

CARL LEONARD EK

Carl was born in Red Wing, MN on February 18, 1879 and began skiing at an early age. He was a prominent member of the nationally recognized Aurora Ski Club of Red Wing, MN for many years and was mentioned in "city ski circles" as early as 1892. These jumpers were fondly known as "Sky Crashers".

He was one of the founders of the National Ski Association and was part of Aurora's "All-Americans" ski team, which distinguished itself in the sport of ski jumping during the first two decades of the 1900's. He jumped in many tournaments and was one of the top scorers in the club.

After 52 years of jumping, he retired with his last jump at age 60 at the National Tournament in Red Wing, MN.

Carl worked in the carpenter trade and moved with his wife to Wisconsin in 1937. They raised three daughters. At the age of 87 he passed away April 18, 1966 in Clear Lake, WI.