

**Welcome to the
2025 American
Ski Jumping
Hall of Fame
Induction
Ceremony!**



Welcome

► Scott Smith, President

AGENDA

- Welcome - President Scott Smith
- Golf awards and prizes
- Dinner
- Memoriam
- Induction Ceremony by Greg Windsperger MC
- Raffle Drawing
- Conclusion and “Underneath the Takeoff”

Golf Tournament Winners



Putting Contest-\$

The winner is Brent Erkill!





Golf Prizes

- ▶ #1 Long Drive Bill Polanka
- ▶ #4 Closest to the Pin Mike Jastrow
- ▶ #6 Closest to the Pin Scott Smith
- ▶ #9 Long Putt Zach Jastrow
- ▶ #10 Closest to the Pin Scott Smith
- ▶ #13 Closest to the Pin Pat Lyons
- ▶ #15 Closest to the Pin Dan Wold

Most Honest (Last Place) Score - 78

- ▶ Tony Benzie
- ▶ Chris Sorenson
- ▶ Albert Gasienica
- ▶ Halina Gaienica



Golf Tournament 1st Place Team - Score of 64

- ▶ Scott Smith
- ▶ John Benzie
- ▶ Dave Solner
- ▶ Kurt Stein



Dinner

Induction Ceremony

► Greg Windsperger

In Memoriam

Bruce Jennings

Dr. Don Hurst

Jarred Lindstrom

Chris Venaglia

Steve Rieschl

Jim House

Bob Keck

Jon Elliott

Horst Tielman



- ▶ National Accredited Official and Judge

Paul Jastrow

Paul Jastrow

- ▶ Paul's journey in ski jumping began humbly as a volunteer with the Flying Eagles Ski Club in Eau Claire, Wisconsin, when one of his children first took an interest in the sport. His first day at the Silvermine Invitational in 1999 set the tone for his future involvement: assigned to hill crew, he was handed a rake by Dan Wold in the R2 and told to fix the hill "if anyone falls"—with the assurance that no one ever does. Naturally several jumpers



Paul Zastrow

From that point forward, Paul quickly became a key volunteer at the club level as Chief of Calculations and eventually took on the role of Chief of Competition in Eau Claire. During his tenure as Chief of Competition in Eau Claire, he played a pivotal role in bringing FIS Cup competitions to Silvermine in 2016 and 2017. His dedication and capability propelled him into national leadership roles including National Officials Chair, Central Officials Chair, and Central Division Chair. Earlier this year, he served as Assistant Chief of Competition at the 2025 Junior World Ski Championships in Lake Placid, NY, one of the most high-profile junior events in the world.

Paul has also recently been accepted into FIS Judging candidacy, a testament to the trust and respect he has earned at every level of the sport. Over his career, he has served as Technical Delegate and Judge at numerous U.S. Nationals, Junior Nationals, and other national-level events. He has been an active member of the US Ski and Snowboard Sport Committee, where his insights have helped elevate U.S. ski jumping operations and competition standards nationwide.

Paul Zastrow

One of Paul's most impactful contributions has been his leadership in helping to create and develop the 5 Hills Tour, which later evolved into the US Cup—now a cornerstone of the American ski jumping circuit. He also developed and maintained a scoring software program used widely across the country, modernizing event execution and ensuring consistency in results.

► Commitment to Excellence in Officiating

Paul's officiating track record is outstanding. He has been called upon time and again for the sport's most important domestic events and was even selected as a replacement judge for a Continental Cup event in Iron Mountain—an acknowledgment of his accuracy, professionalism, and calm under pressure. His work has earned him the distinction of being named National Official of the Year not once, but twice.

Paul Zastrow



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Mike Jokela

- ▶ Coach, Volunteer, & Major Contributor to Ski Jumping in Alaska



Mike Jokela

From the 1970s to the 1990s the sport of ski jumping was thriving from the East coast to the West coast. But little was known about what was happening in the far northwest of America, and many would be surprised to hear that ski jumping was also thriving in Anchorage, Alaska. Many jumps, from 10 meters to 40 meters, were constructed all over Anchorage by Scandinavian immigrants to this young state. Even the small ski town of Girdwood built a 40 meter so that the town could host joint ski jumping and cross country Junior Nationals in the 1960s. It wasn't until 1984 when the current ski jumps known today as the Karl Eid Ski Jumping Complex were built. Today, all of the other small jumps spread across Anchorage have been deconstructed, but the Karl Eid ski jumps still remain.



Mike Jokela



One of these smaller jumps, a 25 meter at the old Anchorage Melodist University Campus first attracted Mike Jokela to the sport. He began jumping in high school in 1976 coached by none other than Karl Eid, the grandfather of Alaska ski jumping. Prior to that, Mike was a competitive cross country skier, first introduced to the sport at age 12 by John Cress, a local Anchorage teacher and former Nordic Combined Olympian who later also coached at the Karl Eid Facility. While many individuals have come and gone from the Alaska ski jumping scene over the years, Mike more than anyone else has stayed involved and given back to the sport.

Mike Jokela

Mike began jumping at the Karl Eid Ski Jumps the first winter they opened and continued to jump the K64 both competitively and recreationally for 23 years. He also enjoyed traveling to Steamboat Springs and Europe to train on larger hills. In 1991, Mike won the best overall jumper award for the season on the K64.

