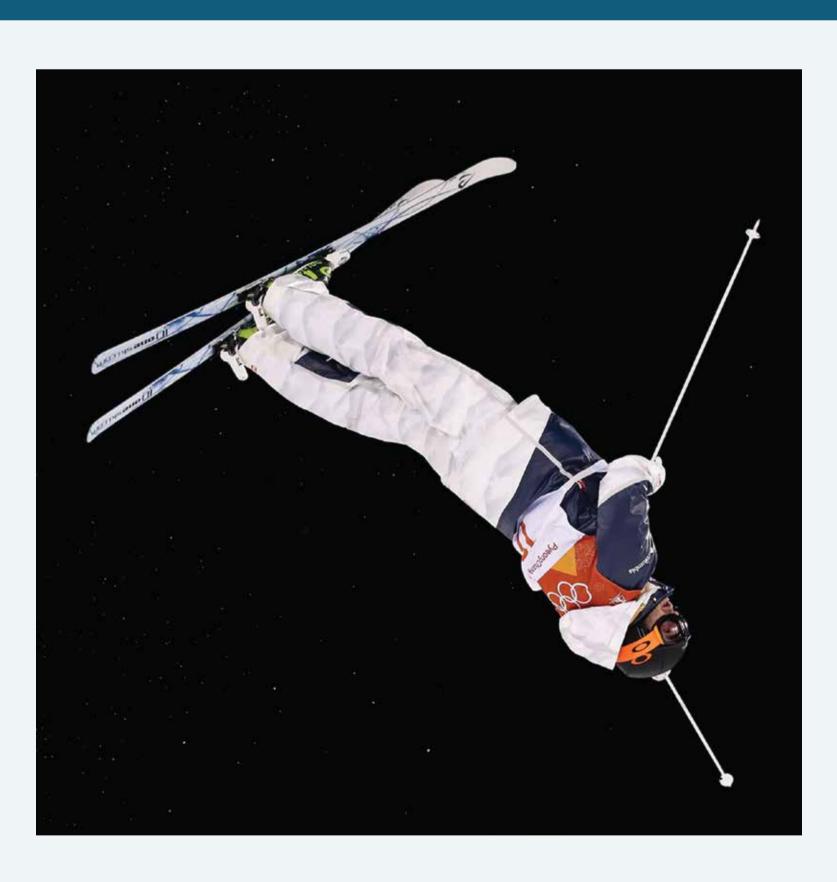
Born 1992 Hometown: Bethel, Maine

Gould Academy

Olympic Games

2018, Pyeongchang, Freestyle Moguls

Murphy's strength as a moguls skier has always been his jumps. He performs several jumps with high degrees of difficulty, giving him an edge in competition. He didn't get into moguls skiing until he was ten and wasn't expecting to take it to this level.





I just wanted to have fun with my friends. It's still like that but it got me to the Olympics. So that's pretty cool.

- Troy Murphy



Karl Anderson

Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Edward Little High School

1976, Innsbruck, Alpine

1980, Lake Placid, Alpine

Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 2001

Karl Anderson was the first Maine skier

to represent the U.S. in an Alpine event

competition, he moved on to leadership

roles in U.S. skiing at the national and

Olympic levels. He also became a great

program and served as coach for Maine

and a state of the state of the

supporter of the Special Olympics

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2005

When Anderson retired from

Olympic Games

at the Olympics.

Special Olympians.

Born 1953

It's a small community. You feel a lot of support. A lot of people care for you. They're excited when you do well, sad when you don't do well, sadder when you get hurt.

- Kirsten Clark-Rickenbach





Kirsten Clark-Rickenbach

Born 1977

Hometown: Raymond, Maine

Carrabassett Valley Academy

Olympic Games 1998, Nagano, Alpine

2002, Salt Lake City, Alpine 2006, Turin, Alpine

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2010 U.S. Ski & Snowboard Hall of Fame, 2012 Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 2016

Kirsten Clark-Rickenbach is fast, very fast, on skis. She was about nine when she and her brother Sean would head to the woods at Sugarloaf to weave around trees while evading ski patrol. But she doesn't recall ever getting in trouble. "They couldn't catch us."

Clark-Rickenbach may not have won any Olympic medals, but her record in U.S. National Championships and World Cup competition speaks volumes. In 1998 she won the first of four straight U.S. Downhill titles, the only U.S. woman to achieve that feat. Kirsten competed for the U.S. in six World Championships, winning the silver medal in the Super G in 2003.



sugarloaf/usa

Sugarloaf's U.S. Ski Team members Anna and Julie Parisien of Auburn, Maine.

"The best part of coming home is sking the Maine Mountain."

