



## DANA “ZEKE” ZELENAKAS

Dana started jumping at seven in the Brattleboro Outing Club Junior Jumping program at Living Memorial Park in Brattleboro, Vermont. After graduating from high school in 1966 he attended Canaan College in Canaan, New Hampshire and was a member of the Canaan College Ski Team. Upon graduation from college in 1970, he was drafted into the US Army and served for three years as an optical lab specialist at Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado. While in the service he was also a member of the US Ski team and a member of the 1972 US Olympic team to Sapporo, Japan.

After an honorable discharge from the army in 1973 he moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota to continue his jumping career. Dana returned to school at the University of Minnesota to become a teacher and taught for one year at Lincoln High School in Bloomington, MN. In 1979, Dana returned to Brattleboro, VT and taught for the next 30 years at the Brattleboro Union High School and the Brattleboro Area Middle School.

Dana has stayed very involved in ski jumping while in Brattleboro, coaching the BOC Junior Jumping program and becoming the Director of the Harris Hill Ski Jump. Dana still lives in Brattleboro and is very involved with the Harris Hill ski jumping competition. He has been actively involved in the sport for over 60 years, either as a competitor, coach, competition director or volunteer.

1965 – 1968 Eastern Ski Team

1968 – 1972 US Ski Team

1968 Olympic Tryouts: 9<sup>th</sup> place in Lake Placid, NY; 7<sup>th</sup> place in Iron Mountain, MI

1969 Competed in Lahti Finland and on the Finish Ski Week

1970 Competed in Plancia, Yugoslavia and at the Homenkollen in Oslo Norway

1972 Olympic Tryouts – 4<sup>th</sup> overall

1972 US Olympic Ski Team – Sapporo, Japan

1975 Central Championships, Eau Claire, WI; 1<sup>st</sup> in Class A

1984 Lake Placid Open; 1<sup>st</sup> in Masters