

**2015 American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame Nomination**  
**Nominee: Mark Hammel, Minneapolis Nordic Ski Club**  
**Nominated by: Bryan Sanders**

Mark Hammel grew up with the Minneapolis Nordic Ski Club and first made the U.S. Junior National Team in 1983. He is a former U.S. Junior National Champion. In total Mark spent 4 years as a member of the U.S. Ski Jumping Team. Mark won many U.S. competitions over his jumping career and competed throughout Europe and Japan many times. In 1989 Ski Flying finally returned to Copper Peak after a long 7 years of inactivity. With the U.S. Ski Team ready to go and a huge field of Europeans, Mark was chosen to compete (not a national team member that year). After two days of waiting for the weather to allow flying, Mark made his 3 jumps count on Saturday and was the top American Flyer - finishing in 12<sup>th</sup> place. It would serve as one of Mark's greatest memories and accomplishments in the sport.

**Highlights:**

US Ski Team Member \* 1988 Winter Olympic Games - Forerunner \* Drylander Tournee Team \* Europa Cup Team \* Pacific Rim Cup Team \* North American World Cup Team \* AmeriCup Series Overall Champion \* Copper Peak Int'l FIS Ski Flying – Top American \* Ely Int'l FIS Ski Jumping Champion \* North American Champion \* US Junior National Champion \* US Winter Nationals – Bronze \* US Summer Nationals - Bronze \* Central Division Champion \* Empire State Games Champion \* Jeff Wright Memorial Champion - 3 Consecutive Years \* Norge WinterFest Champion – 3 times \* Norge SummerFest Champion \* Minneapolis Ski Club Champion \* St. Paul Winter Festival Champion \* US Central Elite Team \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Meldal Norway Europa Cup



**1988 Champion – Suicide Hill Ishpeming**