Julie Parisien Born 1971

Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Lost Valley and Sugarloaf Burke Mountain Academy

Olympic Games

1992, Albertville, Alpine 1994, Lillehammer, Alpine 1998, Nagano, Alpine

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2008

Alpine Skier of the Year, Ski Racing Magazine, 1990 Maine Sports Hall of Fame, 2001 U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, 2006

Julie Parisien got her skiing start at Lost Valley at the age of two and soon was racing her brothers and sister down those slopes. Through grade school Julie skied after school at Lost Valley and on weekends with the family at Sugarloaf. As a high school freshman she moved to Burke Mountain Academy to seriously pursue her goal of becoming a world class ski racer.

Parisien is known for her toughness and perseverance. While training for the 1992 Olympics, Julie fell and broke her wrist. But rather than quit, her dad, an orthopedist, made her a special cast that allowed her to keep training. You can see the mitt she wore over the cast in the photo above. She went on to a strong fourth place finish in the slalom at Albertville.

Julie Parisien comes from a family of top-notch competitive skiers. Her siblings Rob and Anne-Lise also competed at the Olympics in Alpine skiing. Their eldest brother, Jean Paul (1968–1992), captained the Williams College ski team and coached at Burke Mountain Academy.

Anne-Lise Parisien

Born 1972 Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Lost Valley and Sugarloaf

Burke Mountain Academy

Olympic Games 1994, Lillehammer, Alpine

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2014

Early in her career, Anne-Lise dominated junior skiing in the U.S., winning multiple medals.

Rob Parisien

Born 1970 Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Lost Valley and Sugarloaf Burke Mountain Academy

Olympic Games

1992, Albertville, Alpine

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2014

In 2007, Rob, an orthopedic trauma surgeon, spent a year as U.S. Ski Team Physician.



Patch from Karl Anderson's Olympic Jacket Courtesy of Karl Anderson



Julie Parisien's Olympic Bib Courtesy of Julie Parisien



From Julie Parisien's Olympic Jacket Courtesy of Julie Parisien



Coach Al Merrill

Hometown: Andover, Maine

Hebron Academy and Pineland Ski Club

Olympic Games

1940, Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany (qualified as athlete but games canceled) 1956, Cortina D'Ampezzo, U.S. Nordic Team Coach 1960, Squaw Valley, Nordic Chief of Course 1964, Innsbruck, U.S. Nordic Team Coach 1968, Grenoble, U.S. Nordic Team Coach 1980, Lake Placid, Nordic Chief of Race

U.S. Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, 1974 Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2003

Military service: World War II, 83rd Infantry Division, Europe; Purple Heart, Distinguished Service Medal, Bronze Star.

Merrill coached the U.S. Nordic ski team in three Olympics, and served as an official at two additional Olympic Games. He was the American representative to the cross country committee of the International Ski Federation for over two decades. Merrill was also the coach of the Dartmouth College ski team from 1956 to 1972.



Coach Al Merrill (right) at Dartmouth with ski team captain Dick Taylor, ca. 1959. Courtesy of Dartmouth College Library.

Coach Peter Davis

Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Edward Little High School

Olympic Games

1980, Lake Placid, Assistant Coach, U.S. Nordic Team

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2015

Peter Davis directed programs and coached Nordic athletes in Vermont and Wisconsin. He served as an assistant coach for the U. S. at the 1978 World Nordic Championships and head coach of the 1979 U.S. World Junior Nordic team.

Coach Bob Harkins

Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Edward Little High School

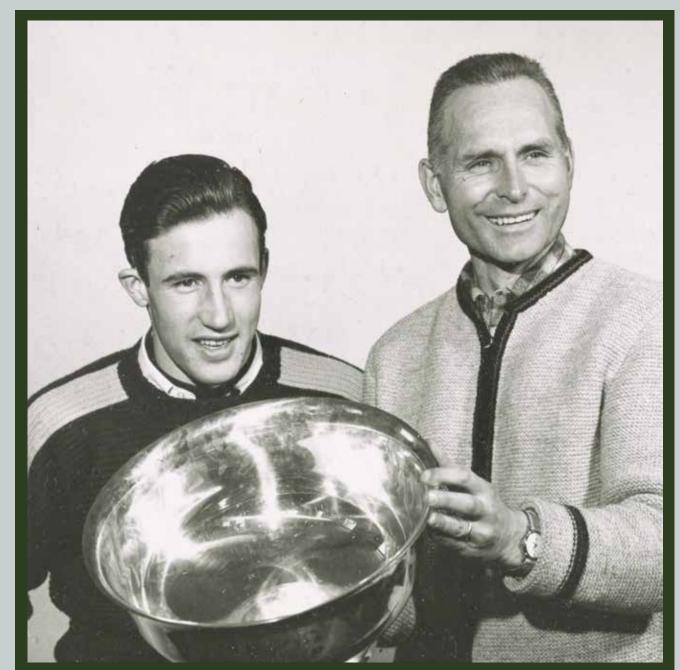
Olympic Games

1988, Calgary, Alpine Operations Manager

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2010

Bob Harkins has directed and coached Alpine skiing programs at Sunday River, Gould Academy, and in Oregon and Washington.

