

Charles N. Proctor (1906-1996)

Charles (Charley) N. Proctor was born January 6, 1906 in Columbia, Missouri. He passed away February 1, 1996 in Scotts Valley, California.

At the age of four, Charley's family moved to Hanover, New Hampshire where his father, Charles A. Proctor, had been hired as a professor of physics at Dartmouth College. Charley's first skiing experience was soon after this move. His father fashioned a pair of skis for him from some left over pine boards from the construction of their home in Hanover.

Charley's interest in skiing soon turned to jumping in which he started competing as a young teen. During his high school years, he competed in many cross country and jumping events put on by the Dartmouth Outing Club and the Lake Placid Ski Club, often being the only non-Norwegian competing. He continued entering jumping meets into the early 1930's and was chosen to compete in the 1928 Olympics in St. Moritz, Switzerland.



Charley's interest in skiing never waned. He continued to be a strong supporter of the sport throughout his life. Over the years he was involved in Nordic and Alpine competitions, back country touring, ski instruction, coaching, manufacturing and selling ski equipment, laying out ski trails and ski area development and management.

A pioneer of the development of skiing in America, Charley was a polite, modest and unassuming man who followed his dream of sharing his passion for the sport of skiing.

Lifetime Highlights

1922

- Broke the New England junior jumping record, jumping 114 feet at Brattleboro, Vermont

1924

- Placed 2nd in jumping at the Dartmouth Winter Carnival

1926

- “Individual High Scorer” at Dartmouth Winter Carnival

1927

- Placed 3rd in cross country and jumping at the Intercollegiate Ski Championships in Quebec, Canada
- Won Nordic Combined Championship of Canada
- Intercollegiate Jumping Champion
- Intercollegiate Slalom Champion
- Captain of the Dartmouth Ski Team
- Winner of the first “Mousilauke Down Mountain Race” put on by the Dartmouth Outing Club
- Named “Outstanding College Skier of the Year”
- Co-designer of D.O.C. ski binding



The gentleman with the sign is unidentified. Others are L to R: Anders Haugen, Charles Proctor, Rolf Monson, Godfrey Dewey, Augustus Kirby (representing the American Olympic Committee)

1928

- Member of U. S. Olympic Ski Team, competing in jumping, cross country and combined, placing 14th in jumping and 26th in combined
- Awarded Gold “K” honorary membership in Kandahar Ski Club
- Competed in first Arlberg-Kandahar race at St. Anton, Austria

1930-31

- Competed in all major ski jumping events in the Eastern U. S.
- Made the first run over Tuckerman Ravine Headwall on Mount Washington, New Hampshire accompanied by John Carleton
- Individual winner of Mt. Mousilauke Downhill Team Race

1933-34

- Author of "The Art of Skiing" (co-author, R. R. Stephens)
- Director of ski trail design for the U. S. Forest Service and the New Hampshire State Forestry Service under the auspices of the Civilian Conservation Corps.

1933-38

- Affiliated with ski business in the fields of manufacturing, retail, and wholesale
- Contributed many articles on skiing to both magazines and newspapers

1935-36

- Participated in skiing demonstrations in the indoor ski shows in the Boston Garden and Madison Square Garden in New York City
- Was hired by Averell Harriman as a consultant in developing the Sun Valley ski area in Idaho

1935-37

- Director of Newfound Region Ski School in Bristol, New Hampshire Coach of the Harvard Ski Team
- Author of "Skiing" (co-author, R. R. Stephens)

1938-59

- Director of all ski operations at Badger Pass in Yosemite National Park
- Secretary of California Ski Association, 1943-46
- Vice President of Far West Ski Association, 1957-58
- Chairman of Committee for Certification of Far West Ski Association Officials, 1956-58
- Member of Committee for Certification of National Ski Association Officials, 1959
- Member of 1960 Winter Olympic Ski Advisory Committee, 1958
- Inducted into the National Ski Hall of Fame, 1959
- Vice President for Competitions for the Far West Ski Association, 1958-59