

Particular credit must go to both the National and the local committees. They had a common goal in mind and worked long, hard hours to attain it. It was Arthur Barth who stressed the "living nature" of the ski museum. It must be "alive and full of interest" he used to say, after his visit to the Holmenkollen. It was Harold Grinden and Burton Boyum who evolved the idea of a National Ski Hall of Fame, rather than simply a National Ski Museum. Roger Langley emphasized good publications and a strong policy for preservation of the National trophies. John Hostvedt and Waino Mantyla were the effective financial control so vital to the success of the fund drives. Many others should be named also for their part in the success of the National Ski Museum.

There were four men named to the National Ski Hall of Fame in 1956. Since then, a total of fortyseven* men and women have been named to the Hall of Fame. A special selection procedure took time to evolve between 1954 and 1956, and has been reviewed again several times since.

Lastly, thanks should be expressed to all who have helped with displays. Particular thanks should go to Mr. Jakob Vaage, Curator of the Norwegian Ski Museum. He personally sent displays to Ishpeming and toured America and Canada looking for key items.

*38 Bronze Plaque Awards
9 Certificate Awards



Interior Photo
Hall of Fame display area

It is the United States Olympic Committee, operative since 1921 and incorporated by act of Congress in 1950, that carries out the original purpose of developing creditable and sportsmanlike participation and representation of the United States in the Olympic Games and the Pan American Games. More specifically, the objects and purposes are:

- (1) to arouse and maintain the interest of the people of the United States in, and to obtain their support of, creditable and sportsmanlike participation and representation of the United States in the Olympic Games and the Pan American Games;
- (2) to stimulate the interest of the people, particularly of the youth, of the United States, in healthful, physical, moral and cultural education through sportsmanlike participation in competitions in accordance with amateur rules;
- (3) to exercise exclusive jurisdiction, either directly or through its constituent members or committees, over all matters pertaining to the participation of the United States in the Olympic Games and in the Pan American Games, including the representation of the United States in such Games, and over the organization of the Olympic Games and the Pan American Games when celebrated in the United States;
- (4) to select and obtain for the United States the most competent amateur representation possible in the competitions and events of the Olympic Games and of the Pan American Games;
- (5) to maintain the highest ideals of amateurism and to promote general interest therein, particularly in connection with the Olympic Games and the Pan American Games;
- (6) to instill and develop in the youth of America the qualities of courage, self-reliance, honesty, tolerance, and like virtues; and
- (7) to promote and encourage the physical, moral, and cultural education of the youth of the United States to the end that their health, patriotism, character, and good citizenship may be fully developed.

What is the Membership of the USOC? The membership of the USOC today includes the International Olympic Committee representatives and all United States members of the international sports federations whose sports are on the Olympic program. It also includes the regional associations of the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU); the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) representing the great majority of the nation's colleges and conferences; and scores of other national organizations of a patriotic, sport, educational, cultural, civic, or benevolent character. (The United States Ski Association is a member.)

Membership of the United States Olympic Committee The U. S. Olympic Committee membership consists of organizations which take some active part in the administration of one or more of the games or competitions upon the Olympic or Pan American programs, and such other organizations, patriotic, educational, or cultural, that are engaged in efforts to promote the participation in or preparation for any amateur sports or games competition. USOC membership is classified in the following groups:

- Group A includes those organizations, not members of Group B, which are the members in the United States of one or more International Federations administering participation in one or more of the games or competitions upon the Olympic or Pan American program.
- Group B includes those national organizations, not members of Group A, from which directly and indirectly there have come in substantial numbers members of the United States Olympic and Pan American teams, and which hold national championships in one or more of the sports upon the Olympic and Pan American Games programs.