As Director of Skiing at Sunday River, Harkins was part of the team that created the innovative Perfect Turn Skier Development Program.



Coach Greg Poirier

Hometown: Rumford, Maine

Chisholm Ski Club

Olympic Games

1992, Albertville, Head Coach, U.S. Ski Jumping Team 1994, Lillehammer, Jump Coach, U.S. Nordic Combined Team

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2013

Greg Poirier has coached and directed Nordic programs, both jumping and cross country, across the U.S. and Canada. He was also a long-time assistant coach for the U.S. Nordic Combined Team.

Coach Mike Day

Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Carrabassett Valley Academy

Olympic Games

2002, Salt Lake City, Alpine, Men's Coach 2018, Pyeongchang, Alpine, Women's Coach

Mike Day coached with the U.S. Men's Alpine team for many years, and returned to Team USA in 2016 to coach Olympic gold medalist Mikaela Shiffrin.

Coach Forest Carey

Hometown: Kingfield, Maine

Carrabassett Valley Academy

Olympic Games

1998, Nagano, Alpine, Men's Coach 2002, Salt Lake City, Alpine, Men's Coach 2006, Turin, Alpine, Men's Coach 2010, Vancouver, Alpine, Men's Coach 2014, Sochi, Alpine, Men's Coach 2018, Pyeongchang, Alpine, Men's Coach

Forest Carey coached Olympic and World Championship skiers Bode Miller and Ted Ligety.

He received the USSA International Coach of the Year Award in 2011 and 2015, and coached alpine skiing at Middlebury College and Carrabassett Valley Academy.



Mainers have contributed their expertise as officials at the Winter Olympics since the 1960s. Some, like Chummy Broomhall and Al Merrill, crossed over from being Olympic athletes and coaches. These are some of the Mainers who officiated at Olympic Games and served their field in so many ways.

Jean Luce

Hometown: Portland, Maine Sugarloaf Ski Club

Olympic Games

1980, Lake Placid, Organizing Committee and Alpine Events Administrator

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2004

Jean has officiated at every level of ski racing: World Cup, World Championship, and Olympic. As a member of the organizing committee for the Lake Placid Olympics, Luce spent three years organizing and training volunteers. She also served as Chairman of USEASA Freestyle Committee and Alpine Committee, and wrote the Eastern Freestyle Rule Book in 1969. Luce served six years on the USSA Board of Directors. She led the process of organizing the 1971 Tall Timber Classic World Cup Race at Sugarloaf, and was a leading founder of Carrabassett Valley Academy.







Galen Sayward

Hometown: Guilford, Maine

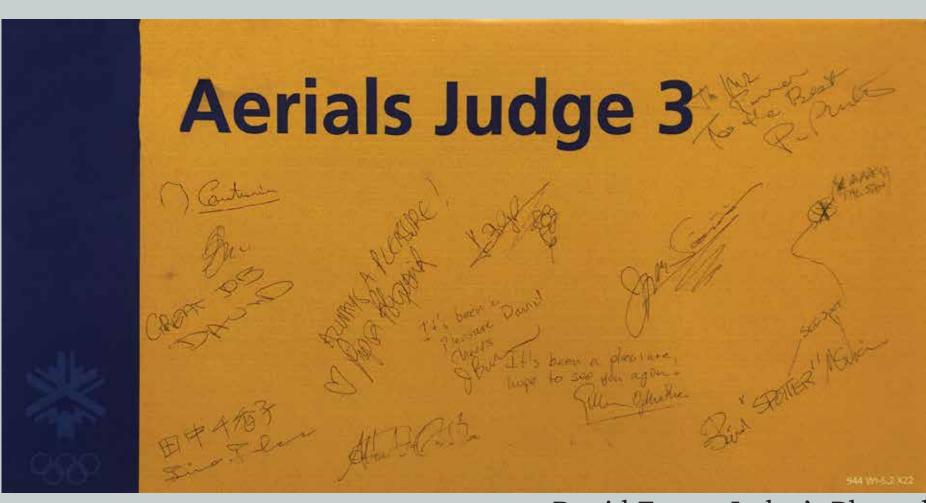
Olympic Games

1980, Lake Placid, Cross Country Chief of Hand Timing Calculations

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2007

Sayward was also selected to judge ski jumping at the Lake Placid Olympics, but since jumping and cross country were taking place at the same time, he chose cross country.





David Farrar Judge's Placard
Courtesy of David Farrar

David Farrar

Hometown: Gorham, Maine

Olympic Games

2002, Salt Lake City, Freestyle Judge

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2011

Farrar has been involved in the rule-making process for freestyle skiing, and has trained many other judges.





Patch from Galen Sayward's
Olympic Jacket
Courtesy of Galen Sayward

Tom Kendall

Hometown: Auburn, Maine

Olympic Games

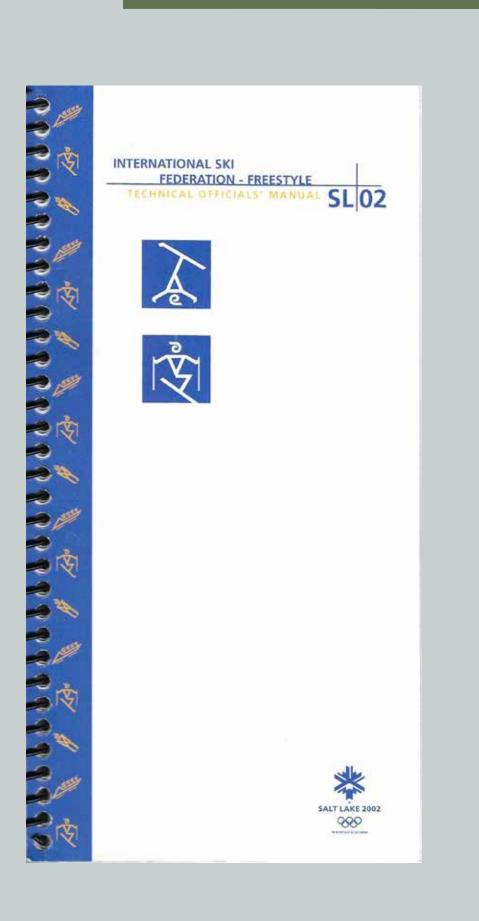
1980, Lake Placid, Assistant Chief of Protocol, Cross Country 2002, Salt Lake City, Chief of Timing, Cross

2002, Salt Lake City, Chief of Tin Country and Biathlon

Maine Ski Hall of Fame, 2015

A specialist in ski race timing, Kendall developed a computer timing and scoring system which he called B.A.R.T., for "Best Available Race Timing." It was first used to compile and print results at Black Mountain for the Chisholm Ski Club in the 1980s. He continued to improve and refine the system, and it has been used for club skiing and by schools and colleges.









Chisholm Ski Club Volunteers

Members of the Chisholm Ski Club served as volunteers at all three Winter Games hosted by the U.S.

Squaw Valley, 1960 Chummy Broomhall Bucky Broomhall John Roderick Ed MacDonald

Lake Placid, 1980

Chummy Broomhall
Aurele Legere
Al Miller
Hal Buck
Francis Gauthier
Leonide Arsenault
Al Beane
Scott Broomhall
Bill Chenard
Ed MacDonald

Salt Lake City, 2002
Chummy Broomhall
Bucky Broomhall
Ray Broomhall
Scott Broomhall
Dan Warner
Tom Kendall
Dick & Mary Kendall
Rich Rivard
Tom Ross
Herb Adams
Dave Hanscom
Peter Hale

Neil Giberson

Rick Hale

Paul Jones

TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION

2002 Winter Olympics and Paralympic Winter Games







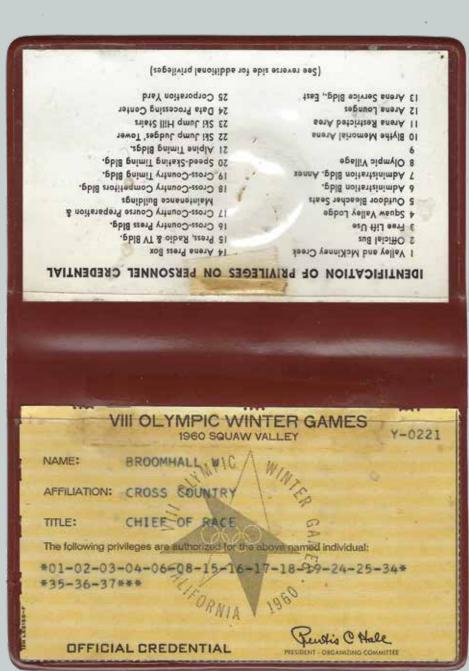


Eric Kankainen

Structural Engineer Hometown: Kingfield, Maine

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Wendell "Chummy" Broomhall's Chief of Race Credentials 1960 Olympics Courtesy of the Broomhall family



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