Throughout Mike's dedicated time to Alaska Ski Jumping he has worn just about every hat possible. He took on the role of head coach in 1994, leading Alaska ski jumping teams to multiple Junior Nationals throughout the 90's and 2000's. When key volunteers were phasing out of the program Mike once again stepped up to keep the program afloat taking on the program director role. He was also recruited by Todd Wilson of Steamboat Springs to represent Alaska on the USSA National Coaches Committee and attended meetings in Park City every spring. Overall, Mike has been an active club volunteer for over 30 years.

Mike Jokela

- ▶ By trade, Mike spent his career as a land surveyor. His knowledge and skill in this field has allowed him to lead many construction improvement projects at the Karl Eid Ski Jumps. Most notable would be: redecking of the 40 meter tower, regrading and installing summer ski jumping surface on all four ski jumps, designing and constructing facility staircases, and surveying and site placement of the new buildings currently under construction



Mike Jokela

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Tim Kingsfield

Junior National Champion-Masters Champion Ski Jumper



Tim Kingsfield

- ▶ Tim Kingsfield started ski jumping in 1956 in Racine, Wisconsin under the coaching of Brady Emerson. Brady took Tim from the 20 meter hill in Racine to a Junior National Championship and ski flying at Copper Peak.
- ▶ Tim was always a threat in long standing competitions, and was outstanding on all of the big hills in the US.
- ▶ Jumped in three Junior National Championships. 1965, 1967, and winning the 1968 Nationals in Bozeman, Montana.
- ▶ 1st place at Pine Mt. Junior Class in 1969.
- ▶ 1st place at Pine Mt. Masters Class in 1979.
- ▶ Competed in the Canadian National Championships Revelstoke, British Columbia 1971.
- ▶ In 1974 he set the summer National distance mark in Madison, Wis. of 200' which stood for many years.
- ▶ Ski flew at Copper Peak in three different years

Tim Kingsfield

- ▶ Class of 2025
- ▶ American Ski
Jumping Hall of
Fame



Chris Lamb

- ▶ US World Junior Ski Team Member
- ▶ US Ski Team Member
 - ▶ 2007-2014



Chris Lamb

Chris was a member of the US National Ski Jumping Team from 2007 to 2014. During that time, he trained with the team in Lake Placid, NY, Park City, Utah, Austria, and Slovenia, and spent the last three years of his career living and training with club Trønderhopp in Trondheim, Norway. He competed primarily on the continental cup circuit but had a few appearances at the World Cup level and was very close to making two Olympic teams (2010 & 2014). Chris competed at Junior World Championships in 2007, 2008, and 2009. He had three podium finishes at US Nationals, including 2nd place in 2009 and 2011, and 3rd place in 2013. His best international performances include 8th place in the team event at 2008 JWSC, a 19th place at the COC in Zakopane Poland (2011), and a double victory at the FIS Cup in Brattleboro, VT in 2013. Chris held the hill record at Harris Hill from 2010 to 2016 and had two legs on the Harris Hill winged ski trophy. Additionally, Chris made a number of ski flying appearances—skiing all but one of the world's largest hills—and set a personal best of 191.5 meters in Kulm Bad Mitterndorf in 2009 which, at the time, ranked him in the top 5 for longest flights by an American ski jumper.

Chris Lamb

Chris Lamb started ski jumping at the age of six in Andover, NH along with his life-long teammate and friend, Nicholas Fairall. Together with Nick, and with the support of many friends and parents, Chris trained in Andover, Gunstock, and Lebanon, NH in his early years before moving to Lake Placid to pursue the sport at an elite level. He made his first junior national team in 2001 at the age of 11, and he attended the National Sports Academy in Lake Placid for high school, where he worked closely with coaches Larry Stone and Matt Cook before being named the US national team in 2007.

After ending his career in 2014, Chris went on to pursue a new career as a teacher (he is currently working on getting his PhD) but has remained dedicated to the sport. In addition to coming out of retirement almost every year for the Harris Hill memorial tournament (including nearly retiring the winged ski trophy with an historic second place result 6 years after retirement), Chris has given back to the sport as a coach. He spent multiple summers coaching for the junior program in Lake Placid and coached for one year (alongside Adam Loomis) in Anchorage, AK (2018-2019).

Chris Lamb



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Anna Hoffman

US Junior Ski Team
US Womens Ski Team
Member 2019-2024
2022 Olympian
Beijing China





Anna Hoffman

Anna Hoffmann, 25 years old, began ski jumping at Blackhawk Ski Club with her three older siblings at the age of 2. She spent most of her childhood on ski jumps, whether it was jumping off them or prepping them for the winter. She trained and competed with Blackhawk's team and participated in Fly Girls camps each summer starting in 2015 until being named to the national team in 2018.

Anna Hoffman



She went on to represent the US at the Junior World Championships in Park City, Utah (2017), Kandersteg, Switzerland (2018), Lahti, Finland (2019), and Oberwiesenthal, Germany (2020). Anna was also a part of the US team at the World Championships in Seefeld, Austria (2019), Oberstdorf, Germany (2021), and Planica, Slovenia (2023). Her career highlight was winning the Olympic Trials for Team USA in Lake Placid, New York, in December of 2021. This achievement landed her a spot in the 2022 Winter Olympics in Beijing, China, where she was the sole American women's ski jumper to compete that year. Anna officially retired in the summer of 2024 and is now pursuing medical school in hopes of becoming a doctor.

Anna Hoffman

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- ▶ Hall of Fame



Live Raffle

- ▶ Scott Smith, John Benzie, Greg Windsperger, Scott McGuire, Jim Grahek

Underneath the Take Off!

► EVERYONE!