



## **STRAND H. MIKKELSEN**

- 1904** Born in Kongsberg, Norway. Won his first ski trophy at the age of eight. At 17, he finished second with a jump of 46 meters, nine meters off the world's record at that time.
- 1924** Immigrated to Canada.
- 1926, 1927** Won the Canadian Western Championship.
- 1929** Won the U.S. National Championship at Brattleboro, VT; the Swedish Ski Club Tournament in Bear Mt, NY; placed 2nd in the USEASA Championships at Rumford, ME; won the U.S. National Jump title and set a hill record at Lake Placid, NY. He moved to Greenfield, MA where he operated a ski shop and became a ski instructor at Greenfield's Weldon Hotel.
- 1932** At the Olympic trials in Greenfield, he broke a ski at the end of a jump and with one ski broke the 179' record.
- 1934** Became professional and founded the Eastern Professional Ski Association. He made the longest jump of 257' at Ecker Hill, Salt Lake City, UT. At this time, he was considered the leading ski jumper in the U.S.
- He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the Army.
- 1951** Moved to Worcester, MA and operated a ski shop there and at Mt. Wachusett, Princeton, MA. He joined the Scandinavian Ski Club of Worcester, MA.
- 1964** Died February 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 1974** Elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, MI.