

TOM DODDS, HANOVER NH

NOMINATING STATEMENT

Tom Dodds has been on or around ski jumps every winter for over 50 years. He competed for Ford Sayre as a junior and a master, and skied on the Hanover (NH) High School and Williams College ski jumping teams. He has both overseen and coached the Ford Sayre program and the Hanover High School team, where he led them to four NH State (effectively National, (since no other state has high school ski jumping) championships. Many of his athletes, including son Cooper, have gone on to compete on the national and international level. He is known across the East as a track-setting master. He is one of the most generous, giving souls on the planet. He has forever left a mark on ski jumping in the East, and, by extension, on the USA and world.



The ski jumping community has been blessed to have had the benefit of Tom's passion for so long – a constant bright spot that both attracts and guides. It is fitting that we thank him, and recognize him for his contributions to the sport.

BIOGRAPHY

Tom Dodds grew up in Hanover NH, and attended Williams College (class of '79) and Dartmouth Medical School (DMS class of '82) before settling back in Hanover to be an anesthesiologist at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center. He was chair of the DHMC anesthesiology department for a decade before retiring in 2018. In his youth he was a junior national Nordic combined skier who competed for Ford Sayre, Hanover (NH) High School, and Williams College. Later, from 1999 through 2013, he returned to the Ford Sayre jumping program serving as a coach and on the council. In addition to Ford Sayre he also coached the Hanover High School ski jumping team from 2009 to 2014 before retiring for a couple seasons only to return in 2017. Many of his Ford Sayre charges went on to compete internationally, not least of whom was his son Cooper Dodds who was a World Junior team member. In 10 years at the helm, Tom's HHS teams have won the NH State title four times and been runner up another four.



Tom Dodds mid-flight at the 1978 Williams Winter Carnival. Note his left ski in the upper left of the photo.

Tom with the US delegation in Planica, March 2018.



Tending the hills – snowmaking through the night, December 2018.

In the clubhouse – explaining the transition from inrun to flight to a member of the Hanover High ski jumping team



On the hill – coaching Hanover High School ski jumping, 2019.



Tom and the Hanover High School team after winning the 2019 New Hampshire state title.

SUCCESS!- Tom Dodds and son Cooper in evening light after working on the hill all day for a shot at skiing the long abandoned Nansen Hill in Berlin, NH.



Tom the anesthesiologist at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center where he chaired the department.