



INGVAR “OLE” ARNESON SR

1906 Born in Oslo, Norway he was destined to become an integral part of the American Ski Jumping scene. His career spanned 60 years.

1919 At age 13, he won the Norwegian National Boys Championship. He moved to America in 1924 at age 18.

1932 He and two others founded the Tri-Norse Ski Club and joined the Central US Ski Association. The only hill within 50 miles big enough and facing north was Dyracuse Mound where a 40-meter ski jump was constructed. It wasn't until 2012 that the Club finally had full ownership of the property that the jump was built on! He asked the city to build a smaller jump of 20-meters in Wisconsin Rapids at Gaynor Park.

1936 Won the Class B National Championships in Chicago, IL

1938 Skiing for the New London Ski Club he jumped 196 ft at an international meet in Chicago where the Chicago Tribune called him “the soaring Scandinavian”.

1939 Won a place on the 1940 Olympic Ski Team. However, the Olympics were cancelled that year due to World War II.

1942 He won the Senior Class US Championships, Duluth, MN. He retired from skiing in 1955 at the age of 49

1947-1971 Was president of the Tri-Norse Ski Club. In Wisconsin Rapids a new 20-meter Ski Jump, a sledding hill and a park on the west side was named Ingvar Arneson Hill.

Served as Vice President of the Central Division for 4 years and many years as director of the Junior Ski Association.