

# Ed Brisson

Ed Brisson was born in 1923, in Munising, Michigan. His competitive skiing career reflects a talented, dedicated individual, who successfully participated in numerous competitions in the CUSSA and at the National level. However, it is in the category of ski sport builder that Ed Brisson established the requirements for election to the American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame as briefly describe herein.

Upon retirement from competition, he continued his involvement in ski jumping by voluntarily coaching and cooperatively leading the educational training of other coaches in the CUSSA and also at the USSA level. Brisson served as Head Coach of the CUSSA Ski Jumping Division for many years, paying his own expenses to save the division tens of thousands of dollars. He was a direct influence in producing many Olympic, FIS and National caliber skiers. Ed serve as the assistant Ski Jumping Coach from 1970, until he was appointed as head Jumping Coach in 1972. Because Ed continued to voluntarily pay most of his extensive travel expenses, the U.S. Ski Team was able to have additional assistant coaches on the Jumping Team. Ed also served the U.S. Ski Team as the Nordic Combined Jumping coach as well, at all major competitions, thereby allowing the U.S. Team the ability to have a specialist coach for both the jumping and the cross country events. Ed served as U.S. Jumping Team Head Coach until 1975.

Ed was an active member of the Central Nordic Ski Officials association. He was also a Certified F.I.S. Technical Delegate and has represented the U.S. at more than twenty five (25) International competitions. He served on the U.S.S.A. National Jumping Committee from 1980 to 1996.

Brisson became an expert in the use of chemicals and revolutionized the use of them in the preparation and grooming of ski jumping hills, throughout the world. His knowledge of ski hill preparation and the necessary optimum snow conditions for the safety of the sport led to his appointment as Chief of the Hill at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid: as F.I.S. Technical advisor during the construction of Calgary's Olympic Ski Jumping hills; assistant Chief of Hill at the 1988 Calgary Olympics: and assistant Chief of Hill at the World Championships in 1994 at Thunder Bay, Canada.

Ed has been involved with ski jumping for over 80 years; during the past 45 years he has contributed generously to the progress of the sport he loves. Ed Brisson has earned the respect of the world wide community of ski jumping due to his tremendous impact in the areas of coaching and safety.