



RON JACOBSON

Ron started ski jumping at 8 years of age at Hoyt Park in Madison, WI. In the next 7 years he and his twin brother Don won many Junior tournaments. At 16 he joined the Senior jumpers at Blackhawk Ski Club in Madison so that he could ride the big hills. His dad, I R Jacobson, was one of the founders of the Blackhawk Ski Club. In 1964, while in the Junior class, Ron won the Westby Tournament beating all the senior jumpers. In 1966 he was the only member of the World University Team that went to Italy, and placed 9th with a fall. In 1968, prior to the Olympic Trials in Lake Placid, Ron was the top jumper at the Brattleboro Tournament. The next week at the Olympic tryouts he was picked the #1 skier on the World University Games Team in Innsbruck, Austria after which he skied in 3 pre-Olympic Tournaments in Cortina Italy, Chamonix France and St. Moritz Switzerland. At 6'8" both Ron and his brother Don were the tallest ski jumpers in the world at that time.

Following his ski jumping career, he coached the US Central Jumping Team from 1973-1979. Several of Ron's ski jumpers made it to the US National Team. From 1973-1977, while teaching at Somerset High School, he started a slalom racing team and was also coaching the Stillwater, MN jumping team. After Wisconsin did away with racing and Minnesota did away with jumping he coached the Stillwater, MN alpine team. In 13 years, both the boys and the girls slalom teams never lost a dual meet. They won all the sectional championships, the girls won ten State championships, the most girls victories of all time and the boys won one State championship with numerous second place finishes.