

## **SVERRE FREDHEIM**

Sverre was born in Norway, won his first ski meet at age 8. He come to the U.S. in 1927.

- 1930 Joined St. Paul Ski club, winning the city title his first year.
- 1931 Won Class B title at the Central US Ski Jumping Championships, moving into Class A. After the meet, Sverre leaped 192 feet, surpassing the hill record and all Class A competitors.
- **1934** Won the Class A Central title at Devils Lake, ND defeating the National Champion.
- 1935 Became a US citizen. Placed second in the National Championships winning a place on the Olympic team. Was listed as the #2 jumper on the All American Ski Jumper list.
- 1936 At the Olympics in Germany, he placed highest of all American skiers and 11<sup>th</sup> in the finals. In practice he made his longest leap of 283 feet at Garmisch but fell. The hill record was 281 feet!
- 1937 He won first place in eight different meets in the Central Championships. Set the Central hill record of 212 feet at Devil's Lake, ND which held for 3 years.
- **1939** He won the Central US Class A title at New London, WI for the third time. No Olympics in 1940 due to the war.
- 1948 He was the second highest of the American skiers at the St. Moritz, Switzerland Olympics at the age of 41.
- 1955 He moved into the Veteran's class at the age of 48, winning many silver and bronze medals in the National and Central Championships into his 50's. Active competitor until age 60.