

Dr. Don M. Hurst

Ski Jumping Competitor & Official



Ski Jumping Career

- 1938 – Started ski jumping at the age of 6.
- 1949 – Ski jumping in high school, winning Class C at Ishpeming, and 2nd and 3rd on Pine Mountain, Iron Mountain.
- 1949-1965 – Took 156 years off for education, family, and establishing his dental practice.
- 1965 – Resumed ski jumping and learned the “new technique” and began placing well in several tournaments.
- 1966 – 2nd place in the National Championships at Iron Mountain.
- 1967 – 3rd place in the National Championships at Leavenworth, Washington.
- 1968 – 4th place in the National Championships at Westby, Wisconsin.
- 1969 – 1st Veterans National Championships in Brattleboro, VT. In that year, at age 37, jumped over 270 feet which was at that time the longest distance recorded by a Veterans Class Competitor.
- 1971 – 2nd place in the National Championships in Durango, Colorado.
- 1972 – 2nd place in the National Championships in Berlin, NH.
- 1973 – Won 9 of the 12 tournaments he entered including the National Championships in Ishpeming, MI.
- Was truly the “person to beat” in all Veteran’s Class competitions during that period of time.

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- 1969 – Created and Coached Northern Michigan University Nordic Ski Team.
- USSA Ski Jumping Committee Assignments
- Member of the National Jumping Technical Committee
- Chairman of the USSA Central Division Ski Jumping Committee
- Chairman of the Central Division Skier Classification Committee
- Member and Board of Directors, Vice President of the National Ski Hall of Fame Committee
- Vice President of USSA Central Division and member of the Board of Directors
- Assistant Chief of Officials for Ski Jumping at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, NY

