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Sally Neidlinger Hudson

Born: 1929 Died: 1995

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Sally Neidlinger Hudson was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on September 28, 1929, one of a set of identical twins. Sally and her twin sister Susan moved with their family to Hanover, New Hampshire, where they first put on a pair of skis at the age of four. They began to ski seriously when the rope tow at Woodstock, Vermont, enabled them to speed up the hills so they could get additional time on the slopes.

Sally began her competitive skiing as a member of the Dartmouth Outing Club, later skiing for the Buffalo Ski Club, the Arapahoe Ski

Club, the Denver Ski Club and finally the Sun Valley Ski Club.

She was a student at the University of Colorado and a member of the Denver Ski Club when selected for the 1952 United States Olympic Ski Team. Prior to selection, Sally had amassed an impressive race record in all the ski areas of the country. This record included third place in the National Downhill at Cannon Mountain, New Hampshire, in 1946; the Kate Smith Trophy at Lake Placid, setting a course record in 1947; the Harriman Cup at Sun Valley in 1949; the National Slalom and Downhill Championships at Whitefish, Montana (the list goes on and on).

Sally made the 1950 F.I.S. Team, as well as the 1952 United States Women's Olympic Team, which competed in Oslo, Norway.

Sally won National Titles in the Downhill and Slalom Combined at Aspen in 1953, as well as the Roche Cup and Harriman Cup the same year.

In 1955, Sally married John Hudson, owner of Sporthaus in Westwood, California, where she was a buyer in the ski business until 1968. After she and John were divorced, in 1969, Sally moved to Squaw Valley, where she became active with the Far West Ski Association. In 1970, she became involved in fund raising for the Far West Ski Association and the United States Ski Association, as well as the United States Ski Association Eligibility Committee.

In 1956, Sally was named to the Olympic Selection Committee, and served on the United States Ski Team Uniform Committees in 1958, 1960, 1962, and 1964, and the Far West Ski Association Junior Committee in 1968.

Sally Hudson has an impressive list of achievements, to be sure, and was elected to the U.S. National Ski Hall of Fame in 1971.

