



GENE KOTLAREK

- 1945** Began his skiing career at age five in Duluth, MN.
- 1957** Won the MN State High School title. Later had a mishap in training sustaining a broken collar bone but went on to win the Boys title at the National Junior Championship.
- 1958** Named to the FIS World Championship team; won almost every major competition he entered.
- 1959** At age 19, won the Junior A title and set a new hill record at the Nationals in Leavenworth, WA.
- 1960** Competed in the Squaw Valley Olympic Games; went on to compete in Canada, Norway, Latvia and Yugoslavia.
- 1963** Won the National A title, set a new record at Steamboat Springs, CO; 4th place at Holmenkollen Ski Festival in Norway.
- 1964** Member of the Olympic Ski Team in Innsbruck, Austria. Because of injury and illness, he missed placing for a medal. At a ski flying competition in Oberstdorf, Germany, he set an American record of 454' that would last for 9 years.
- 1966** Won the National title in Iron Mountain, MI; competed in the FIS World Championships in Oslo, Norway.
- 1967** Retired from jumping at the age of 27 after a near crippling injury to an ankle.
- 1968-1970** National Ski Jumping Team coach.
- 1982** Elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, MI.