



## **MERRILL “MEZZY” BARBER**

- 1918** Born and raised in Brattleboro, VT
- 1938** Having a heart for ski jumping, he diverted college funds his father had given him and instead chose to go to Norway to train. So taken by his personality and ability, the King of Norway personally made him an honorary citizen!
- Won the U.S. National Four-Way Combined Championship, the US National Intercollegiate Four-Way Combined Championship, and the US Eastern Amateur Ski Association Four-Way Combined Championship all in the same season!
- 1950** At the Rocky Mountain Ski Association’s Championships at Steamboat Springs, CO, three United States distance records were broken, all exceeding 300 feet for the first time, all on the same day by three of the best ski jumpers in North America. Mezzzy stretched for a record of 305 feet.
- 1951** Second at the US National Ski Championships at Lake Placid, NY.
- 1952** First at the US National Ski Jumping Championships and recipient of the Torger Tokle Memorial award, given by Norway to the US National Ski Jumping Champion.
- 1989** Died on May 7<sup>th</sup>, an American skiing hero.