



## **CARL HOWELSEN**

**1877-1955**

**Emigrated to the United States from Norway at the age of 28 with many honors as a skier.**

- 1895** At the age of 18, already scored among the top jumping and cross-country competitors participating in Holmenkollen, Norway tourneys.
- 1903** Won the grueling 50-kilometer Nordic combined race for the second time, considered the greatest Nordic tourney of the world. His trophies included the Crown Prince Silver Cup, the King's Silver Cup and Holmenkollen Gold Medal.
- 1905** Began in the US as a ski performer with Ringling Brothers' Circus. Organized the Norge Ski Club in Chicago.
- 1910** Began discovering skiing in the Colorado mountains. "The wild Swede" started ski jumping in Steamboat with his crudely built ski jump on the hillside.
- 1915** Built a ski jump near Steamboat, named Howelsen Hill, recognized as among the world's greatest trajectories. Also, helped form the Steamboat Springs Winter Sport Club, the oldest organization of its kind in CO. Early world distance marks were established on this hill. Remodeled in 1951 where over 300 ft distances were achieved.
- 1922** Won Class A Jumping Championship, Steamboat Springs, CO, his last event in the U.S. Returned and settled in Oslo. Continued ski jumping until 1948.
- 1955** Died at 78 years.