



PAUL (JOE) PERRAULT

1924 Born in Green Bay, WI; moved to Ishpeming while very young and on skis at an early age.

Through hard work and concentration he became America's most stylish power jumper following the grace and style of the European's. He taught others this grace and style.

Joined the military during WWII. Joined the 10th Mountain Division, going to Camp Hale, CO for Ski Troop training. Awarded the Silver Star for carrying his wounded sergeant to safety.

Resumed his jumping career with the Ishpeming Ski Club winning several tournaments, setting hill records as well as the North American distance record.

1946 Organized the Ishpeming Junior Ski Club, with about 30-35 junior skiers, including Rudy Maki and Dr. Jack Bietila.

1948 Member of the Olympic Team

1949 Set a new North American Distance record of 297 feet at Pine Mountain Ski Hill in Iron Mountain, MI. "It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

1952 Unable to compete with the Olympic Team because of a back injury.

1971 Inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame