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Champion Ski Jumper

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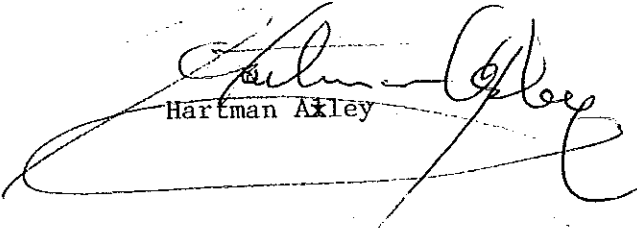
Hartman Axley
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I am herewith nominating Anstun Samuelstuen for the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. Clearly his nomination and election are long overdue. Since becoming a U.S. Citizen in 1957, He has represented the U.S. in two Olymoics (1960 and 1964) finishing 7th in Squaw Valley (1960). The highest place for a U.S. ski jumper!

Ansten has won numerous U.S. and North American jumping titles and meets and has set and held Ski Jumping distance records for the U.S., North America, and Canada, as a highly respected member of the Colorado Ski Jumping contingent.

A companion letter from Keith Williams, Recreation Superintendent of the City of Louisville, Colorado, outlines Ansten's spectacular accomplishments. There is no doubt in my mind that Ansten will be a superb addition to our Colorado Ski Hall of Fame!

Sincerely,

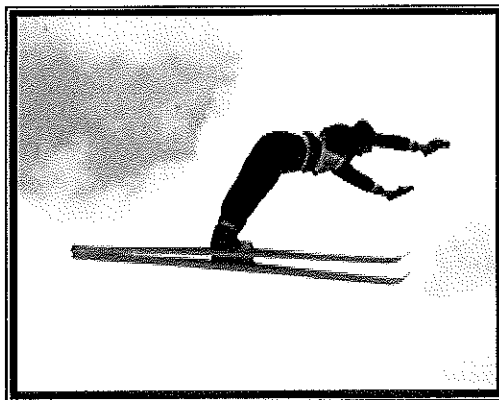

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Ansten Samuelstuen

[Calendar](#)[Volunteer Opportunities](#)[About This Site](#)[Contact Us](#)**Date of Birth:** 1929**City/State of Birth:** Brothum, Norway**Current Residence:** Louisville, Colorado**Olympics and Events Attended:**

1960 Olympics, Squaw Valley, California, USA - Ski-Jumping
 1964 Olympics, Innsbruck, Austria - Ski Jumping

Brief Biography:

Samuelstuen began skiing at the age of three in Brothum, Norway. He won his first competition while in the 1st grade and became an accomplished jumper before immigrating to the United States in 1954. Samuelstuen joined the Steamboat Winter Sports Club in Steamboat in 1951 while he was still a member of the Norwegian Air Force. He lived in Steamboat Springs for only one winter but competed for the Winter Sports Club for 10 years. In that time he became legendary for breaking the national jumping distance record on Howelsen Hill with a jump of 316 feet in 1951, a record that held until the 1960's. Other accomplishments include becoming the four-time class A Champion on Howelsen Hill in 1951, 1959, 1962, and 1963, eleven-time national jumping distance championship competitor from 1955-1965, the first skier to win the U.S. Nationals three times, the North American Champion from 1955-1962 and the top U.S. finisher in the 1960 Olympics in Squaw Valley with seventh place.

After retiring in 1965 from competition, Samuelstuen turned to coaching. As a coach-player for the University of Denver during the 1965-66 season his ski team won every tournament it entered. Never losing the love of competition, he was still competing for the Ball Corporation's ski team in the 1980's.

