



TORGER TOKLE

- 1920** Born in Lokken Verk, Norway, one of six brothers. He started skiing at age three on homemade barrel staves. At age six, he was competing on 40 meter hills.
- 1939** Came to the U.S. Eighteen hours after stepping off the boat from Norway, he set a record at the Bear Mountain Park Tournament, his first achievement in a short skiing career.
- His first winter in America, as a Class B jumper, he thrashed all Class A riders, winning seven of eight tournaments.
- Moved to Class A, competing at the Eastern Championships at Laconia, NH, he tied for first with his idol, Reider Andersen, the most stylish jumper in the world at the time.
- 1941** He won everything but the National title, losing to the ruler of the ski jumps, Alf Engen. Later, he proved to be the master by never losing to Alf again.
- 1942** Joined the US Army serving first in the infantry, later transferred to the famed 10th Mountain Division Ski Troops. He died in service in Italy on March 3, 1945.
- 1959** He was elected to the National Ski Hall of Fame in Ishpeming, MI. He has been referred to as the “Babe Ruth of Ski Jumping.”