



Dave Engstrom

Veterans & Masters Champion, "The Green Hornet"

David Engstrom was born in Ironwood, Michigan in 1943 and began ski jumping at age 7 on the many local hills in the Ironwood area. He competed for the IHS Red Devil ski team before relocating to Rockford, Illinois. Returning to the sport in 1970 with the Rockford Ski Club, Dave dominated the Midwest Central Division circuit in the Veterans and Masters classes for over a decade. As Veterans/Masters champion, he won four tournaments at 90-meter Pine Mountain and recorded first-place finishes at Ironwood's Wolverine Hill (3x), Ishpeming's Suicide Hill (3x), and Westby's Snowflake Tournament. Known for his signature bright green suit, he earned the nickname "The Green Hornet."

Beyond competing, Dave served as President of the Rockford Ski Club for 12 years and Treasurer of the Norge Ski Club for 3 years, and helped Norge construct its ski chalet and 70-meter hill with plastic. He coached numerous junior jumpers throughout his career. In 1994 he traveled to Hurdal, Norway for international Masters competition, placing second on the 70-meter hill. He also participated as a trial rider in the Copper Peak International Ski-Flying competition, becoming the first former Ironwood resident to ride that iconic hill.

Dave entertained fans for decades with Triple Jumps, Shooting Stars, and Quintuple Jumps at Pine Mountain, Suicide Bowl, and Wolverine Hill. The American Ski Jumping Hall of Fame proudly inducts Dave "The Green Hornet" Engstrom into the Class of 2026