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Ansten Samuelstuen

Time Line

1929 – Ansten is born in Brothum, Norway

1951 – Ansten becomes a member of the Steamboat Winter Sports Club
(Competing for the club for over 10 years)

1951 – Ansten broke the National Jumping record on Howelsen Hill
with a jump of 316 ft. (A record that stood for 12 years)

1951 / 1959 / 1962 /1963 – Ansten becomes a 4-time class A Champion on Howelsen Hill

1955-1965 – Ansten becomes the first skier to win the US Nationals three -times

1957 – Ansten became a US citizen and would represent the United States
in two Winter Olympic Games

1960 – Ansten was the top US finisher at Squaw Valley Winter Olympics
finishing in sixth place

1964 – Ansten competed for the US at the Innsburck Winter Olympics

1965 – Ansten retires for competition

1965-1966 – Ansten served as a coach for the University of Denver ski team



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Dear Sir/Madam;

It is my pleasure to recommend Ansten Samuelstuen for nomination to the Colorado Ski Hall of Fame. As a former ski jumper and now as a Director of Recreation and Senior Services for the City of Louisville, Colorado, I know Ansten Samuelstuen because of our association through the City of Louisville Recreation/Senior Center.

Ansten grew up in Brottum, Norway and was an avid ski jumper throughout his youth. Twice he won what would be equivalent to the World Cup Tournaments held today. Jumping in tournaments throughout Europe and North America, Ansten was able to visit and compete in 10 different countries. In 1954 he immigrated to the United States becoming a citizen in 1957. He instantly won three US National Ski Jumping Crowns in Berlin, New Hampshire, Brattle Bonn, Vermont and Chicago, Illinois. Ansten continued to compete on the US Olympic team at Squaw Valley, California in 1960, placing 7th which was the highest place for the US Team, and again in the 1964 Olympics.

Through his ski jumping days Ansten continued to win tournaments in Norway, Sweden, Canada, and the United States. It should be noted that he won an additional 4 North American championships in 1954, 1955, 1957, and 1964. Besides his numerous accomplishments, he set the US distance record that was held for many years on the famous Howelson Hill in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He also set the North American jumping record at 316 feet (96.5 meters) in 1951. This record stood for 12 years. In addition to this US record he also set the Canadian distance record of 282 feet at Revelstoke, Canada in 1964, perhaps the only ski jumper to have both the US and Canadian records.

Throughout his ski jumping career, he was often a winner placing at the top as a junior and adult for over 25 years. As a result, Ansten has collected more than 300 prizes from his competitions.

After competing, Ansten has continued speaking and coaching at jumping clinics throughout the country. His excellence in understanding the science of ski jumping as well as his roots in Lillehammer has brought a new dimension to the sport of ski jumping.



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As of today he continues to be of valuable assistance in the reporting and judging of ski jumpers. Each winter due to his expertise in ski jumping he is invited to various ski jumping tournaments in Colorado. In addition every winter he continues to ski jump at Winter Park, Colorado. Thanks to his devotion to ski jumping he has left a legacy for the jumpers of tomorrow.

I highly recommend Ansten Samuelstuen for this nomination. Through his vision and ideas he serves as one of the great ambassadors to the sport of ski jumping.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Keith B. Williams".

Keith B. Williams
Director of Recreation and Senior Services
City of Louisville, Colorado

**Mr. Hart Axley
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March 10, 2008

Dear Hart,

It is with great pleasure that I second the nomination of Ansten Samuelstuen to the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Ansten began his ski jumping in his native country of Norway at an early age and was an accomplished jumper before immigrating to this country.

He lived in Steamboat Springs for a year and competed for the Steamboat Springs Winter Sports Club for many years. In 1951, he set the hill record of 316 feet at Howelsen Hill, a national record that stood well into the 60's.

He was a member of the 1960 and the 1964 U.S. Olympic Ski Teams and finished 7th at Squaw Valley in 1960.

Ansten was the first ski jumper to win the U.S. National Championships three times, he won the Howelsen Hill Class A Championship four times in 1951, 1959, 1962 and 1965, was the North American Championship from 1955 to 1962.

Ansten was the top American ski jumper through out his career but was always willing to help younger jumpers. He was a coach for the University of Denver during the 1965-66 season. He was the inspiration for many young jumpers

Ansten's record in ski jumping and his performance in two Olympics certainly qualify him for election into the Colorado Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame.

Sincerely,


Thor B. Grosword