



## **REIDAR ANDERSEN**

**Born in Norway, and like nearly all the youngsters in his native country, he was on skis almost before he could walk! He developed into a top ski jumper in Norway.**

**1939** Was invited to the US to participate in a ski jumping tour, winning the International Championship Tournament at the San Francisco World Fair, the National Jumping Tournament at St. Paul, MN and 16 other events throughout the US and Canada, over 100 trophies.

**During WWII, Norwegian sports either disbanded or went underground; a group called the “Snoballen” was formed to combat the Nazi attempts to control the Norwegian National Sports.**

**1948** At 36 years old, Reidar, Norwegian Olympic coach and top combined event specialist, arrived in New York, heading a seven man Norwegian team, representatives of the war-famed “Snoballen”, to compete and instruct in ski jumping and cross-country during a seven week tour sponsored by the Eastern Ski Association.

**1971** Elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame. He lives in retirement in his native Norway.